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RE-ELECTION OF WEIZMANN UNTIL AFTER LONDON PARLEY URGED AT ZIONIST CONGRESS

BASLE, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A proposal that Dr. Chaim Weizmann and the entire world Zionist executive be re-elected for a period of three or more months until the London Conference on Palestine is over and its results are known, was advanced at the World Zionist Congress here today by the leadership of the Mapai, the Palestine Labor Party, in an effort to bring about a compromise on the question of whether Dr. Weizmann should be re-elected to active leadership.

The proposal provides that after the conclusion of the London parley, the Zionist Actions Committee, which is the supreme Zionist body next to the Zionist Congress, should decide whether Weizmann and his colleagues are to remain in office, or whether another president and executive should be elected.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learns from circles close to Dr. Weizmann that he would be ready to accept this compromise, in the belief that he could succeed at the London talks in achieving the establishment of a Jewish state even in a partitioned Palestine, resulting in the Actions Committee re-electing him president, which in turn would open the possibility of his becoming the first president of the Jewish state.

If, on the other hand, the London talks are a failure, Dr. Weizmann will then be in a position to tell the British Government publicly that it has turned him down after he had persuaded a reluctant Zionist congress to authorize his participation in the parley. He could then resign, and the effect of his resignation would be much greater and more effective than were he now to leave the executive of the Jewish Agency.

Dr. Weizmann's supporters are fully in favor of the Mapai proposal. In private conversations they emphasize that this is "the last appeal" to the Congress to accept a compromise and re-elect the aged leader of the world Zionist movement.

Crisis Over Leadership Overshadows All Political Issues

The crisis over the future leadership of the World Zionist Organization has taken precedence over all other political issues which the Congress has been discussing. Despite the Mapai's compromise plan, there is a group within the World Zionist-Laborite movement which is urging the election of Dr. Weizmann to the honorary presidency, leaving the presidency vacant.

Unlike the American General Zionists, who went on record as favoring the election of Dr. Weizmann to the honorary office as a move in their opposition to participation in the London parley, the Zionist Laborite group largely supports participation. Most of them believe that Dr. Weizmann would be a good man to head the Jewish delegation at the London conference. However, they are not - at least a large number of them - sanguine as to the outcome of the London talks.

They believe that the failure of the London conference to bring forth a proposal on Palestine favorable to Jewish aspirations will make necessary a strengthened

and determined program of resistance to the present British policy in Palestine by such means as the intensification of "uncertificated" immigration and other measures. Such a policy, they point out, would also mean the end of the traditional Zionist orientation towards Britain, a step which Dr. Weizmann personally would not approve and therefore, he would have to step down from a position of leadership.

"Dr. Weizmann still has a valuable contribution to make to the Zionist movement," one of the labor leaders told the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "and we feel that he can best make it in the position of honorary president of the movement. But if the London conference fails to bring forth an acceptable solution of the Palestine question, then we feel that he could not serve as a leader of the movement and director of a program that would have to follow."

Without the support of the laborites Dr. Weizmann cannot be re-elected president. One of the strongest arguments his adherents are using in fighting new proposals is that such proposals can only result in a deadlock. Meanwhile, inter-party conferences are proceeding incessantly and leaders bitterly opposed to each other politically are to be seen in "consultation" at all hours. (See later developments on page 4.)

Neumann Explains Why He Shouted "Demagogue" at Dr. Weizmann

Emanuel Neumann today told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent that he had shouted "this is demagogy" during Dr. Weizmann's speech closing the political debate Monday night because Dr. Weizmann had misrepresented the position of the American Zionists on the question of resistance.

Neumann pointed out that in his own speech earlier that evening he had defined the Z.O.A. position stating that if a struggle had to be waged "it will have to proceed in Palestine, Europe, the Mediterranean area, America and elsewhere taking different forms in accordance to the circumstances, time and place, but inspired by the same spirit of resolute resistance to injustice, illegality and brutal suppression of our rights."

He stressed that the American Zionists had not presumed to dictate, not even to suggest, to the Palestine Jewish community the forms its resistance should take or at what point to implement it. He insisted that all sections of the Yishuv had to maintain a common discipline and that the American Zionists rejected a policy "leading to submission" as strongly as it rejected the "philosophy of Masada."

LARGE-SCALE ECONOMIC PROGRAM TO ABSORB 200,000 IMMIGRANTS OUTLINED TO CONGRESS

BASLE, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A large-scale economic program to make possible the absorption within a short time of 200,000 immigrants was outlined to the World Zionist Congress today by Emil Smorak, head of the economic department of the Jewish Agency. It calls for the following measures:

1. Priority must be given to expenditures for projects which will provide more employment.
2. Allocation of substantial sums for the expansion of agriculture and of urban and rural colonization, with emphasis on close cooperation between public and private funds.
3. Two-thirds of available public funds from regular sources should be divided equally between agricultural projects, and urban economy, with the balance being used

for miscellaneous enterprises. At least half of any additional funds, which might be derived from reparations or loans, should be assigned to urban colonization.

4. One central bureau should be created to supervise the various Jewish Agency economic activities to prevent over-lapping of functions.

Presentation of this program today came on the heels of a two-hour report to the Congress finance commission last night, by Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Agency, who submitted a budget of \$60,000,000 for next year and urged the adoption of a central budgeting system for Jewish national institutions. He called for an overall budget based on the need of all institutions, prepared with their aid and consultation, but administered by a central agency rather than by local bodies in various countries.

Kaplan Warns Palestine Economy Will Have to Compete for World Market

Reviewing the economic situation in Palestine, he said realities have proven that fears that the transition from a war economy to peace-time production would bring a crisis in Palestine were baseless. But, he warned, sooner or later Palestine economy must face the problem of competing with other national economies in the world market. He asserted that both labor and capital would have to make further efforts to meet such competition.

He reported on the campaign to increase production by expansion of Palestinian industries disclosing that the Agency has allocated large sums of money to purchasing machinery and raw materials in America for use by Palestinian industry. He said that the Agency is now studying the problem of long-term credits within the country and may have to convert and consolidate some of its loan facilities. About 150 agricultural settlements and many industries were still dependent upon Agency financial assistance, he disclosed.

Stressing that the Zionist movement has undertaken a gigantic burden in extending colonization of the Negev, Kaplan stated that the cost of one cubic yard of water in the desert is approximately six dollars. He reported the establishment of a \$6,000,000 fund for the reintegration of veterans into the economy, 60 percent of which the Jewish Agency is supplying, and the creation of a \$10,000,000 holding company to finance the construction of housing throughout Palestine. He said that he had informed the Anglo-American inquiry committee that the transfer of 100,000 displaced Jews from Europe would cost the Agency \$120,000,000.

Kaplan concluded his report with a description of negotiations for a loan with financial institutions in London and New York which had fallen through because of the uncertain political situation. He said, however, that the negotiations might resume when political circumstances change.

Hyman Hollander, an American Zionist, was named temporary chairman of the finance commission which today turned its attention to a detailed study of Kaplan's report and recommendations. Hollander's election is considered significant in that it highlights the importance of the American role in the financial structure of the Zionist movement during coming years.

Leib Jaffe, a director of the Keren Hayesod, urged the Congress to take steps to ensure that the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund shall be given priority over all other appeals for funds for Zionist activities. He reviewed the activities of the organization since the last Congress, pointing out that the U.S. has become the greatest source of funds, and that Jews in South American countries are now contributing more than \$1,200,000 yearly.

WEIZMANN REFUSES PRESIDENCY UNLESS CONGRESS AGREES TO PARTITION AND LONDON PARLEY

BASLE, Dec. 18. (JTA)-- Dr. Chaim Weizmann tonight appeared before the Political Committee of the Zionist Congress and said that he will not accept the honorary presidency of the Jewish Agency executive. At the same time he emphasized that he is ready to accept the active presidency only under certain conditions.

The two major conditions laid down by Dr. Weizmann for his acceptance of the nomination for president of the World Zionist Organization and of the Jewish Agency are: unconditional participation in the London Conference on Palestine, and Congress agreement to the partitioning of Palestine.

Dr. Weizmann's testimony before the Political Committee was short and decisive. The members of the committee listened to him with great interest. The content of his testimony soon became known at a meeting of the delegates of the Palestine Labor Party and immediately split the meeting into two almost equal sections--one favoring Dr. Weizmann's position, the other opposing it.

Leaders of the Palestine Laborites fear a split within their group if Dr. Weizmann does not modify his stand. Even those who during the day favored giving Dr. Weizmann further opportunity to come to terms with the British Government by electing him president for another three months until after the London Conference on Palestine, began to question whether such a compromise would be wise in the light of Dr. Weizmann's conditions.

Ben Gurion Reports to Political Committee on Talks with U.S. Govt.

The meeting of the political committee continued until midnight with David Ben Gurion reporting for more than two hours on the political outlook facing the Zionist movement. He dwelt at great length on the negotiations between leaders of the Jewish Agency executive and the governments of Britain and the United States. The committee, of which Dr. Abba Hillel Silver is chairman, is not expected to conclude its work before next Monday when it will bring its recommendations to the plenary session of the Congress.

Criticism of alleged control of Jewish DP camp committees in Europe by Laborites was voiced tonight at a meeting of the General Zionists. Demands were made that "control" be widened to permit the DP's to obtain a Zionist orientation free from any form of pressure.

The world conference of the Brith Ivrit Olamith, Hebrew cultural organization, opened today with Dr. Gruenbaum, Professor Selig Brodetsky and Sir Leon Simon, chairman of the executive board of the Hebrew University, speaking. It was announced that the organization's next meeting will be held in Palestine.

Speaking at the world conference of Jewish journalists, B. Mark, editor of "Unzer Leben" and head of the Polish delegation at the conference, declared that the Yiddish press in the Soviet Union educates the Jewish people to support the government and advocates the rebuilding and upbuilding of Jewish centers throughout the world. He said the Yiddish newspapers also stressed the role of Jewish heroism in the world's history and correlates it to the Red Army's heroism and devotion to its country.

A delegation of the Palestine Maritime League met today on a steamer on the Swiss Rhine. The ship was flying the League's colors. It was announced that a new Palestine shipping company "Zim" had just been formed with the acquisition of its first vessel, the 3,000-ton "Kedmah." This was hailed as the first step toward the formation of a national Jewish merchant marine fleet.

JERUSALEM POLICE KILL JEW; FIRE INTO CROWD COLLECTING AFTER PAMPHLET BOMB EXPLODES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Pinchas Houminer, a 48-year-old Jewish butcher, was killed today when police fired several shots into a crowd which had collected following the explosion of an Irgun Zvai Leumi pamphlet bomb on Chancellor Road, in this city.

The police version of the incident, published in an official communique tonight, had an entirely different explanation for the shooting. It stated: "At approximately 7 p.m. a military patrol stopped a taxi near the Italian Hospice. A passenger escaped, but it is believed that he was hit by gunfire. The taxi driver was arrested. Soon after, the body of a dead Jew was brought to Hadassah Hospital."

PALESTINE CHIEF JUSTICE RECOMMENDS DIVISION OF JERUSALEM INTO JEWISH, ARAB BOROUGHES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The administrative division of Jerusalem into two boroughs, one Jewish and one Arab, with separate municipal councils and mayors under the overall control of a four-man administrative council, is recommended in a report by Sir William Fitzgerald, Palestine chief justice, which was released here today.

The report, which is the result of an investigation begun over a year ago when the Jerusalem municipal council failed to agree on whether to elect an Arab or a Jew mayor of the city, recommends that the administrative council shall be composed of one representative of each borough and two other persons, neither Arabs nor Jews, appointed by the High Commissioner.

In addition the High Commissioner would choose the council's president and would be given the right to veto the election of the mayor of either borough. The members of the borough council would be elected by the population of the respective units. Under Fitzgerald's plan the administration of the Holy Places and most of the Old City would be under the direct control of the council.

In an official foreword to the report, the Palestine Government emphasizes that it has not committed itself to acceptance of Fitzgerald's recommendations. It adds that as soon as circumstances permit, the government will implement a report of a Royal Commission in 1936 which recommended that an expert be assigned to study the structure of local government in Palestine with a view toward completely overhauling it.

BRITISH FORCES IN PALESTINE LOST 51 MEN DURING FOURTEEN-MONTH PERIOD, COMMONS HEARS

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- British forces in Palestine lost 51 men in Palestine in the fourteen months between Aug. 1, 1945 and Oct. 31, 1946, Defense Minister-Designate A.V. Alexander told the House of Commons today. In roughly the same period, the Navy lost no personnel and the RAF suffered five wounded, but none killed, he added.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY ASKS JEWISH AGENCY TO GRANT IT \$400,000

BASLE, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A request that the Jewish Agency grant \$400,000 to the Hebrew University was made today at a luncheon here arranged by representatives of the university for the heads of the various parties represented at the Congress. Among the speakers were Dr. Weizmann, the rector of the University of Basle, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, and others.

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN JEWISH POSITION DEMANDED IN RUMANIAN PARLIAMENT

BUCHAREST, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A demand for further legislative measures to improve the position of the Jews in Rumania was demanded today in the Parliament by Anghel Dascalu of the Hashomer Hatzair, speaking for the Jewish Democratic Committee.

Participating in the debate which followed the speech from the throne, Dascalu, who is one of the two members representing Jews as such, welcomed the government's abolition of racial legislation and the establishment of equal rights for all persons, but said that the following additional measures were necessary:

A new citizenship law abrogating all disabilities imposed upon Jews by pre-war legislation. A pension grant to widows and orphans of persons who died as a result of pogroms or deportations. Surrender of property of heirless Jews to the Jewish community. Tightening up of existing laws covering restitution of property. Grants-in-aid to Jewish schools on the same basis as that given institutions of other ethnic groups.

Dascalu also discussed the Palestine issue, expressing confidence that the Rumanian Government and people will support the building of a Jewish national home in that country.

CZECHOSLOVAK GOVT. WILL ALLOW 10,000 POLISH JEWS TO REMAIN UNTIL JULY OF NEXT YEAR

PRAGUE, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Government will allow 10,000 Jewish refugees from Poland to remain here at least until July, 1947, Premier Klement Gottwald today told Bertrand Jacobson of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Jacobson told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that negotiations are now proceeding to secure labor permits for the refugees and permission for them to reside outside of camps.

HUNGARIAN JEWS MARK CHANUKAH AT SPECIAL SERVICES; REDEDICATE SYNAGOGUE WRECKED BY NAZIS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Jewish communities throughout Hungary celebrated Chanukah this year, with rabbis being sent from Budapest to communities where none reside.

Highlight of the first day's observance was the rededication in Budapest of the Heroes Temple here which was desecrated by the Nazis. Special ceremonies were also held in schools.

PALESTINE JEWS EMULATING MACCABEANS, HAGANAH SAYS IN CHANUKAH BROADCAST

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- In a special Chanukah broadcast which broke a silence of several days, the Haganah radio "Voice of Israel," today said:

"The Jews of today are continuing their ancient national tradition of struggle against an oppressive policy which threatens the very existence of our people."

BRITAIN ANNOUNCES IT IS UNWILLING TO FURNISH HALF OF REFUGEE COMMITTEE'S BUDGET

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The British Government today told the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, which is now in session here, that it no longer was willing to provide half of the group's budget. Up to now, the United States and Britain have furnished all of the committee's funds. The projected budget for the first six months of 1947 is \$14,400,000. Britain wants some of the other thirty-odd members of the committee to contribute towards its operations.

REPRESENTATIVES OF JEWISH COMMUNITY ASKED TO TESTIFY AT TRIAL OF NAZI RULERS OF WARSAW

WARSAW, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Jewish community have been invited to testify at the trial of the Nazi rulers of Warsaw, which opened here yesterday.

Dr. Adolph Berman and Mark Bitter, leaders of the Central Committee of Polish Jews, who were in Poland during the German occupation, will testify concerning the annihilation of 1,600,000 Jews under the direction of the four defendants: Ludwig Fischer, former governor of Warsaw; Ludwig Leist, Fischer's assistant and the town commandant; Joseph Meisinger, chief of the Warsaw Gestapo and Max Daume, head of the German police force.

During the reading of the indictment yesterday, Chief Prosecutor Siewierski said that the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto were subjected to indescribable horrors prior to their execution. He pointed out that Fischer and his assistants profited personally to the extent of millions of marks as a result of the confiscation of Jewish property.

Attending the trial as an observer is Maj. Gen. Telford Taylor, chief U.S. prosecutor at Nuremberg.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL TOLD HOW NAZIS KILLED 121 JEWS TO COMPLETE COLLECTION OF SKELETONS

NUREMBERG, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The murder by Nazi technicians of 121 Jews, including 30 women, in order to complete the collection of skeletons at the Strasbourg Anatomical Institute, then under German administration, was described today at the trial of 23 German doctors before a U.S. war crimes tribunal.

Henri Henry-Pierre, a French chemist who was employed at the Institute, testified that when the bodies arrived they were still warm and bore signs of having died violently. All the corpses were of persons of good physique. The corpses remained in preserving tanks for one year until with the advent of the Allied invasion, the directors of the Institute sought to destroy them, but were thwarted by Henry-Pierre who disposed of only a few bodies.

The prosecution introduced evidence that Rudolph Brandt, who was Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler's assistant at one time, and Wolfram Sievers, a former S.S. colonel and director of the Institute, collaborated with other Nazis in obtaining the skeletons of the "Jewish Bolshevik commissars," as the victims were described.

WOMAN CAMP GUARD CHARGED WITH ADMINISTERING LETHAL INJECTIONS TO CZECH JEWS

HAMBURG, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Carmen Mory, 40, one of the chief guards at the notorious Ravensbrueck concentration camp for women was accused today of administering lethal injections to Jewish women from Czechoslovakia.

The trial of Mory and 15 other guards charged with crimes against Allied women was interrupted when she shouted "Lies, lies," at the witness who testified to her murder of the Czech women. Other witnesses reported that experiments in sterilization and other barbarous medical experiments were carried on at the camp.

BACKER HONORED ON EVE OF DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE ON ORT MISSION; LAGUARDIA HAILS ORT WORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A farewell dinner for George Backer, president of the American ORT Federation and the World ORT Union, was given here last night on the eve of his departure for Europe where he will direct the expansion of ORT's network of schools, workshops and training farms.

In a message sent to the dinner, Fiorello LaGuardia, retiring Director-General of UNRRA, praised the achievements of ORT, stating that: "The UNRRA has at all times welcomed the efforts of the voluntary agencies working for the improvement of the unhappy situation of the displaced persons in the administration's care. Among such programs, that developed by ORT stands high as a practical and comprehensive effort to rehabilitate persons who through no fault of their own have lost their ability to maintain themselves in their former homes and occupations."

Mr. Backer said ORT's major task today is to increase its activities in the displaced persons camps in Germany where some 3,500 are now being trained in a variety of skills in 24 camps under UNRRA authorization. "The value of ORT work for the despairing displaced persons," Mr. Backer said "is that it prepares them for a productive life of self-support wherever they land eventually."

CLEVELAND SYNAGOGUE TO HOLD THREE-DAY CELEBRATION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary celebration of the Euclid Avenue Temple, Cleveland's oldest Jewish institution, will begin Friday with the rededication of the synagogue by twelve descendants of original members of the congregation.

The three-day celebration will feature the unveiling of a plaque honoring the 826 members of the congregation who served in the armed forces during the war, including 21 who died in service. The congregation which began in 1846 with 20 members has grown to include more than 1,700 families. Rabbi Barnett Brickner is spiritual leader of the congregation.

RABBI WILLIAM F. ROSENBLUM OF NEW YORK ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Rabbi William F. Rosenblum of Temple Israel, in New York, has been elected president of the Synagogue Council of America, representing rabbinic and lay groups of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewry. He succeeds the late Dr. Isaac Landman who died Sept. 3, shortly after his induction to office.

CANADIAN CATTLE BREEDERS EXPORTING LIVESTOCK TO PALESTINE

OTTAWA, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A shipment of livestock from Canada is now en route to Palestine. The shipment includes Holsteins and other pure-bred cattle, purchased in Western Ontario by the Palestine Cattle Breeders Association, whose representative, A. Shmarag, spent some time in the Dominion.

An appeal to the British Labor Government to adhere to the pro-Zionist resolutions adopted at the party's annual conference and return "to the traditional policy of friendship and understanding for the hope and aims of the Jewish people is contained in a series of resolutions adopted at the 23rd annual conference for the Histadrut held here with the participation of delegates representing 63 Zionist, labor, fraternal, cultural and other organizations.