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MIZRACHI QUITS WORLD ZIONIST EXECUTIVE; ZIONIST CONGRESS WILL BE CONVOKED NEXT SUMMER

LONDON, August 8. (JTA) — The next World Zionist Congress, supreme body of the world Zionist movement, will be convoked not later than next summer, it was announced here today by David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the World Zionist Executive, as the Mizrahi Orthodox Zionist Organization officially withdrew its representatives from the executive.

The withdrawal of the Mizrahi, which created tremendous excitement at today's session of the World Zionist Conference, was accompanied by the following declaration:

"In view of the statements made by Dr. Weizmann and other members of the executive showing that they are not executing the Biltmore Declaration (which asks for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State) and have no definite political line, also in view of the existence of deep difference of opinion among the members of the executive and the general unsatisfactory conduct of affairs, the Mizrahi demands a reorganization of the executive to be composed of a coalition giving all members the same rights and not leaving the conduct of affairs in the hands of one group. Until this demand is complied with the Mizrahi Organization will withdraw its members from the executive."

The present executive was elected by the last world Zionist Congress in Geneva during the fateful days of August 1939 when the outbreak of the world war forced a hasty conclusion of the Congress. A new executive can be elected only by the World Zionist Congress. A five-point program to govern the activities of the Zionist executive until the Congress is convened was outlined today by Ben-Gurion addressing the Conference which is expected to close on Sunday. The work of the Zionists, he said, must be based on the following principles:

1. Passive and active resistance to the implementation and the continuation of the White Paper in its present or a modified form. Strengthening of Jewish immigration, settlement and security in Palestine under all circumstances.
2. Increased political activity in England and in other United Nations centers for the immediate designation of Palestine as a Jewish State, with authority given to the Jewish Agency or to the provisional Jewish Government to effect a speedy transfer of the first million Jews from European, Oriental and other countries to Palestine, as well as to further development schemes which would enable the settlement of additional millions while raising the standard of living of both Jews and Arabs.
3. Incessant striving for cooperation with the Arabs in Palestine to develop the country to its maximum for the benefit of all inhabitants. Also an alliance of friendship between the Jewish State and the Arab peoples in the neighboring countries.

on the basis of mutual assistance for the welfare, peace and progress of all countries in the Middle East.

4. Rallying the remnants of European Jewry, headed by the youth as an active Zionist force, for the purpose of their speedy transfer to Palestine.

5. Deepening among Jews in all countries of the world the consciousness that settlement in Palestine is an historic necessity for the Jewish people regardless of the land in which they reside, and that a Jewish State is indispensable for the free existence even of those Jews desiring to remain in the countries outside of Palestine.

Brodetsky Calls for Confidence in the British Labor Government

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, member of the World Zionist Executive, addressing the session of the conference said that it is "absurd" to suspect that the British Labor Government would not fulfil the promises of the Labor Party with regard to Palestine.

Emphasizing his firm faith that the Laborites would stand by their pledges, he at the same time warned this does not mean that "the Zionists have everything in their pocket now." He said that the London office of the Zionist executive suffered from lack of funds and therefore maintained a small apparatus which, he insisted, must now be enlarged.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, reporting at today's session on the Zionist efforts at the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations said that these efforts concentrated around saving the terms of the Palestine Mandate. "But now a world revolution is in the making," he declared. "Now is the time to exert the utmost pressure for the achievement of a Jewish State." The session was also addressed by Berl Locker, leader of the Laborite Zionists, who said that the Soviet Delegation at the International Trade Union Conference recently held in London not only voted for the Palestine resolution which the conference adopted, but actively supported it.

Dr. Weizmann Replies to Criticism; Says He wants Unity

Replying to the speakers who participated in the general debate, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, said that when he warned in his opening address not to have too much confidence in British political leaders, he did not mean to imply that as he previously urged confidence in the Churchill Government he now cautions against reposing confidence in the Labor Government. He stressed the fact that the World Zionist Executive worked not only among British Laborites, but also with other political parties. He emphasized that there is more good will towards Zionism among the Laborites than among other political groups in England.

The reunion of Zionist leaders from various countries - the first since the outbreak of the war - is the main achievement of the present World Zionist Conference. Dr. Weizmann declared. "The significance of our gathering lies in the reunion of Zionists rather than in resolutions," he stated.

Referring to the difference of opinion between him and David Ben-Gurion, Dr. Weizmann said that he had difficulties with Ben-Gurion on questions of tempo. "But I still say that we can work together," he continued. "I do not want to quarrel even with Dr. J. L. Magnes although I would never allow him to shape policy. One thing is clear: We laid in the recent years a foundation for a Jewish State which can be built only by toil and sweat. We must raise the work in Palestine to a scientific level to become an important even though a small state."

JEWISH BRIGADE UNITS ENTER GERMANY; ARE PART OF BRITISH OCCUPATIONAL FORCES

PARIS, August 8. (JTA) — Units of the Jewish Brigade entered German territory and passed Heidelberg and Baden en route to the British occupation zone, the Luxembourg radio reported today.

The French Telegraph Agency today reported from Cairo that Egyptian official circles are very pessimistic over the attitude of the British Labor Government towards the Arab claims on Palestine. Al-Misri, one of the leading Egyptian newspapers, is quoted by the French agency as revealing that Syrian and Lebanese journalists now visiting London are "greatly disappointed" after talks on Palestine's future with important persons in England.

RUMANIA LEGALIZES STATUS OF STATELESS; DECLARES JEWS NO LONGER A NATIONAL MINORITY

BUCHAREST, August 8. (JTA) — Jews in Rumania will no longer be considered a national minority as a result of a decree issued today by the Rumanian Government regulating the status of various nationalities in the country. The decree which is of wide scope prohibits enquiring into the ethnic origin of any Rumanian citizen; it forbids using the term "ethnic origin" in any public document, and stipulates that every one may profess freely his creed and mother tongue.

Penalties are imposed for enquiring into the ethnical origin of applicants for jobs and slurs on the score of race and religion or incitement to racial hatred in speech or in writing are made legal offenses. The decree further states that persons who did not declare themselves of any nationality since 1930 and whose documents show that they are stateless will automatically be considered Rumanians.

MORE THAN 20,000 JEWS NOW IN LODZ; HALF OF THEM REPATRIATED FROM GERMAN CAMPS

MOSCOW, August 8. (JTA) — The Warsaw radio today reported that a total of 20,425 Jews are now residing in Lodz. This number includes 10,826 Jews who were repatriated from concentration camps. The majority are being cared for by the provisional Jewish Welfare Committee.

The broadcast said that each of the repatriated Jews receives fifty zlotys and a small food allowance upon reaching Lodz. The aged and infirm receive from one hundred to five hundred zlotys each. The committee is now caring for 1,139 Jewish orphans many of whom lived in Polish homes during the German occupation. About nine hundred Jewish youths are receiving vocational training and are simultaneously given employment, to prevent their demoralization, the broadcast reported.

ARABS REPORT CLASH BETWEEN POLICE AND JEWS WHO ATTEMPT TO ENTER PALESTINE FROM SYRIA

JERUSALEM, August 8. (JTA) — The Arab News Agency here today reports that about fifty persons, "believed to be Jews," attempted to cross the Syrian border into Palestine, but were encountered by a frontier patrol.

"After an exchange of fire, wherein the would-be trespassers used machine guns and rifles, they escaped in the darkness," the report said.

The S.S. "Empire" today arrived in Haifa landing 187 Jewish children from Greece and 38 Chlutzim from Bulgaria.

GERMANY LOST RACE FOR ATOMIC BOMB BECAUSE OF ANTI-JEWISH POLICY, N.Y. PRESS COMMENTS

NEW YORK, August 8. (JTA) -- Leading American newspapers today emphasize in their editorials that America and England developed the atomic bomb before Germany primarily because Germany drove her Jewish scientists to England and the United States.

The New York Times says in an editorial: "Though the credit for having forestalled the Germans must go to the air forces that bombed German research laboratories where secret weapons were developed, we have some reason to thank Hitler and Mussolini for handcapping themselves. The Fuehrer's irrational glorification of Nordics and Il Duce's acceptance of the Nuremberg policy had the result of presenting us with some of the best physicists of Germany and Italy and of occupied countries.

"Consider the galaxy of scientific stars that shine in the American atomic-bomb firmament. 'Thanks for having forced Dr. Lise Meitner to flee to Stockholm,' we say to Hitler, when we recall that she played her part in blazing the trail that led to the release of energy from the uranium atom. 'And thanks for Neils Bohr, who, though a Dane, was unacceptable to you under your Nuremberg laws and who formulated the theory on which the atomic bomb is based.' That man Bohr was a godsend, one of the leaders in the group that worked here on the bomb. 'Thanks, too, for Einstein,' who was also consulted and who gave us the simple equation that showed just what the relation of matter to energy is and how one can be converted into the other.

"And then there is Enrico Fermi. What a mistake you made, Il Duce, when you obligingly took Hitler's Nordic mark and forced him out. He was Italy's foremost physicist, this Fermi, the man who showed how easily a slow neutron can slip into an atom, to burst its nucleus and release the terrific energy that laid Hiroshima low. A priceless gift was his to the group that developed the bomb. There must be scores of others who were not mentioned in the official announcements--engineers, technicians, chemists, physicists of distinction, all gifts of Hitler and Mussolini. Great Britain receives our thanks for different reasons. Her case was a whole-hearted willingness to pool the knowledge of experts, just as she did in the case of jet-propulsion."

Atomic Bomb Is Product of "Non-Aryan" Scientists Says Herald-Tribune

The New York Herald-Tribune in an editorial points out that the atomic bomb might be labeled "Made in America" but is by no means an exclusively American product.

"Consider the names and origins of those prominently associated with this scientific triumph, possibly the greatest in human history, the article says. "Let us begin with Dr. Lise Meitner, a pioneer in the long search for a method of releasing atomic energy. She is a woman physicist whom the Nazis expelled from Germany as a "non-Aryan" and who, with her associates, Drs. Otto Hahn and F. Strassman, both chemists, had been working in the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Berlin bombarding uranium atoms with neutrons and then submitting the result to chemical analysis. After her expulsion she went to Copenhagen and there with Dr. Frisch, another physicist, continued her experiments. Together they discovered the key to the great secret. Dr. Frisch cabled the news to Dr. Neils Bohr, a former associate in Copenhagen, then over here, and he, Professor Enrico Fermi, of Italy, and our own Professor John R. Dunning repeated the successful experiment at Columbia."

The New York Post, PM and other metropolitan newspapers comment in similar vein emphasizing that racial hatred prevented the Nazis from securing the secrets leading to the creation of the epoch-making atomic bomb, as most of the research in the atomic field had been done by Jewish scientists whom Hitler forced to leave Germany.

CHURCH-SUPPORTED COLLEGES IN NEW YORK ADMIT JEWS WITHOUT QUESTION, SURVEY ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, August 8. (JTA) -- Denominational colleges in New York, in striking contrast to Dartmouth College which denies admittance to most Jewish applicants because of their religion, make no distinctions because of a student's race or creed, it was established here today.

A survey of church-supported schools in this area was made by The N.Y. Post, after Dr. Ernest M. Hopkins, president of Dartmouth, attempted to justify to some extent the quota system carefully limiting Jewish students at his college with the assertion, "Dartmouth is a Christian college for the Christianization of its students."

Fordham University, the local survey showed, has a large enrollment of Jewish students, especially in the law and pharmacy colleges. "Fordham has Jewish students, and there is no limit on them or any other racial or religious group," Morris Ahearn, publicity director for the university, said.

Wagner College on Staten Island, partially supported by the Lutheran Church, also accepts for matriculation students of all races and creeds. Miss Kathleen Arney, secretary to the president of Wagner, said Negro and Jewish students were enrolled there. "There is no limitation of any kind here," she said.

Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J., another Catholic institution, also admits students of all racial strains and religious beliefs. Two Negro students at present are boarders at the college, a spokesman said.

Mother Thomas Aquinas, dean of the College of New Rochelle, told the The Post that her school admitted students regardless of race or religion. "We are not concerned whether a student is black, white, yellow, Protestant or Jew," Mother Thomas said. "We are a democratic college. I don't think the quota system is right."

CANADIAN PREMIER URGES RACIAL TOLERANCE IN ADDRESS BEFORE RECONSTRUCTION PARLEY

MONTREAL, August 8. (JTA) -- A strong appeal for racial and religious tolerance was contained in Premier King's address at the opening of the Dominion-Provincial Conference to discuss reconstruction plans for Canada.

Citing Canada's wartime achievements Premier King said: "To be worthy, above all, of the sacrifice of human life, let us resolve to work together to make Canada a land of ever widening opportunities for all our people, regardless of origin, of class or of religion, the best land on earth in which to work and live."

"May we use that freedom gained to win the victories of peace; victories over distance, over climate, over nature; victories over depression, over unemployment, over insecurity and over want; victories over prejudice, over intolerance, and over disunity," the Premier added.

JEWS REFUGEES IN PO VALLEY GETTING AID, J.D.C. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

NEW YORK, August 8. (JTA) -- A ten-day tour of inquiry in the Po Valley by Benjamin Brook, one of the Joint Distribution Committee representatives in Rome, has disclosed that some 8,000 stateless Jews are now in Allied-controlled Italian camps. Dr. Joseph C. Hyman, J.D.C. executive vice-chairman, said today. Most of the group were formerly interned in concentration camps in Southern Germany and Austria, including Ebensee, Munich, Mauthausen and Adoha, according to the report. Orphaned children between the ages of 12 and 16 number in the hundreds. Mr. Brook reported that he was expanding the J.D.C. program for Jews in Italy.

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