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WEIZMANN AND BEN GURION DIFFER ON PROGRAM FOR OPENING SESSION OF WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

BASEL, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Differences of opinion developed here today between Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and David Ben Gurion, chairman of its executive, with regard to the length of the opening session of the 22nd World Zionist Congress which is to start next Monday.

Dr. Weizmann insists that the opening session on Monday should be short since it must start in the evening instead of the afternoon as originally scheduled. He suggests that the session be limited to his presidential address and to greetings from diplomats and a representative of the Basle Jewish Community. Ben Gurion opposes a short session since this would necessitate the postponement of his political address. A final decision as to whether the opening session should be short, or whether it should continue into the night will be made by the executive at a meeting Friday.

Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, member of the executive, today announced that he will not participate either in an executive or a triumvirate together with "a reform rabbi who is preaching on Sundays," obviously referring to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. His statement provoked dissatisfaction among leaders of the Mizrahi World Organization, of which he is the representative in the executive. An urgent meeting of the Mizrahi leaders was held and it was decided to await the opinion of Rabbi Meir Berlin, now in Jerusalem, one of the outstanding leaders of the Mizrahi world movement, as to whether he favors the re-election of Dr. Weizmann as president, or the creation of a World Zionist triumvirate with Dr. Silver as one of its members.

(In London, Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, told reporters today that "if, as assumed, Dr. Weizmann will take the honorary presidency--as he has repeatedly indicated retirement from active presidency--then a new president will be elected by the Congress in Basel." The presidency, Neumann pointed out, has been held in an unbroken fifty-year tradition by General Zionists, even when they were a minority group at the congress. "Today," he said, "the General Zionists are the largest group, therefore they are entitled to the presidency. The idea of a triumvirate is interesting, but everyone realizes that it has serious disadvantages.")

Diplomats Accept Congress Invitation; Palestine Police Sends "Observer"

Leaders of the Mapai, Palestine Labor Party, today indicated that they are not prepared to compromise on their principal demand that they receive a number of seats in the World Zionist Executive proportionate to their number in the coalition, though they foresee the necessity to compromise on certain positions which their representatives now hold. However, a likelihood exists that the Mapai will sacrifice a number of members in the present executive, providing an understanding is reached to give Laborites the leadership of certain important departments in the executive.

Diplomatic representatives of various countries will attend the opening session. It was also learned today that the Palestine police have sent a special "observer" of the Criminal Investigation Division to the Congress.

JEWISH AGENCY WARNS "DISASTER THREATENING YISHUV" IF TERRORISM DOES NOT CEASE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Jews of Palestine were warned today by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council that "disaster" may face the entire Jewish community "if the small groups defying the Yishuv's authority continue to perpetrate terrorist outrages in town and country."

The warning was issued in the form of a statement following a joint meeting of the temporary executives of the Agency and Council. Pointing out that organized Jewry of Palestine "never besmirched the banner of Zionism by murdering innocent British soldiers and policemen," the statement condemned the "small minority of the community" which is using terror as a political weapon.

"The Jewish Agency and the Jewish National Council consider it their duty to draw urgent attention of the Jews of Palestine to the great danger and disaster threatening the entire Yishuv if the outrages of these isolated groups do not cease immediately. Bloodshed must stop," the statement said.

A Jewish Agency spokesman stressed the fact that the situation during the last 24 hours has become "delicate and dangerous." He emphasized that the temporary executive of the Jewish Agency is now considering a number of measures to combat terrorism, but added that these measures cannot be revealed since their effectiveness depends on secrecy.

The Jewish National Council of Palestine today also issued a statement denouncing the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation in America and stressing that this organization in no way represents the Jews of Palestine. "Let not the American public be deceived by the grandiloquent claims of this group," the statement said.

Govt. Spokesman Reports on Arms and Ammunition Seized During Year

A spokesman for the Palestine Government, addressing a press conference today, said that enough small arms and ammunition to equip 8,000 men on a "wartime" scale of fifty rounds per man have been seized by the British Army in raids on Jewish underground arms dumps during the last twelve months. The arms haul included 121 mortars found in Jewish secret caches, he declared, adding that this is enough to equip fifteen battalions.

Troops and police also found 4,600 bombs, 412 rifles, 319 pistols, 15 machine-guns and 79 tommy-guns, the official revealed. In Arab districts the authorities unearthed 92 rifles, 223 pistols and ten bombs, he reported.

One British Soldier Killed, Two Wounded in two Landmine Explosions

One British soldier was killed and two injured today in two separate explosions in Palestine. The fatality occurred on the Mt. Carmel Road in Haifa, when the jeep which the soldier was driving was destroyed. The wounding of the other two soldiers and the destruction of their jeep took place north of Tel Aviv near the village of Gan Menashe.

Several armed men entered the Hadassah hospital in Tel Aviv this afternoon with a severely wounded man. They asked that he be operated upon, but the man died before the physicians could operate. His name is not known.

A government communique issued today corrects earlier reports that Akiba Weinstein, who was wounded during an attempted holdup in Tel Aviv yesterday, was kidnapped from the Hadassah hospital there. Apparently, the kidnappers rescued a member of their group, while Weinstein, who is reported to have been an innocent bystander, was taken to a military hospital in Jaffa, where he is being held for questioning.

EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM POLAND INTO U.S. ZONES OF GERMANY AND AUSTRIA REACHES STANDSTILL

WARSAW, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Illegal crossing of the Polish border into Czechoslovakia by fleeing Jews attempting to reach the American zones of Germany and Austria has practically come to a standstill despite the fact that the Czech frontier has been reopened for these Jews and that the Polish border authorities place no obstacles in the path of Jews leaving the country.

The severe winter weather is one of the reasons for the sharp drop in the emigration of Jews who have to spend days and nights in the woods during their attempt to cross the Polish border without an exit permit. Another reason for the emigration drop is reports reaching here that conditions of life in the camps for displaced Jews in Germany and Austria are very bad.

A conference of Jewish leaders held this week in Cracow was assured by a government representative that "the Jews have a future in Poland" and that the government is prepared to assist actively in the rehabilitation of Jewish life in the country. "The government," he declared, "will come to the aid of the Jews in reconstructing their economic position on the basis of complete equality of rights."

Meanwhile, the Polish Government has assigned raw materials valued at 250,000,000 zlotys to Jewish cooperatives. It also allotted 40,000,000 zlotys to the Central Jewish Economic Council which deals with economic rehabilitation, and 30,000,000 zlotys to the Central Committee of Polish Jews for intensification of its activities in the field of productivization of the Jewish population.

VIENNA OFFICIAL SAYS NO PREFERENCE CAN BE GIVEN TO JEWS IN RESTITUTION OF DWELLINGS

VIENNA, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Alderman Albrecht, head of the Vienna Housing Office, answering Jewish charges, today claimed it was untrue that he had told Jewish delegations that Jews should live in barracks for the homeless. He maintained that the Housing Office considers the restitution of dwellings to Nazi victims a point of honor, but that it is unable to make a distinction between Jews and non-Jews.

Albrecht, in an interview given to the semi-official press agency, claimed that there is no legal basis for restoring dwellings to the former owners and explained that his office allots vacant apartments in organized dwellings only to Jews. He said that the 1,000 Jews who have filed applications for homes can be accommodated only after destroyed and damaged houses have been rebuilt.

(In a letter to the New York Times today, Dr. L. Kleinwachter, representative of the Austrian Government in the U.S., reviewed his government's attempt to return Jewish property seized by the Nazis to its former owners. In attempting to answer criticism of Austria's restitution efforts, he asserted that a "Third Restitution Law" is in the process of being drafted and is still subject to consideration.

The Austrian diplomat also declared that all heirless property will be pooled in one central fund and then all the victims of Nazism will be indemnified from it. Admitting that "Jewish property is expected to contribute the greatest share to this fund," he maintained that "Jewish claimants will have to be considered first and in due percentage.")

BULGARIAN PREMIER PROMISES TO WIPE OUT ANTI-SEMITISM, FACILITATE PALESTINE EMIGRATION

SOFIA, Dec. 4. (JTA) --- Georgi Dimitroff, Bulgarian Premier, today received the Bulgarian Jewish delegates to the World Zionist Congress just before their departure for Basle, and pledged that "while in various European countries anti-Semitism is increasing, we shall not allow this to happen in Bulgaria. We shall punish severely, even put to death, preachers of racial hatred."

Pointing out that the government is continuing its efforts to guarantee full equalization of rights to all citizens, regardless of religion or race, Dimitroff stated that "on principle" the government will not hinder prospective immigrants to Palestine from leaving the country. In addition he promised that the government would facilitate the departure of such immigrants.

HUNGARIAN POLICE DENY PERMIT FOR MEETING OF JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS IN BUDAPEST

BUDAPEST, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A group of social workers of the Hungarian Zionist Federation and the Joint Distribution Committee have been denied an official permit to hold a meeting here. The decision was made by the local police chief.

The Budapest Jewish Community today adopted a resolution enfranchising women over 20 years of age in all community elections. Previously women had been denied the right to vote.

JEWISH WITNESSES ACCUSE AUSTRIAN SOCCER PLAYER OF MASSACRE OF JEWS IN HUNGARIAN CAMP

BUDAPEST, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Following reports that Franz Binder, a prominent Austrian soccer player, had been acquitted at a denazification trial in Vienna of responsibility in the massacre of Jews in the Hungarian labor camp at Kiskunhalas, 80 miles south of Budapest, a number of Jews formerly imprisoned at another labor camp at Sopron Banfalva, near the Austrian border, came forward today with charges of torture and murder ordered by Binder at the latter camp.

The witnesses declare that in Jan., 1945, Binder, who was commander of the police at the camp, ordered the torture and shooting of 150 Jewish prisoners, and that upon occasion he practiced football using Jews instead of balls. Dr. Endre Fodor, one of the inmates of the Sopron Banfalva camp, attested to witnessing the shootings and said that he was in the burial party which interred the victims.

At a recent international soccer match between an Austrian and Hungarian team played in Budapest, Binder's position was played by a substitute. Binder did not dare journey to Hungary where his crimes were known.

CZECH GIVEN LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR TORTURING JEWS TO GAIN FAVORS FROM NAZIS

PRAGUE, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A Czech traitor named Frantisek Rechacek was sentenced today to life imprisonment by a Peoples Tribunal for torturing Jews to obtain favors from the Nazis.

The prosecutor had demanded the death penalty, insisting such people must be eliminated from the Czech community. Witnesses testified Rechacek was worse than the Gestapo.

BOLIVIAN JEWS ALARMED AT POSTERS THREATENING THEIR LIVES UNLESS THEY LEAVE COUNTRY

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of the Bolivian capital of La Paz is alarmed at the appearance throughout the city of posters warning them to leave the country within two months or be killed, according to reports reaching here today.

Meanwhile, the arrival here of Victor Paz Estensoro, head of the Bolivian fascist movement, was used by the Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista, local fascist group, to hold an anti-Semitic demonstration. Speakers attacked the Jews while other members of the party raised anti-Jewish posters and others chalked slanderous slogans on the walls of nearby buildings.

Three Jewish physicians were today dismissed from the staffs of municipal hospitals here. No reason was given for their discharge. Among the professors recently dismissed from Argentine universities in a purge of anti-Peronists were Dr. Jacobo Wainer, a professor of Economics and formerly chief government accountant, and Dr. Sanson Raskovsky, professor of Logic. Both men are active in Jewish communal life-- Dr. Wainer has been a member of the executive board of the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, for the past 20 years, while Dr. Raskovsky is a founder and one-time president of the Sociedad Hebraica Argentina.

ARGENTINE COMMUNAL LEADER DESCRIBES CULTURAL GROWTH OF LATIN AMERICAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The accelerated cultural growth of the Jewish community of Argentina during the past five years was described here today by Moshe Schenderei, president of the Chevreh Kadishe, the leading Jewish communal group in Argentina, at a press conference arranged by the American Jewish Committee.

Schenderei, who has come to this country to promote better cultural contacts between the 600,000 Jews of Latin America and American Jewry, cited the existence of several Yiddish language dailies and many periodicals as evidence that the Jews in Argentina are vitally interested in Jewish culture. Pointing out that his organization, which has a membership of 35,000, has already made arrangements for a regular annual visit of a leading American Jewish cultural figure to lecture to Argentine Jewish groups, Schenderei called for a regular exchange of informed Jewish lecturers.

Speaking of anti-Semitism in his country, he said that while he had no wish to deny its existence, he believed that the Argentine people were democratic. He asserted that the Jews of Argentina had never participated in public life to any great extent, therefore they were not alarmed by the recent dismissals of Jewish public officials, teachers and doctors.

URUGUAYAN MINISTER RECEIVES DELEGATION OF WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Eduardo R. Larreta, Uruguayan Foreign Minister, today received a delegation of the local branch of the Women's International Zionist Organization. The delegation gave the Minister a report on the group's activities in the country and asked permission to name a home for children in Palestine in honor of Uruguay. Larreta approved the naming of the institution.

WORLD AGUDAS ISRAEL TO ELECT 100 MEMBERS OF CENTRAL COUNCIL; LAST ELECTION HELD IN 1937

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Delegates from 26 countries are attending a World Agudas Israel meeting here to elect 100 members of its central council. Since the last election of the council in 1937, two-thirds of its members have died or been killed by the Nazis. Seventeen members of the council will be chosen from the United States, a like number from Palestine, and nine from Britain.

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT AGREES TO ISSUE VISAS TO STUDENTS ATTENDING HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Palestine Government has yielded to the appeal of the Hebrew University to admit to Palestine students from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and South Africa for the period of their studies, it was announced today by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The extension of this arrangement to other countries is also being considered by the Palestine Government, the announcement said. Under the new arrangement, no distinction will be made between veterans and non-veterans.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS ADMISSION OF 125,000 DPs TO U.S.

BOSTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A resolution asking the U.S. government to allot 125,000 unused visas to displaced persons from Europe desiring to enter this country as immigrants and urging a general improvement in State Department visa services was adopted here at the annual convention of the New England Division of the American Jewish Congress.

Another resolution pledged support to the Jewish community of Palestine in any non-cooperation program which it undertakes against the government because the British troops now in the country constitute an occupying power "ruling Palestine as a police state in diametric variance from her rights and in categorical violation of her legal obligations."

OPENING OF NEW HEBREW SCHOOLS IN CANADA HAMPERED BY SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

TORONTO, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Hebrew schools in Canada are facing a shortage of teachers which is hampering the opening of additional Jewish schools in the Dominion, it was reported at the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Hebrew Schools.

Two seminaries have recently been organized in Montreal to train teachers and help to meet the shortage in the Hebrew as well as the Yiddish schools.

FRIEDLANDER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Election of Israel Friedlander, an outstanding figure in Jewish communal life, as the first president of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston, was announced today following a meeting of the new board of trustees.

The Combined Jewish Appeal recently attained nation-wide acclaim for the overwhelming success of its 1946 fund-raising effort. The 1946 campaign for \$5,425,000 was over-subscribed by more than \$1,300,000.