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ZIONIST CONGRESS TURNING TOWARDS WEIZMANN'S VIEWS; SUPPORTERS NEGOTIATING HIS RE-ELECTION

BASLE, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- After several days of see-sawing back and forth, opinion at the World Zionist Congress seems to be crystalizing in favor of Dr. Weizmann's demand for participation in the London conference, although the forces led by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver are still powerful.

A marked trend towards Dr. Weizmann developed following his impressive address last night and his supporters have not been slow to take advantage of it. Early today they began negotiating with various factions in an attempt to line up sufficient support to guarantee his election as head of the World Zionist Organization, and selection of an executive which will follow his line.

While Dr. Weizmann is believed to favor a small executive of about nine members, one of the combinations now being discussed is the creation of a three-branch executive with a section in Jerusalem, London and Washington. Such a combination would enable the establishment of a broad coalition executive, which might even include such opposition labor groups as the Hashomer Hatzair and the Achuth Avodah.

The Hashomer Hatzair delegates today announced at a press conference that they will support Dr. Weizmann for re-election to presidency, despite the fact that they are opposed to partition. By voting for Dr. Weizmann, the Hashomer Hatzair is trying to commit the executive to other proposals besides partition, a spokesman for the group explained. The other proposals are expected to include: the implementation of the mandate, the carrying out of the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry committee, and possibly the establishment of Palestine as a bi-national state.

The head of the Hashomer Hatzair delegation, Mordechai Bentov, told the press conference that he was confident that the leaders of the Jewish Agency would be forced to reject partition at the London conference, because Foreign Secretary Bevin would offer only an inadequate partition plan, which would be little better than the "federalization plan." He emphasized that the Hashomer Hatzair would vote for Dr. Weizmann not as an individual, but as an exponent of a particular program. He pointed out that in his speech last night Dr. Weizmann did not commit himself to partition and stressed the importance of cooperation with the Arabs.

Silver Named Chairman of Political Committee; Laborite is Vice-Chairman

While negotiations on the composition of the new executive are going on behind the scenes, a political committee was formed today to prepare resolutions outlining the Congress stand on the major political issues before it. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was named chairman of the committee and Goldie Meiron, a leader of the Palestine Labor Party, was named vice-chairman. A standing committee, which is a committee on committees, was also appointed, with Zalman Rubashev, Laborite, as chairman and Daniel Frisch, ZOA leader, as vice-chairman.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Leon Gellman and Dr. Ignacy Schwarzbart were among the speakers during the conclusion of the general debate yes-

terday. Dr. Goldstein and Dr. Schwarzbart urged the Congress to reject attendance at the London conference while Dr. Goldstein denied that the United States would step out of the Palestine picture if the Zionists refused to attend the London talks. He suggested the establishment of a strong representation of the Zionist executive in America, since, he said, Zionist leaders in Jerusalem and London "may not be free to speak and to work."

#### Judge Rothenberg Wants Congress to Protest Palestine Land Restrictions

Judge Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund in America, warned the delegates that the land restrictions in Palestine were as dangerous as immigration restrictions, since "immigration into Palestine is meaningless without access to land. The fact should never be lost sight of that land is basic to our political aspirations in Palestine," he added. He pointed out that the land owned by Jews in Palestine constitutes only 6.5 percent of the 27,000,000 dunams in the country and urged the Congress to voice a "loud and bitter protest" against the land laws.

Mr. Gellman, American Mizrahi president, attacked what he termed the "vicious" anti-religious practices of the communal settlements in Palestine. Devorah Rabinowitch of the American Mizrahi Women, said that most of the Zionist movement's political activity should now be concentrated in the United States. She advocated "only organized, disciplined resistance to the British policy."

Dr. Schwarzbart, a member of the General Zionist delegation from the United States, voiced the first open criticism of the Soviet Union at the Congress. He said that the Russians not only do not favor Zionism, but charge it with being an appendage of British imperialism. He also attacked the American Communist Party for a recent statement of policy in which it opposed establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine, and said that further Jewish immigration should be under the authority of an Arab-Jewish state.

#### Delegate From Poland Warns Palestine Must Not Become British Base

Adolph Berman, head of the Poale-Zionist delegation from Poland, said the working people of the world will not permit Palestine to become a British military base "for a third world war." Calling for Arab-Jewish solidarity, he asserted that the Arab rulers and not the Arab people are the enemies of Zionism. He concluded with an appeal for the establishment of a Jewish Socialist state in Palestine.

Eliha Loulu, a Sephardic member of the Palestine Labor Party delegation, discussed the problem of anti-Semitism in the countries of the Middle East. He said that anti-Jewish propaganda and sentiments had infiltrated into this region from Europe, and urged support for the Jews of the Middle East.

The growing support for Zionism among Latin-American Jews was described by M.M. Weinstein of Uruguay, who pointed out that Jews living in areas where Britain has interests can press for justice for the Jews of Palestine. Discussing a remark by a Revisionist spokesman, that the Zionists should welcome the return of the Revisionists, Weinstein said that he was ready to welcome them, provided they were ready to submit all the activities to Zionist discipline.

Another South American delegate, Isaac Regalski, editor of the Yiddish Zeitung in Buenos Aires, attacked the Revisionists' demand for establishment of a provisional Jewish government as a "political absurdity." He supported participation in the London talks, stating that nothing was to be lost by attending, although it was unlikely that the conference would succeed.

ARABS WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS AT ZIONIST CONGRESS; SEND OBSERVER TO BASLE

BASLE, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Arab League is watching developments at the World Zionist Congress closely, it was revealed here today when Abbas Hilmi, head of the League's propaganda department, arrived in Basle to act as an official observer. Hilmi was closely associated during the war with the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and Rashid Ali el Gailani, former pro-Nazi Iraq premier.

A world conference of Jewish journalists opened here today for the purpose of establishing a world union of Jewish newspapermen writing in various languages. Zalman Rubashov, editor of *Devar*, the largest daily newspaper in Palestine, was elected chairman of the conference. Following a tribute to the Jewish writers who died during the war, Azriel Carlebach, another Palestinian editor, reported on the aims of the proposed union, including the establishment of a course in journalism at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the publication of a memorial book for Jewish journalists.

An appeal to the Congress to take action for the immediate transfer to Palestine of the remains of Dr. Theodor Herzl was being circulated among the delegates today. Dr. Herzl is buried in a Vienna cemetery.

Granovsky Reports J.N.F. Achievements to Congress

Dr. Abraham Granovsky, director of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, warned a plenary session of the Congress tonight that if the Zionist movement should neglect to "reinforce the land front" in its struggle for a Jewish homeland, it might lead to defeat of the movement's political efforts.

Reviewing the JNF's achievements in the past seven years, he said that it had been forced "to struggle against a regime which stifled our hopes of expansion." The future of the Jewish homeland, he continued, rests on repeal of the restrictive land laws.

Despite the difficulties it encountered, however, the JNF increased its land holdings by 400,000 dunams since 1939 and has invested \$52,000,000, Dr. Granovsky reported. The constant and rapid increase of funds raised throughout the world for land purchase in Palestine is the best indication of the growth of Zionism among large numbers of Jews, he said.

Discussing the future tasks of the JNF, the managing director declared that while the political future of Zionism was still obscure, "one thing we know is that even if obstacles increase, we will continue along our way." He disclosed that the purchase of important tracts of land in various parts of the country will be completed within the near future "to create the possibility of new settlement work along state lines.

"We will carry out our plans under all conditions and on a scale never before experienced, to make the vision of redemption a reality in our days," he pledged. To do that, however, \$36,000,000 will be required for fulfillment of the first stage of the plan, he said. Calling for "a policy marked by daring initiative," Dr. Granovsky appealed to the entire Zionist movement to rally to give the JNF the means of expanding its activities.

An exhibition of the progress of Jewish trade and industry in Palestine during the last 22 years has been opened here opposite the building housing the Congress. Organized by the trade and industries department of the Jewish Agency, the exhibit features products ranging from fruit to mechanical and scientific manufactures.

NAZI GOVERNOR OF WARSAW AND "LIQUIDATOR" OF GHETTO GO ON TRIAL IN POLISH CAPITAL

WARSAW, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Nazi governor of Warsaw, Ludwig Fischer, and Joseph Meissinger, the Gestapo officer who directed the liquidation of the Warsaw Ghetto went on trial here today before the Supreme National Tribunal. Meissinger was captured in Japan by the U.S. Army which turned him over to the Polish Government. Max Daume, a police colonel, and Ludwig Leisz, an SS captain, are also being tried at the same time.

A government announcement reveals that about 380 Nazi war criminals are being held in jails in Warsaw and other cities awaiting trial. Recently another 30 were brought to Stettin from Germany, including Erich Beschke, the director of the German police in Warsaw between 1941 and 1943; Franz Seifert, a high SS officer who personally murdered hundreds of Jews in Lodz and Fridrich Kuchenbecker, who had a roving assignment during which he arranged for the mass-murder of tens of thousands of Jews in various parts of Poland.

Four Nazis who were being brought to Poland from the U.S. zone in Germany escaped last week from the train in which they were travelling near the Czech border. From documents they abandoned it was learned that while held prisoner in the U.S. zone, they had been in contact with German civilians.

U.S. MILITARY COURT TOLD NAZI DOCTORS STERILIZED 1,000 JEWISH WOMEN DAILY

NUREMBERG, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A French Jewish doctor, Robert Levy, who was compelled by the Nazis to work in the hospital wards at the Oswiecim death camp today told the U.S. military tribunal trying 23 Nazi doctors of the effects on thousands of Jews of experiments carried out there.

Another witness declared that the Nazis sterilized as many as 1,000 Jewish women a day during 1943. Sterilization resulted from injections of an irritating solution during routine gynecological examinations without the victims being aware of it.

Dr. Levy was in charge of a Jewish ward where the major portion of the cases were men and women who had been sterilized and badly burned by X-rays. Most of the burn cases developed into cancer, Levy said, adding that all the sterilized patients eventually became physical wrecks. He said that German doctors made periodic checks of his ward, sending thin and weak patients to the gas chamber.

The prosecution also introduced evidence proving that sterilization experiments were part of a premeditated plan to wipe out the Jewish people. Other witnesses testified that Jewish prisoners were used in fatal experiments including high altitude tests, malaria research and the effects of drinking sea water.

GEN. McNARNEY AND STAFF ATTEND CHANUKAH PARTY FOR DISPLACED JEWISH CHILDREN

MUNICH, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, American commander in Germany, and members of his staff attended a Chanukah party for displaced Jewish children in Lichtenfels this afternoon, as more than 20,000 Jewish children celebrated the festival throughout camps and cities in the American zone.

At the Lichtenfels party, which was organized by the soldiers of the U.S. First Division, McNarney made a short informal speech. The party was attended by 500 children from the Lichtenfels child center and the nearby Lampertheim camp. Tonight, 400 children from the Struth center and neighboring communities were the guests at a party where gifts collected by civilian personnel at the Nuremberg war crimes were distributed.

20,000 VISALESS JEWS ATTEMPTED TO ENTER PALESTINE IN 1946, JEWISH AGENCY SURVEY REVEALS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- About twenty thousand visaless immigrants attempted to enter Palestine during 1946, but only half of them succeeded, it was reported here today.

The report said that seven small immigrant vessels were intercepted and their passengers deported to Cyprus, while three persons were killed and scores injured during the attempts to enter Palestine, in addition to the eight persons missing from the ship wrecked off Sirini island. One woman, Bracha Fuld, was killed and several others injured in Tel Aviv during Haganah attempts to land one boatload of refugees.

Only two ships succeeded in penetrating the British land-sea-air blockade during the year. The report also pointed out that the major share of the certificates allotted to Jews were assigned to visaless immigrants who were kept in the Athlit camp until they were released under a monthly quota or to Cyprus deportees.

TWO NEW TOWNS WILL BE BUILT IN PALESTINE; FILM INDUSTRY TO BE DEVELOPED IN NATHANYA

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Two new towns will shortly be built near Nathanya, it was announced at a meeting of Jewish municipality heads here. The towns, one of which will be established by British Zionists, will extend over thousands of acres of J.N.F. land and will eventually be joined with Nathanya to form a vast Jewish center along the shore of the Sharon district.

It was also announced that preparations have been completed for the erection of a huge paper factory at Nathanya, which will be directed by experts from Italy. A large film industry which will employ thousands is also to be developed there. Capital for both enterprises has already been raised.

According to a report from Hungary, the property bequeathed to the city of Tel Aviv by the late J.J. Elek, a prominent Budapest Jewish industrialist, will total nearly \$4,000,000.

JEWISH AGENCY ARBITRATION OF DISPUTE BETWEEN REVISIONISTS AND HISTADRUTH HTTS SNAG

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The committee appointed by the Jewish Agency to arbitrate the dispute between the Histadruth and the Revisionist National Workers Union has struck a snag, it was learned today.

The dispute, which resulted in a pitched battle between the rival groups last Friday, in which 80 were injured and more than \$10,000 worth of damage done, arose when the owners of two knitting mills at Petach Tikvah signed a contract with the National Workers Union providing that at least 60 percent of the employees must be Revisionists.

The Histadruth is now insisting that the issue is between it and the Industrialists Association alone and that the National Workers organization is not a party to the dispute or the arbitration proceedings. On the other hand, the Revisionists declare that unless they are permitted to participate in the special committee's hearings, they will not abide by its award.

Meanwhile, the Industrialists Association has issued a statement declaring that several plants have been set up in Petach Tikvah and that it has signed agreements with the Revisionists union based on local labor conditions. The Hashomer Hatzair newspaper Mishmar, however, charges that the contracts between the Revisionists and the owners were an "unholy alliance" between the Revisionists and the Industrialists Association aimed at weakening the Histadruth.

DETENTION OF DEPORTED VISALESS JEWS ON CYPRUS COSTS BRITAIN \$7,600,000, MINISTER SAYS

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The erection of internment camps on Cyprus and maintaining visaless Jewish immigrants in them has cost the British Government \$7,600,000 up to the present time, Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech-Jones announced today. He estimated that the cost of the camps alone, which will be charged to the Palestine Government, amounts to more than \$4,600,000.

A Colonial Office spokesman revealed yesterday that the Palestine Government will in the future divide the 1,500 monthly quota of immigration certificates between the Cyprus Jews and displaced Jews now residing in the British zone. No part of the quota has been assigned to Jews in the American zones of Germany and Austria, except for a few who may have relatives living in Palestine.

The new policy will remain in effect until further arrangements are made after the resumption of the London conference on Palestine, the spokesman said. He added that the policy had been decided upon in November.

TWO ERITREAN DEPORTEES WOUNDED BY GUARD AS THEY LEAVE PLANE RETURNING THEM TO PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Two Jewish terrorists being returned from Eritrea for internment at the Latrun Camp were wounded today when a military guard accidentally discharged his automatic rifle into the group of twelve as they were descending from the plane which brought them here.

A British military court today sentenced Aaron Cohen, 17, to one month imprisonment and 12 lashes for possession of Irgun Zvai Leumi pamphlet bombs.

A Jewish Agency spokesman today denied reports that the Agency executive has negotiated with the extremist groups to halt terrorist activities. At the same time, he said that the Agency was not cooperating with the authorities to curb terrorism.

BRITISH NEWSPAPER SAYS IT WILL REFUSE TO PUBLISH FURTHER FALSE BOMB REPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Daily Express publishes an editorial today stating that it will not carry any further reports of false telephone alarms that government buildings are to be bombed, because it does not wish "to encourage Jew-baiters, who are seeking to besmirch Jewry and cause public resentment by spreading rumors about the so called activities of the Stern Group."

It adds that it also does not wish to encourage "misguided Zionists seeking further political ends in Palestine by threats of violence." "There is no place in this paper for rumors spread for the purpose of causing public mischief," the editorial concludes.

SIX BRITISH SOLDIERS ARRESTED IN PALESTINE AFTER ATTEMPT TO SELL ARMS TO ARABS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Six soldiers have been placed under arrest after an alleged attempt to sell arms to Arabs, it was announced last night by military authorities.

Lebanese papers reaching here report that the government of Lebanon is aiding Palestine Arabs to transfer the headquarters of their semi-military youth organization to Beirut or Damascus. The transfer is expected to be completed next month.