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POLITICAL COMMITTEE NAMED TO AID ZIONIST EXECUTIVE; AGENCY COUNCIL MEETS TODAY

ZURICH, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The Zionist General Council today elected six members of a newly-constituted political committee empowered by the Zionist Congress to consult with the Executive on all political matters. The committee will have headquarters in London.

Those designated are Lord Melchett, industrialist; Prof. L.B. Namier, historian; Harry Sacher and Leonard Stein, attorneys, all of England; Rabbi Meir Berlin, leader of Mizrachi, and Berl Katznelson, laborite leader, both of Palestine.

A seventh member of the committee will be either Dr. Stephen S. Wise of New York, president of the Zionist Organization of America, or Prof. Felix Frankfurter, of the Harvard Law School, who has served as a legal expert on behalf of the Zionists in the past.

The General Council, elected at the closing session of the Congress yesterday, met for the first time last night and named a presidium and a Jerusalem subcommittee.

Zionist leaders were making strenuous efforts today to avert a split with American non-Zionist leaders at the meeting of the Council of the Jewish Agency which will open here tomorrow, continuing until Friday.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, supported by American Zionists, told a conference of Zionist leaders everything should be done to avoid a break in view of forthcoming negotiations with the British Government on its proposals to establish a Jewish state in Palestine.

United States Zionists emphasized Zionist fund-collections might suffer if cooperation with the non-Zionist Jewish leaders were discontinued.

However, laborite Zionists and some members of the General Zionist faction asked that non-Zionist demands for parity in the Jewish Agency be ignored. The Agency Council comprises Zionists and non-Zionists in equal number and has been recognized by the League of Nations as the representative of the Jewish people in Palestine matters.

The Zionists elected 105 delegates to the Council, binding those who had opposed the Congress resolution authorizing negotiations with Britain, to vote in a bloc with the rest. The Congress empowered the Executive to negotiate with Britain, but American non-Zionist Jewish leaders, headed by Felix M. Warburg, have expressed opposition to any division of Palestine.

ZIONIST LEADERS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER LATEST INFORMATION FROM GENEVA ACCORDING TO WHICH AN ARAB DELEGATION HAS INDICATED THAT TROUBLE CAN BE EXPECTED IF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PARTITION OF THE HOLY LAND ARE UNDERTAKEN. MEMBERS OF THE ARAB DELEGATION SAID THEY WOULD NOT GIVE UP THEIR FIGHT AND EMPHASIZED THE PALESTINE ARABS HAD AUTHORIZED THE DELEGATION TO NEGOTIATE FOR THEM.

DR. WEIZMANN'S FIRST STEP ON RETURNING TO LONDON, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD, WILL BE TO POINT OUT TO THE BRITISH COLONIAL OFFICE THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWED TERRORISM IN PALESTINE AND HE WILL SEEK MEASURES TO PREVENT DISORDERS.

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MANDATES COMMISSION DRAFTS REPORT ON PALESTINE

GENEVA, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- THE DRAFT OF ITS REPORT ON FUTURE POSSIBILITIES FOR PALESTINE WAS STUDIED TODAY BY THE MANDATES COMMISSION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

THE SIXTEEN-PAGE REPORT WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED BEFORE IT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE LEAGUE COUNCIL SEPT. 10. IT WAS LEARNED THAT IT DISCUSSES THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF A VARIATION OF ONE OF THE SUGGESTIONS FOR PALESTINE MADE BY THE BRITISH ROYAL COMMISSION.

ARAB, JEWISH AMERICANS NEGOTIATE ON PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY BETWEEN AMERICANS OF JEWISH AND OF ARAB ORIGIN IN AN ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ARAB-JEWISH DIFFERENCES IN PALESTINE, THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED FROM GENEVA TODAY.

THE BASIS OF THE DISCUSSIONS IS A PROPOSAL TO APPLY TO PALESTINE THE FEDERAL PRINCIPLE FOUND IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO THE TIMES REPORT. DISCLOSURE OF THE TALKS WAS MADE, ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, BY ADIL ARSLAN, ONE OF THE ARAB SUPREME COMMITTEE'S DELEGATES IN GENEVA, WHO VISITED THE UNITED STATES SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

MR. ARSLAN SAID HE COULD GIVE NO FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE DISCUSSION, ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, BUT HE DID MAKE CLEAR WHAT THE ARAB COMMITTEE UNDERSTOOD WAS MEANT BY THE AMERICAN FEDERAL PRINCIPLE AND HOW FAR THE COMMITTEE WOULD GO IN APPLYING IT IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN JEWS AND ARABS WHO OPPOSE PARTITION AND FAVOR INSTEAD A COMMON ARAB-JEWISH STATE.

MR. ARSLAN WAS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT THE ARABS WERE WILLING TO ASSURE THE JEWS OF REPRESENTATION IN THE JOINT GOVERNMENT IN PROPORTION TO THEIR PERCENTAGE OF THE PALESTINE POPULATION. HE PUT THIS AT 30 PER CENT, WHICH THE TIMES TERMED "A LOW FIGURE INTENDED, PERHAPS, AS A BASIS FOR BARGAINING."

MR. ARSLAN SAID THE ARABS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GRANTING JEWS FULL RIGHTS TO OCCUPY ANY POLITICAL POSITIONS IN THE PROJECTED STATE, INCLUDING THE HIGHEST, THE TIMES REPORTED, AND HE SAW NO DIFFICULTY IN ASSURING THEM LANGUAGE AND RELIGIOUS GUARANTEES, THOUGH HE APPARENTLY FAVORED COMMON SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN OF BOTH PEOPLES AT LEAST PART OF THE TIME.

HE SUGGESTED THAT THE JEWS SHOULD HAVE MUNICIPAL AUTONOMY IN SUCH CITIES AS TEL AVIV, THE TIMES ADDED. HE SEEMED WARMLY IN FAVOR OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS SUGGESTED BY VISCOUNT SAMUEL DURING THE PARTITION DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND BY DR. JUDAH L. MAGNES, PRESIDENT OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY IN JERUSALEM, THE DISPATCH SAID.

BUT, THE TIMES DECLARED, THE ARAB DELEGATE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS PEOPLE IN PALESTINE COULD NOT AGREE TO GREATER JEWISH IMMIGRATION AND DECLARED HE WAS CONFIDENT THE KINGDOM OF IRAQ COULD ABSORB A LARGE JEWISH IMMIGRATION FROM EUROPE. HE APPEARED QUITE SURE OF THE EMERGENCE OF A BIG ARAB CONFEDERATION, INCLUDING IRAQ, SYRIA, LEBANON, PALESTINE AND EGYPT, THE TIMES SAID.

HE WAS REPORTED AS ASSERTING THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD POWERS TO NEGOTIATE SIMILAR TO THOSE GRANTED TO DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN BY THE WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS, WITH A SIMILAR REQUIREMENT THAT ANY AGREEMENT MUST BE REFERRED TO ITS PRINCIPALS FOR RATIFICATION. HE WAS QUOTED AS HAVING INSISTED THAT THE ZIONIST DECISION AUTHORIZING PARLEYS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE HAD NOT AFFECTED THE ARABS' FIRM OPPOSITION TO PARTITION.

REPORT ORMSBY-GORE PROMISED WEIZMANN TO ALTER PARTITION PLAN

LONDON, Aug. 17 (JTA) -- IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE BRITISH PARTITION PLAN FOR PALESTINE, IN LINE WITH JEWISH DEMANDS, HAVE BEEN PROMISED BY WILLIAM G. A. ORMSBY-GORE, COLONIAL SECRETARY, TO DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, THE JEWISH CHRONICLE ASSERTED TONIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY.

THE ORGAN PUBLISHED A DOCUMENT PURPORTING TO BE A CONFIDENTIAL SUMMARY BY DR. WEIZMANN OF A CONVERSATION WITH ORMSBY-GORE.

THE BRITISH MINISTER WAS SAID TO HAVE INDICATED THAT HIS DECLARATION TO COMMONS ON THE PALESTINE SITUATION WOULD BE RATHER VAGUE AND TO HAVE WARNED DR. WEIZMANN THAT HE EXPECTED THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS WOULD ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES.

ORMSBY-GORE, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, RAISED THE HAIFA QUESTION, DECLARING THE ADMIRALTY WAS INSISTING THAT SOME BRITISH CONTROL OF THIS STRATEGIC PORT BE RETAINED.

"I REPLIED THAT THE ADMIRALTY HAD UNFORTUNATELY WAKED UP FOUR YEARS TOO LATE," DR. WEIZMANN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. "WE FORESAW THIS PROBLEM AND TRIED TO IMPRESS IT UPON THEM TEN YEARS AGO.

"I ADDED THAT THE ADMIRALTY COULD GET ALL THEY WANTED OUT OF US BY A DIRECT AGREEMENT, BUT NOT THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF. IF THEY TRIED TO COLLAR HAIFA, WE SHOULD MAKE THINGS EXTREMELY UNPLEASANT FOR THEM AT GENEVA."

ORMSBY-GORE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT WHEN HE WAS QUESTIONED BY NEWSPAPERMEN TONIGHT, HAVAS SAID.

FRANCE TO HOLD CONVERSATIONS WITH BRITAIN ON PARTITION

PARIS, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- FRANCO-BRITISH CONVERSATIONS REGARDING THE BRITISH PLAN TO DIVIDE PALESTINE INTO ARAB AND JEWISH STATES, SEPARATED BY A BUFFER TERRITORY UNDER BRITISH MANDATE, WILL BE HELD SOON, IT WAS LEARNED HERE TODAY BY THE HAVAS NEWS AGENCY.

AS MANDATORY POWER IN SYRIA, FRANCE HAS INTERESTS INVOLVING THE MOSLEM WORLD GENERALLY, IT WAS POINTED OUT, AND HAS SPECIAL INTERESTS IN PALESTINE BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS MISSIONS THERE.

AUTHORIZED SOURCES DENIED REPORTS THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD SENT A MEMORANDUM TO GREAT BRITAIN PROTESTING AGAINST THE PARTITION PLAN. THE FRENCH COMMUNICATION MERELY CALLED ATTENTION TO FRENCH INTERESTS, IT WAS SAID.

AGUDAH-REVISIONIST LINK AIRED AT MARIENBAD PARLEY

MARIENBAD, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- COOPERATION BETWEEN NON-ZIONIST ORTHODOX JEWS AND THE NEW ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, HEADED BY VLADIMIR JABOTINSKY, WAS DISCUSSED HERE TODAY PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE WORLD CONGRESS OF AGUDATH ISRAEL, RELIGIOUS NON-ZIONIST ORGANIZATION.

AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION FROM THE N.Z.O. IS PARTICIPATING IN THE CONGRESS AND SUBMITTING A MEMORANDUM BY MR. JABOTINSKY CONTAINING SUGGESTIONS FOR CO-OPERATION. THE NEW ZIONISTS ARE OPPOSED TO PARTITIONING PALESTINE.

AT A CONFERENCE OF THE RABBINICAL COUNCIL, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHIEF RABBI ARON LEWIN OF RZESOW, POLAND, ATTENDED BY DELEGATES FROM PALESTINE, THE POSITION OF THE HOLY LAND IN VIEW OF THE PARTITION PROPOSAL WAS DISCUSSED.

6 WOUNDED IN DISORDERS IN POLISH TOWN

WARSAW, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- SIX JEWS WERE INJURED IN OSTROW-MAZOWIECKI, IN THE PROVINCE OF BIALYSTOK, YESTERDAY AFTER A PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF POLAND'S DEFEAT OF THE SOVIET ARMY IN 1920 HAD BEEN TURNED INTO AN ANTI-SEMITIC DEMONSTRATION.

ANTI-JEWISH ELEMENTS IN THE CROWD OF CELEBRATORS ATTACKED THE JEWS, SMASHED WINDOWS IN ALL JEWISH SHOPS AND MANY IN JEWISH HOMES AND SYNAGOGUES, AND DEMOLISHED SEVERAL HOUSES. POLICE RE-ESTABLISHED ORDER. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE.

FOLLOWING THESE EXCESSES JEWISH INHABITANTS OF TOWNSHIPS NEAR OSTROW-MAZOWIECKI, TERRORIZED BY ANTI-SEMITES, FLED IN FEAR OF A POGROM.

DEMONSTRATORS RETURNING FROM WARSAW ATTACKED JEWISH PASSERSBY IN NEARBY TOWNSHIPS AND BROKE SEVERAL WINDOWS.

CORRECTION

THROUGH A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN A STORY IN YESTERDAY'S JTA NEWS ON IMPORTS FROM POLAND THE AMERICAN-POLISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APPEARED AS "THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE."

THE JTA IS INFORMED BY THE FEDERATION OF POLISH JEWS IN AMERICA THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LATE DR. L.L.ZAMENHOF AS A MERCHANT IN A WARSAW DISPATCH ON THE ESPERANTO CONGRESS PUBLISHED IN THE JTA NEWS OF Aug. 11 WAS INCORRECT. HE WAS AN EYE SPECIALIST, IT WAS STATED.

MRS. FRENKEL TREASURER OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS, DIES IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- MRS. JONAS FRENKEL, TREASURER OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS, DIED AT 3:30 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON AT HER HOME HERE. SHE WAS 69 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS A SISTER OF MAURICE J. FREIBERG, WHO DIED LAST DEC. 30. HER HUSBAND, THREE SONS AND TWO SISTERS SURVIVE HER.