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### CONGRESS SET FOR VOTE ON PARTITION AFTER FINAL WEIZMANN PLEA; WISE, SILVER FIGHT PLAN

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS MET IN CLOSED SESSION FOR THE LAST TIME THIS MORNING PREPARATORY TO VOTING TONIGHT ON A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON ITS PLAN TO PARTITION PALESTINE AND ESTABLISH A JEWISH STATE.

THE 483 DELEGATES WERE TENSE WITH EXPECTATION AS THEY AWAITED A FINAL APPEAL THIS EVENING BY DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, ZIONIST PRESIDENT, WHOSE PROPOSAL THAT PARTITION BE ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE WAS THE BASIS FOR THE RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED TONIGHT.

THE RESOLUTION WAS BEING DRAFTED BY A COMMITTEE OF 48 DRAWN ON A PROPORTIONAL BASIS FROM THE VARIOUS FACTIONS AT THE CONGRESS. A MINORITY RESOLUTION OPPOSING PARTITION AND DEMANDING THAT THE PALESTINE MANDATE BE IMPLEMENTED WAS BEING DRAFTED BY A COALITION OF ANTI-PARTITION DELEGATES, INCLUDING THOSE REPRESENTING THE MIZRACHI (RELIGIOUS ZIONIST) ORGANIZATION AND THE SHOMER HATZAIR (YOUNG GUARDS) FACTION OF THE LABORITES.

THIS MORNING'S SESSION WAS FEATURED BY AN ATTACK ON THE ROYAL COMMISSION PLAN BY PROF. SELIG BRODETSKY, FOLLOWING LAST NIGHT'S ADDRESS BY DR. STEPHEN S. WISE OF NEW YORK. OTHER SPEAKERS WERE ISAAC GRUERBAUM, OF PALESTINE, RABBI JACOB FISHMAN OF PALESTINE, FRITZ BERNSTEIN OF HOLLAND, RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER OF CLEVELAND AND MRS. GOLDIE MYERSON OF PALESTINE.

### BRODETSKY SEEKS BETTER TERMS

"AN OFFENSE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE" WAS THE DESCRIPTION APPLIED BY PROF. BRODETSKY, ENGLISH MEMBER OF THE WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE, TO THE TINY JEWISH STATE IN PALESTINE PROPOSED BY THE BRITISH ROYAL COMMISSION.

PROF. BRODETSKY URGED THE DELEGATES TO REJECT BOTH THE JEWISH STATE AS OUTLINED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION AND THE "PALLIATIVES" RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION IN CASE PARTITION IS NOT ADOPTED.

WHILE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE AFTER WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO EXPECT THAT BRITAIN WILL CONTINUE THE PRESENT LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATE FOR PALESTINE, PROF. BRODETSKY SAID, HE EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT PARLIAMENT WOULD SUPPORT BETTER TERMS FOR THE JEWISH STATE.

HE URGED THAT THE NEW EXECUTIVE TO BE ELECTED HERE BE AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE, BUT ONLY UNDER DEFINITE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY THE CONGRESS TO AFFORD A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME. HE ALSO URGED THAT THE EXECUTIVE BE INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE A DETAILED PROPOSAL ON PALESTINE TO BE LAID BEFORE THE NEXT CONGRESS.

MRS. GOLDIE MYERSON, PALESTINE LABOR DELEGATE, VOICED STRONG OPPOSITION TO PARTITION, ADVISING THE CONGRESS TO MOBILIZE THE OPINION OF THE ENTIRE JEWISH WORLD TO REJECT BOTH THIS SCHEME AND THE ROYAL COMMISSION "PALLIATIVES."

#### WISE WARNS PARTITION WOULD END MANDATES SYSTEM

"THE ANSWER OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO BRITAIN," DR. WISE DECLARED AT LAST NIGHT'S SESSION, "MUST NOT BE YEA OR NAY, BUT NON POSSUMUS -- YOU WOULD NOT RESPECT US IF WE DID."

DESCRIBING THE MANDATORY SYSTEM AS ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING GAINS OF THE WORLD WAR -- THE OTHER BEING THE SAFEGUARDING OF MINORITIES -- DR. WISE WARNED THAT PARTITION WOULD END BOTH AND WOULD MORALLY MEAN THE END OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATES COMMISSION.

REFERRING TO THE SEPARATION OF TRANSJORDAN FROM PALESTINE, THE NEW YORK ZIONIST LEADER SAID: "WE WILL NOT AGAIN GIVE OUR SIGNATURES TO A DOCUMENT WHICH ROBS US OF THE LITTLE THAT REMAINED TO US AFTER THE EARLIER PARTITION THAT ROBBED US OF TRANSJORDAN. WE WILL NOT APPEND OUR SIGNATURES TO A DOCUMENT WHICH CREATES A JEWISH STATE THAT WOULD BE LITTLE MORE THAN A MINIATURE REMINDER OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND THE BRITISH MANDATE."

HE DESCRIBED THE PARTITION PROPOSAL AS "THAT BITTER PILL OF PARTITION SWEETENED A LITTLE, AND VERY LITTLE, BY A JEWISH STATE."

HE ASSERTED:

"THE ANSWER TO BRITAIN MUST BE CLEAR -- 'PARTITION, NO! PALLIATIVES, NO! A JEWISH STATE, YES! FULFILLMENT OF THE MANDATE, YES!'"

HE DENOUNCED THE BRACKETING OF PARTITION AND PALLIATIVE MEASURES OFFERED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION AS ALTERNATIVES, DECLARING THE PALLIATIVES WERE SO UNJUST AS TO THROW DOUBT ON THE GENUINENESS OF THE OFFER OF A JEWISH STATE.

PARTITION IS THE SUREST WAY OF POSTPONING AND AVERTING ARAB-JEWISH PEACE, HE DECLARED. HE WARNED AGAINST ACCEPTING TEMPORARY GAINS AND ADVANTAGES WHICH "THREATEN TO CANCEL THE ETERNAL RIGHTS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE."

"BALFOUR, THOU SHOULDEST BE LIVING IN THIS HOUR," DR. WISE CONCLUDED, "ENGLAND HATH NEED OF THEE." (ARTHUR JAMES BALFOUR WAS BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY DURING THE WORLD WAR AND AUTHOR OF THE DECLARATION PLEDGING BRITAIN TO AID IN BUILDING A JEWISH HOMELAND IN PALESTINE.)

#### RABBI SILVER ASSAILS PROPOSAL

RABBI SILVER AND GEDALIAH BUBLICK OF PALESTINE JOINED DR. WISE IN ATTACKING THE PROPOSED PARTITION.

RABBI SILVER, WARNING THAT PARTITION WOULD INTENSIFY THE ARAB-JEWISH CONFLICT, URGED THAT THE CONGRESS INSTEAD ASK FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE PALESTINE MANDATE, A BETTER ADMINISTRATION IN JERUSALEM AND APPEAL TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE BENEFITS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES TO PALESTINE AND THE ARABS, AS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE BRITISH ROYAL COMMISSION.

THE 300,000 ARABS (THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S ESTIMATE IS 225,000) REMAINING IN THE PROPOSED JEWISH STATE WOULD BECOME IRREDENTED AND BE THE FOCUS OF QUARRELS BETWEEN THE ARABS AND THE JEWS, RABBI SILVER SAID. NO MATTER HOW WELL THE JEWS TREATED THE ARABS, IRRITATION WOULD BE INTENSIFIED BY THE PRESENCE OF THIS LARGE MINORITY, HE HELD.

TO TRANSFER THE ARABS FROM THE JEWISH STATE WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE ECONOMICALLY AND MORALLY, RABBI SILVER SAID, SINCE THE ARABS, FEELING MORE SECURE ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY IN THE JEWISH STATE, WOULD REFUSE TO LEAVE, AND THUS WOULD HAVE TO BE MOVED BY FORCE.

HE WARNED THAT MINORITY RIGHTS OF JEWS IN OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT BE SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED BY THE FACT THE JEWS WERE FORCIBLY TRANSFERRING A MINORITY FROM THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

REFERRING TO DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN'S ARGUMENT THAT 2,000,000 JEWS COULD BE SETTLED IN THE JEWISH STATE IN 20 YEARS, RABBI SILVER HELD THIS WOULD NOT SOLVE THE POLISH JEWS' PROBLEM AND THAT MOST OF THE JEWS WOULD REMAIN IN POLAND.

### LATE CONGRESS NEWS

#### ZIONISTS GET RESOLUTION TODAY AUTHORIZING PARTITION NEGOTIATIONS

ZURICH, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- THE TWENTIETH WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS PREPARED TONIGHT TO ADOPT BY A LARGE MAJORITY TOMORROW A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH GREAT BRITAIN ON ITS PLAN TO PARTITION PALESTINE AND ESTABLISH A JEWISH STATE.

A SPECIALLY-APPOINTED COMMITTEE FINISHED DRAFTING THE RESOLUTION EMBODYING THE MAIN VIEWS OF DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, ZIONIST PRESIDENT, WHILE THE 483 DELEGATES WOUND UP A FIVE-DAY DEBATE ON THE MOST MOMENTOUS ISSUE IN THE 40-YEAR HISTORY OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION.

THE RESOLUTION, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE TO NEGOTIATE WITH BRITAIN BUT NOT TO COMMIT THE ZIONISTS, WILL COME UP FOR A ROLL CALL AT A PLENARY SESSION TOMORROW AND IS EXPECTED TO BE ADOPTED BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

"IF ANY DEFINITE PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE BE THE OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS," THE RESOLUTION SAYS, "THIS PLAN MUST BE BROUGHT BEFORE A NEWLY-ELECTED CONGRESS FOR DISCUSSION AND A DECISION."

THE STATEMENT CATEGORICALLY REJECTS THE CONTENTION OF THE BRITISH ROYAL COMMISSION ON PALESTINE THAT THE MANDATE IS UNWORKABLE AND AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE TO FIGHT ANY MEASURES AFFECTING THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED THE JEWS UNDER THE MANDATE AND THE BALFOUR DECLARATION.

THE RESOLUTION CONCLUDES BY EMPHASIZING THAT THE CONGRESS SHARES THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY DR. WEIZMANN. THAT THE PARTITION PLAN AS SUGGESTED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION IS UNACCEPTABLE.

A COMMITTEE INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE, THE CONGRESS PRESIDUM AND 48 MEMBERS DRAWN ON A PROPORTIONAL BASIS FROM THE VARIOUS PARTIES AT THE CONGRESS SPENT THE DAY DRAFTING THE RESOLUTION.

A FINAL VOTE HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TONIGHT BUT WAS DEFERRED WHEN THE CONGRESS DEFEATED, 118 TO 77, A MOTION TO CLOSE DEBATE ON THE ISSUE.

WHILE THE DEBATE CONTINUED, NEGOTIATIONS WERE UNDER WAY REGARDING COMPOSITION OF THE NEW ZIONIST EXECUTIVE. IT WAS EXPECTED THE PRESENT EXECUTIVE WOULD BE RE-ELECTED, PROBABLY WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POEL HAMIZRACHI, RELIGIOUS LABORITE GROUP.

ABRAHAM GOLDBERG, OF NEW YORK; PROF. SELIG BRODETSKY, OF LONDON; MEIER EBNER, OF RUMANIA, AND DR. HENRY ROSMARIN, OF GALICIA, POLAND, SUPPORTED PARTITION IN PRINCIPLE DURING TODAY'S DEBATE, WHILE MRS. GOLDIE MYERSON, OF PALESTINE, AND RIFTIN, OF THE HASHOMER HATZAIR (LABORITE YOUTHS) OPPOSED IT.

AFTER DR. ROSMARIN HAD DECLARED THE POLISH JEWS SUPPORTED PARTITION AS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF JEWRY, MR. GOLDBERG BACKED THE PRINCIPLE, DECLARING THAT WHILE THE AMERICAN JEWS CONTRIBUTED MONEY, THE POLISH JEWS CONTRIBUTED MEN TO BUILD THE JEWISH NATIONAL HOME.

MR. EBNER DECLARED REFUSAL TO ACCEPT PARTITION WOULD MEAN STAGNATION AND DECLINE. RIFTIN, ANNOUNCING HIS GROUP WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION, ATTACKED THE PALESTINE ADMINISTRATION AND CHARGED THE ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT WAS INFLUENCED BY BRITISH POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS.

#### NAZIS DEFER NIEMOELLER TRIAL AFTER 120 ARE SEIZED FOR DEMONSTRATION

BERLIN, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- TRIAL OF THE REV. MARTIN NIEMOELLER ON CHARGES OF VIOLATING NAZI LAWS REGULATING RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES WAS TODAY POSTPONED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD, THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY REPORTED. IT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO OPEN TOMORROW.

LAST NIGHT ABOUT 120 PROTESTANTS WERE ARRESTED IN SUBURBAN DAHLEM, WHERE THE FORMER SUBMARINE COMMANDER HAD BEEN A PASTOR BEFORE HIS ARREST, FOR DEMONSTRATING IN FAVOR OF HIS RELEASE. THEY WERE FREED AFTER QUESTIONING.

TODAY'S POSTPONEMENT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE NEED FOR MORE TIME TO INVESTIGATE SOME OF THE CHARGES PENDING AGAINST PASTOR NIEMOELLER. (OTHER NEWS AGENCIES, HOWEVER, SAID THE POSTPONEMENT WAS MOTIVATED BY FEAR OF FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS, DESCRIBED AS "AMAZING" SINCE THEY ARE THE FIRST UNDER THE HITLER REGIME.)

BEFORE YESTERDAY'S DEMONSTRATION PASTOR MESSOW, PREACHING IN ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, DAHLEM, ASKED LISTENERS TO PRAY FOR 64 PROTESTANT PREACHERS JAILED BY NAZI AUTHORITIES.

#### BRITONS QUERIED BY MANDATES BODY ON PALESTINE IMMIGRATION CURBS

GENEVA, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS ENFORCED BY THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT DURING AND AFTER THE ARAB REBELLION IN 1936 WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH TODAY BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS MANDATES COMMISSION.

THE COMMISSION ALSO TOOK UP MATTERS OF THE NORMAL ADMINISTRATION OF PALESTINE, WITH JOHN HATHORN-HALL, FORMER CHIEF SECRETARY OF THE PALESTINE GOVERNMENT, SUPPLEMENTING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S 1936 REPORT ON AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS, IMMIGRATION, LAND SALES, EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH AND LABOR.