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"DOOR STILL OPEN TO REVISIONISTS," LOCKER STATES AT CONGRESS

LUCERNE, August 27. (JTA) -- The olive branch was extended to the Revisionist Zionists, secessionists from the World Zionist Organization, on the floor of the World Zionist Congress today by Berl Locker, head of the organization department of the Zionist Executive.

"The door is still open for the Revisionists," Mr. Locker declared, pointing out that the fact the Revisionists have left the Zionist organization means "a moral crisis in the ranks of the Zionist movement." Mr. Locker added that he himself could not be indifferent to this fact.

Mr. Locker, however, defended the change in the text of the Zionist shekel, purchase of which entitles holders to vote in the election of delegates to the congress. It was the change in the shekel text which caused the Revisionists to secede and to start a movement for an independent Zionist organization. The revised shekel included a portion specifying the following:

"Membership of the Zionist Organization presupposes subordination to its laws and to the resolutions of its bodies. In all Zionist questions the duty of discipline in regard to the Zionist Organization must take precedence over the duty of discipline in regard to any other organization."

While defending the revision which caused the split in the movement, Mr. Locker at the same time warned other groups in Zionism "not to stand one foot within the Zionist Organization and the other outside of it."

Mr. Locker emphasized that the congress must adopt the organization plan advocated by David Ben-Gurion, Palestine labor leader, which would definitely lead, he said, to a unified, well-disciplined Zionist movement.

Isaac Gruenbaum, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, declared that complaints of those unable to obtain immigration certificates to Palestine are justified. He said, however, that the Zionist Executive cannot satisfy all applicants under the present circumstances.

Mr. Gruenbaum stated that of the number of certificates received fifty percent must go to the chalutzim (Palestine pioneers) while the remainder is for other working elements, preferably artisans.

URGES JEWISH AGENCY "EMBASSIES"

Establishment of Jewish Agency embassies in various countries as a measure to reinforce the agency's prestige was urged by Rabbi Samuel Wohl of Cincinnati, labor delegate, during the debate on the floor. He also defended the Palestine-German transfer agreement.

Earlier, the Mizrachi (orthodox Zionist) delegation had reached an agreement with the Laborites withdrawing its demands for sanctions to enforce religious observance in Palestine in return for the congress's promise that Sabbath violations in colonies supported by national funds would be treated as violations of Zionist discipline.

With the agreement, which was expected to be read from the rostrum and ratified by the Congress as soon as an effective date for the pact would be decided upon, the sessions, which had been temporarily halted by the deadlock, resumed.

"HEIL, HITLER!" CRY HEARD ON CONGRESS FLOOR

Cries of "Heil, Hitler!" and "Shame, shame!" rang through the Congress hall when a motion by Meier Grossman, Jewish State Party leader, for open discussion of the Palestine-German transfer agreement was voted down by a large majority.

Grossman offered his motion after reading an interpellation about the reported arrest in Palestine yesterday of persons picketing a building storing goods imported from Germany under the transfer pact.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann replied for the praesidium that the entire question would be considered by a special congress committee headed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

ROTHENBERG PRESENTS AMERICAN ZIONISTS' DEMANDS

In an address on the congress floor, Morris Rothenberg, president of the Zionist Organization of America, yesterday urged that Jewish national interests transcend party or class interests and presented the following demands of the American General Zionist delegation:

- 1) Impartiality in distribution of immigration certificates for Palestine.
- 2) Revision of present regulations governing election of Zionist Congress delegates in the various countries.
- 3) Placing Palestine upbuilding work above party or class.
- 4) Establishment of an economic commission to coordinate private and national economic interests.
- 5) That the Histadruth, Palestine general federation of labor, be considered a labor federation and should include all sections of Palestine labor regardless of political, economic or religious views.

"We believe our work in Palestine must be carried on in the spirit of liberal progressive thought," Mr. Rothenberg declared.

"There is a widespread belief," Mr. Rothenberg continued, "that the distribution of immigration certificates is characterised by certain iniquities. Whether this belief is based on facts or on fiction, it is still essential there be a review of the methods employed in this all-important matter and that the Jewish public be given the confidence that strict impartiality prevails in accordance with rules laid down for the distribution of certificates."

EXECUTIVE PROPOSES \$1,790,000 BUDGET

The outgoing World Zionist Executive yesterday proposed a budget of \$1,790,000 for Zionist work in 1936.

The budget includes \$275,000 for new colonization and \$100,000 for educational work in Palestine, \$275,000 for immigration activities, \$65,000 for the labor department, and \$50,000 for the support of training farms for prospective pioneer youth in Europe.

The budget also included an appropriation of \$60,000 for the political department and \$55,000 for the administrative expenses of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

BEN-GURION BACKS PALESTINE-NAZI TRANSFER PACT

Because the Zionist Organization is carrying out the duties of a government, it must maintain its present attitude on the transfer of German goods to Palestine, David Ben-Gurion, Zionist labor leader and member of the World Zionist Executive, declared at a press conference yesterday.

"In dealing with international affairs concerning Jews," he said, "the Zionist Organization is recognized as a governmental body by international authority. It must therefore act in a statesman-like manner in all matters, including the transfer of German goods to Palestine."

Pointing out that Belgium and Russia have not severed relations with Germany despite the official attitude of both against Nazism, Ben-Gurion declared that the Zionist Organization must act similarly.

Concerning the religious demands of Mizrachi, Zalman Rubashow, vice-president of the Jewish Agency Council, emphasized that labor in Palestine desires normal and peaceful collaboration between religious and non-religious elements in Palestine. It insists, however, on the absolute freedom of one's private life, he declared. He assured the conference that the Laborites will see that Sabbath and Jewish dietary laws are observed in labor colonies.

GOVERNOR LEHMAN, CONDEMNS NAZIS AT WILLIAMSTOWN

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., August 27. (JTA) -- Without mentioning Germany by name, but unmistakably referring to the Nazi situation, Governor Herbert H. Lehman tonight declared, "America gasps with horror when it sees great groups of our people persecuted solely because of race or religion."

Speaking at the third session of the Williamstown Institute of Human Relations at Williams College here, Governor Lehman said:

"Whole people have been marked out for economic, religious and political destruction, ruthlessly and without mercy. They have been deprived of the means of livelihood, of the privilege of worship in accordance with their conscience and of the primary rights of citizenship."

The address marked Governor Lehman's first official statement on recent persecutions in Germany.

"No longer can we discern a broad road stretching forth unbroken towards the light of good-will and freedom and of fellowship," he asserted. "The world seems unable to see the light. It seems bent on following will-o'-the-wisps. Almost overnight the work of centuries has been undone."

"In this country I have no fear that liberty will be destroyed, that tyranny can ever take the place of democracy, that intolerance will again assume power."

"The pioneer spirit of liberty still lives here. The traditional policy of civil and religious liberty still animates our people. Our nation is more than a geographical unity under a single government. Our nation is composed of people of many stocks and of many religions, but we are united by an intense love of liberty.

"We are a nation born of a great ideal," Governor Lehman continued, "and as long as the nation survives, that ideal must and will be cherished and preserved.

"Other nations may reject that ideal and temporarily turn back to the darkness of the Middle Ages. All the more is the need that we hold the torch of liberty aloft so that others may see its light.

"Equality before the law, civil and religious liberty are inalienable rights guaranteed by our constitution to all, yet even here Jefferson's admonition must be heeded that freedom by law is freedom in practice only where the law is not nullified by public opinion.

"Fanaticism and intolerance are not yet dead even here. They can be destroyed only by increased good-will and understanding. We who love our country must labor to develop that good-will and understanding among all.

"No, the traditional policy of America, of civil and religious liberty will not be abandoned here, and I am confident will triumph even where now it is derided.

"Against foreign propaganda or example and against internal assault it will find strong defense in the American spirit. American ideals will triumph because American ideals are founded on right and justice."

NAZI LEADER DEMANDS JEWS BE OUSTED FROM ALL JOBS

BERLIN, August 27. (JTA) -- Demanding the "riddance of the Jewish pest" by depriving Jews of the possibility of earning a living, Nazi District Leader Dr. Roth declared in an address at a Nazi meeting in Mannheim today that it is "intolerable" that Jews hold positions which could be filled by Germans.

In Schweiler, the district court removed the jurisdiction of the guardian of a "non-Aryan" who had consented to the marriage of his ward to an "Aryan."

The Court of Appeals at Aachen refused to reverse the decision, holding that the Nazi blood principle has become a principle of law.

LABOR SHORTAGE ACUTE IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, August 27. (JTA) -- The labor shortage in the Jewish colonies of Palestine has become so acute, it was learned here today, that labor offices in Sharon have rushed delegates to the port of Haifa to catch newcomers as they debark from the incoming ships. Colonies the country over are raising the cry for laborers to help in harvesting the crops. The contrast between the wages earned in the colonies and those offered laborers in the urban centers is so great that farms have been deserted of hands.

197,283 IN POLAND VOTED IN REVISIONIST ELECTION

WARSAW, August 27. (JTA) -- A total of 197,283 persons in 309 communities of Poland evinced support of the constituent congress of the new Independent Zionist Organization which will be held in Vienna Sept. 7 by participating in the election of delegates to the congress, it was revealed today.

About four-fifths of the votes were cast for the United Revisionist list and the rest were divided among various independent candidates. The Revisionists are predominant in the group which broke away from the World Zionist Organization and is setting up a separate organization.

35,846 REVISIONISTS VOTE IN U.S., CANADA

NEW YORK, August 27. (JTA) -- A total of 35,846 votes were cast in the United States and Canada in the elections recently held here for delegates to the New Zionist Organization Congress, it was announced from Zionist Revisionist headquarters here today. Of this number 18,982 votes were cast in New York City, 1,012 in Chicago, 1,825 in Toronto, 1,009 in Montreal, 791 in Cleveland and 382 in Philadelphia.

The entire vote was cast for the United Revisionist List, which was the only list on the ballot.

The American Zionist Revisionist Organization will accordingly send five delegates to Vienna. Those elected are: William B. Ziff, president of the Zionist Revisionist Organization in America, Jacob de Haas, Miss Vsebluvsky and Dr. Sheket. Samuel Rosen, publicity director of the Zionist Revisionists, will represent the Canadian groups.