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### ZIONIST CONGRESS FORMULATES POLITICAL POLICY; INSISTS ON JEWISH COMMONWEALTH

BASLE, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The present-day political policy of the Zionist movement was outlined today by the World Zionist Congress in a number of resolutions adopted by the political committee. The major resolutions provide:

1. Palestine should become a Jewish Commonwealth integrated into the structure of the democratic world.
2. No new trusteeship should be established for Palestine--superseding the mandate--which would postpone or prevent Jewish statehood.
3. The gates of Palestine should be opened to Jewish immigration. It is the inalienable right of every Jew needing a home to find his salvation in Palestine.
4. The Jewish Agency should be invested with control over immigration and authority to develop the country.
5. Under no circumstances should the Zionist movement consider the Federalization Plan for Palestine offered by the British Government.
6. Organized Zionism has no connection with the Irgun and Stern groups, the two extreme wings of the resistance movement in Palestine, and will do everything to combat them.
7. The Zionist Congress renounces the "regime of oppression" in Palestine as well as the present "police state," as contrary to all civilized concepts of law and order. It calls upon the mandatory power to restore freedom and human rights to the Jews of Palestine.
8. The Congress criticizes the British Government for failing to implement the recommendations of the Anglo-American inquiry commission, which urged the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews to Palestine. The British Government is accused by the Congress of deliberately postponing action on this recommendation.
9. The Congress expresses solidarity with the Jews who were deported to Cyprus and welcomes a continued flow of Jewish immigration from Europe to Palestine.
10. The Congress instructs the Zionist executive to persevere in its efforts to explore the possibilities for Jewish-Arab understanding, aiming at Arab-Jewish cooperation in Palestine and friendly relations between a Jewish Palestine and neighboring countries.
11. The Congress expresses appreciation to the President of the United States for his consistent advocacy of the admission to Palestine of refugees and to the Con-

gress and people of the United States for their support of Zionism, voicing the hope that the President and the Congress will maintain a sympathetic attitude towards Zionist ideals and assist in their realization.

#### Budget Increased to \$62,000,000; Plan for Negev Approved

The budget committee approved a \$62,000,000 budget for the coming year, which is more than double the \$24,000,000 of the current year.

The agricultural settlements commission approved a far-reaching plan for the development of the Negev within the next two years drafted by the Makaroth Water Supply Co. Implementation of the project will make available 35,000,000 cubic meters of water annually, drawn from nearby streams and underground sources. The committee said that this plan should be carried out immediately without waiting for the development of large-scale schemes such as the Lowermilk plan. It will require the allocation of \$11,000,000 in the next two years. The committee also recommended the establishment of as many new settlements as possible, without neglecting the necessity of strengthening existing colonies.

Other resolutions adopted this afternoon by the Congress included the following:

1. An increase in the subsidy granted the Jewish educational system, looking towards the abolishment of all fees and the creation of a free system of Jewish education throughout Palestine within the next two years.
2. An increase in the appropriation for the Hebrew University, with the understanding that the executive of the Jewish Agency will safeguard national control of the institution. A resolution calling for the establishment of a chair of Yiddish at the university was referred to the Zionist Actions Committee for consideration.
3. A grant to the Habimah and Hapoel theatrical troupes and the Palestine Opera and Palestine Symphony Orchestra.
4. A general grant of \$2,000,000 to meet the religious, cultural, educational and literary requirements of Palestine and "the Diaspora."
5. An increase to the Department of Youth Affairs in the Jewish Agency to intensify work among Zionist youth.

The Congress demanded the passage of a law in Palestine protecting Jewish shipping industry and Jewish seamen. The expansion of the port of Tel Aviv and consolidating the Jewish position at Haifa was also urged.

A labor committee recommendation supporting the executive's efforts to form a labor exchange in Palestine representing both employers and employees was adopted, despite opposition by the Hashomer Hatzair and the Achdut Avoda. The decrease in the number of Jews employed in the government service and in military installations in Palestine was deplored.

#### Revisionist Conference Votes to Dissolve New Zionist Organization

A world conference of the United Zionist-Revisionists held here last night voted to dissolve the New Zionist Organization.

The conference adopted a resolution scoring the theory advanced by certain groups that there is a difference between "Jews" and "Hebrews," declaring that Jewish people are indivisible, and Jews throughout the world are united by a common past, faith and future.

WEIZMANN QUILTS BASLE BEFORE CLOSING OF CONGRESS, LEAVING DOOR OPEN FOR RE-ELECTION

BASLE, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann left Basle tonight, leaving the door open for him to be drafted as president of the World Zionist Organization.

Although he had let it be known early in the evening that he was not a candidate for the presidency, the ailing Zionist leader delivered a brief farewell address to the Congress which was interpreted as indicating his willingness to head the Zionist movement, if drafted.

Explaining that he was forced because of ill health to leave before the Congress concluded--which it is expected to do tomorrow--Weizmann said that many of the remarks attributed to him during the Congress were not made by him. "Perhaps I made remarks which were not intended against anyone," he added. "I want to thank my friends and with this wish a good closing of the Congress. I hope you will forget your troubles and cares and start a new era. I thank you and I'll see you at the next Congress."

Dr. Weizmann was given a standing ovation by the entire audience, except the Revisionists. As he turned to shake hands with Dr. Abba Silver and other members of the Agency and praesidium, the delegates applauded.

In a resolution passed late tonight, the Congress demanded that the Palestine Government turn all immigration certificates over to the Jewish Agency for allocation and that the composition of the Palestine immigration offices in each country be based on the proportion of supporters the various Zionist parties have in the respective countries. However, the immigration bureaus are to work under the general directives laid down by the Agency, with most visas to be given to young immigrants.

An uproar which forced a two-hour recess of the session developed after midnight when Rabbi Bizonski of the Mizrahi asked for a roll call vote on a motion--which had earlier been defeated by the rescue committee--that all Jewish orphans up to the age of 15 who entered Palestine under the auspices of the Youth Aliyah were to be given a religious education. A Mapai spokesman opposed the resolution, stating that one of the basic principles of Zionism was freedom of education. The proposal was defeated 145 to 27, but the Mizrahi delegation demanded a recount. At this point the session was recessed to allow the praesidium to rule on the Mizrahi demand.

(As the Bulletin went to press, the Congress was still in session, with indications that it would not adjourn before dawn.)

CONGRESS COURT FINDS REVISIONISTS GUILTY OF BREACH OF DISCIPLINE; LEADER APOLOGIZES

BASLE, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Congress court which has been hearing charges of breach of discipline against 13 American Revisionists today found them guilty on two counts. The defendants were "reprimanded" for having submitted a memorandum to the United Nations on the Palestine issue and "severely reprimanded" for being signatories to an advertisement in a New York newspaper appealing on behalf of several organizations for funds for the extremist groups in Palestine.

Meir Grossman, leader of the U.S. Revisionists, was asked to make a public statement before the court expressing regret for both actions. He thanked the court for its fairness and repeated that he was not in the United States when the actions for which his organization was reprimanded occurred. He asked the court to compose the statement which it requested from him, and he would accept it. The court agreed to do so.

VATICAN TO SUPERVISE IMMIGRATION TO ARGENTINA; JEWS TO RECEIVE TOKEN NUMBER OF VISAS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The Vatican will have the right to supervise and approve all matters relating to the selection of European immigrants for Argentina, it was learned here today.

Although the Vatican's intervention in immigration matters will be aimed at giving preference to applicants of the Catholic faith, a token number of Jewish refugees will be admitted in order to prevent accusations of anti-Semitism, it is believed. The preference for Catholic immigrants appears to be motivated by the Government's desire to preserve "religious unity" in the country.

FIVE JEWS REPORTED ARRESTED IN ROME IN CONNECTION WITH EMBASSY BOMBING

ROME, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Five Jews have been arrested by the Italian police in connection with the blasting of the British embassy building here Oct. 31, the Italian news agency Ansa reported today.

The news service said police discovered an Irgun Zvai Leumi "sabotage school" and that two of the five arrested men are charged with having placed the bomb at the embassy. It quoted police as declaring that another 20 Palestinian Jews had arrived in Italy to assist in the bombing, adding that authorities have unearthed another "Jewish terrorist" group in Milan.

PRESIDENT-ELECT OF BAVARIA PLEDGES CONTINUANCE OF AID TO RACIAL, RELIGIOUS PERSECUTEES

MUNICH, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- No curtailment of assistance to racial and religious persecutees is contemplated when the new Bavarian government takes office, Hans Ehard, president-elect, today told a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent.

Ehard gave assurances that the Office for Political and Racial Persecutees, headed by Dr. Philip Auerbach, would be continued during his administration. Declaring that he was satisfied with Dr. Auerbach's record in office, he promised to keep him there. He added that activities undertaken by the out-going administration for relief of persecutees, such as welfare grants and restitution laws, would also be carried over.

FOUR JEWISH YOUTHS JAILED FOR DISTURBANCE AT LANDSBERG DP CAMP RELEASED BY GEN. CLAY

BERLIN, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Lucius Clay, American deputy military governor for Germany, has ordered the release of four displaced Jews serving one-year sentences for participating in a disturbance at the Landsberg DP camp last April, it was learned here today.

The four youths have been placed under the supervision of Rabbi Philip Bernstein, advisor on Jewish affairs to U.S. forces in Europe. This leaves only two of the original 19 Jews still in jail, thirteen others having been released during the summer and fall.

FORMER JEWISH OVERSEER IN CONCENTRATION CAMP ACQUITTED OF WAR CRIMES

PRAGUE, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Julie Beck, a former Jewish overseer at the Schlesierrsee concentration camp was today acquitted of charges of collaboration with the Nazis. Many witnesses for both the prosecution and the defense failed to appear at the trial.

PALESTINE ARAB LEADERS MEET WITH EX-MUFTI IN SECRET SESSION; MAP ANTI-JEWISH PLANS

CAIRO, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The members of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee met in a secret eight-hour session here yesterday under the chairmanship of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem.

Although the results of the discussions were not made public, it is known that the group reached decisions on participation in the London conference on Palestine, unification of Palestine Arab youth organizations and the establishment of new boycott measures to punish and prevent Arabs from selling land to Jews.

The nature of the decisions will probably be disclosed after the Zionist position hammered out at the Basle Congress becomes known. It is reliably learned that the members of the Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the Arab League's handling of the Palestine issue and declared that decisions adopted at the London parley will not be binding upon the Palestine Arabs, unless their representatives attend.

750 VISALESS JEWS TRANSFERRED FROM ATHLIT TO JEWISH AGENCY CAMP TO AWAIT RELEASE

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Seven hundred and fifty visaless Jewish immigrants now being held at the Athlit clearance camp will be transferred tomorrow to a Jewish Agency center at Kiryath Shmuel to await their release under the monthly immigration quota which will go into effect Jan. 15, 1947, it was announced here today.

The move is being made to provide room for 500 women and children who were shipwrecked on the Dodecanese island of Sirini several weeks ago and who are expected to arrive in Haifa this week. The same transport will bring approximately 250 other Cyprus deportees who are expected to be released at the same time as the Sirini refugees.

NEW PALESTINE POLICE HEAD COMMANDED HAGANAH UNITS IN INVASION OF SYRIA

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) - The newly appointed head of the Palestine police mobile units, Brigadier M.V. Ferguson, commanded the units of the Palmach--the Haganah striking force--which first penetrated into Syria in 1941, paving the way for the successful British campaign against the Vichy forces in the Levant, the newspaper Haboker reports today.

Ferguson, who served as a deputy to Maj. Gen. Orde Wingate during the Burma campaign, when Wingate--who trained many Palmach units--commanded the famous Wingate Raiders, has many friends among Jews in Palestine.

PALESTINE COMMANDER CONFIRMS SENTENCE OF FLOGGING IMPOSED ON JEWISH YOUTH

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- A sentence of 18 years imprisonment and 18 lashes imposed by a military court on Benjamin Kimchin, 16, for complicity in an attempt to rob a bank at Jaffa was confirmed today by Lieut. Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker. A Jewish Agency spokesman expressed regret that the authorities had not heeded the representations by Jewish leaders against use of corporal punishment.

The Agency spokesman denied that the cessation of terrorist activities during the meeting of the Zionist Congress was ordered by the Agency, reiterating that neither the Agency or any other Jewish institution had any control over the terrorists. The only effective means of combatting terrorism, he added, was for the Palestine Government to show some expression of good will.

The government's information officer, Richard Stubbs, told reporters today that the authorities had been unable to identify the policemen involved in the rioting against Jews in Tel Aviv on Nov. 18, but several policemen had been transferred to remote portions of the country.

TRUMAN BACKED ON FIGURES SHOWING MEAGER IMMIGRATION OF DP'S FROM U.S. ZONE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- President Truman's figures showing that only 4,767 qualified refugees and displaced persons entered the United States up to Oct. 21, instead of the 39,000 who could have entered legally in the ten-month period following issuance of the President's immigration directive a year ago yesterday, were confirmed today.

The unidentified shipping authorities who challenged the President's figures over the week-end were charged today with gross inaccuracy by Dr. Leland Rex Robinson, chairman of the Committee on Displaced Persons of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service.

Citing the report by Ugo Carusi, United States Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, that only 4,664 immigrants had entered the U.S. from the occupied zone in Europe up to the end of September, and pointing out a handful had arrived in October, none in November and less than a thousand in the past few days, Dr. Robinson challenged the figure of 21,389 attributed to shipping men. The larger total could only have been reached by including such groups as repatriated American citizens, and foreign business men, students, and others coming on temporary non-immigrant visas, from all parts of Europe and elsewhere, Dr. Robinson declared.

Deplorable Conditions of Immigrants Cited; Many Visas Expired

Thousands of immigrants are suffering as a result of overcrowding, inadequate shelters, food and clothing and other hardships at the American embarkation center at Bremerhaven, Germany, because of the jam there caused by the lack of shipping accommodations to the U.S., Dr. Robinson revealed. Visas of 200 persons expired before they could sail, and thousands with documents entitling them to admission to this country under the quota have fallen into a state "bordering on desperation," he charged.

"The President is right," Dr. Robinson said. "His facts are correct. His dissatisfaction is entirely justified. Immigration of refugees and displaced persons has fallen far short of the goal set in his directive. His announcement last Thursday that he had ordered additional shipping space provided for immigration from the American-occupied zones of Germany and Austria came as a breath of new hope for thousands of people holding U.S. visas, who have been forced to undergo great suffering and have been brought to the brink of despair by their inability to sail for this country. Mr. Truman's action cleared up a dangerous situation, discreditable to our country's good name, at one clean stroke. It was in keeping with the Christian spirit and intent of his original directive of a year ago."

Reasons for Failure to Comply with Truman's Directive Outlined

One reason for the failure to achieve the goal of the President's directive, aside from the shipping bottleneck, Dr. Robinson said, was the lack of adequate staffs in American consular offices in the occupied zones to receive applications, examine documents, interview prospective immigrants and carry on other steps leading to issuance of visas. But passenger accommodations have been insufficient even for the limited number who have received visas, he added.

Dr. Robinson published a ship by ship analysis of the immigration of refugees and displaced persons from the American occupied zones showing the accuracy of the President's figures.

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS RECOMMENDATIONS TO END DISCRIMINATION IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Several recommendations aimed at ending discrimination in New York medical schools against members of minority groups and graduates of city colleges were adopted today at a special meeting of the City Council. The Council urged that:

1. A bill forbidding discrimination by schools in New York State be passed at the next session of the State Legislature.
2. The Board of Estimate of the City of New York be requested to embody in all future contracts with all schools which use the facilities of the City hospitals for the instruction of their students a provision providing for the cancellation thereof upon proof that such institution is guilty of racial or religious discrimination in the acceptance or rejection of students.
3. A local law be passed providing for the appointment of a committee consisting of the Commissioner of Hospitals and the presidents of the various City colleges, empowering it, on its own motion or on motion of any person aggrieved, to inquire into conditions involving or charges of discrimination against applicants for admission to colleges or institutions of higher learning which use the facilities of the hospitals of the City of New York and that the said committee be empowered to subpoena witnesses, examine records of such institutions and issue such order and have such other powers as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of such local law.

The recommendations were adopted on the basis of a report submitted by a special investigating committee appointed last September by the Council to investigate charges of discrimination in professional schools made by the American Jewish Congress and other organizations. The report substantiates these charges. It presents a thorough investigation of the admission practices of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and Cornell University's Medical College. Relevant statistical tables of admissions to New York Medical College (Flower Hospital,) New York University College of Medicine, and Long Island College of Medicine are included.

Committee Finds Medical Schools Have Jewish Quota

The evidence gathered by the committee shows conclusively that the medical schools have a quota directed against students of Jewish, Italian and Negro extraction. The existence of a quota against Jews at Cornell was admitted in a letter by the former dean of the Medical College. Discrimination at the other schools is shown by the statistical tables of admissions of graduates from City-supported colleges. These colleges have higher scholastic standards than other schools, but a majority of the students stem from the minority groups which predominate in the City of New York.

In the last six years CCNY has been keeping a record of its graduates who have attained the above-average scholastic record of A- or better and who have applied for admission to the five medical schools located in the City of New York. The tables show that the overwhelming majority of these students were rejected without personal interviews. At the committee's hearings, however, it was admitted by faculty members that the medical schools had accepted students from other colleges with an average of B or less.

The report criticizes Columbia and Cornell Medical Schools for destroying in recent years all records of rejected applicants for admission. "It is a well established principle of law that destruction of or failure to produce records concerning material matters raises a presumption that the contents of the records, if produced would be unfavorable," the report says.

PALESTINE B'NAI B'BRITH HOLDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE; WILL ESTABLISH YOUTH CENTERS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The annual conference of the Palestine B'nai B'rith opened here last night with delegates from all parts of the country attending.

The convention decided to establish a children's home and a youth center in Jerusalem, with social, athletic and recreational facilities. A home for aged members of the organization will be set up in Haifa. The delegates also voted to plant a B'nai B'rith forest on Jewish National Fund land and to organize recreational areas on it.

The convention appealed to Palestine Jewry to preserve its unity and discipline and to halt terrorist activities and continue its struggle "by constructive methods." It also sent greetings to the World Zionist Congress. Greetings from Henry Monsky, American president of the B'nai B'rith, were read.

PALESTINE-WIDE SEPHARDIC CONFERENCE OPENS; DISCUSS MEANS OF AIDING ORIENTAL JEWS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- A nation-wide conference of Sephardic leaders which will discuss the consolidation of Sephardic Jewry in Palestine and furnishing guidance to Sephardic Jews throughout the Middle East opened here last night. It was attended by 250 persons.

Speakers urged support for a greater immigration of Oriental Jews to Palestine and stressed the need for aiding them in raising their cultural and social standards.

HADASSAH NURSING SCHOOL CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST GRADUATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary of the graduation of the first class from the Hadassah Nurses School here was celebrated at a dinner last night.

Speakers cited the pioneering role of Jewish nurses and their contributions in upbuilding the country and improving the health of the Jewish population as well as the refugees who have arrived during recent years. One of the speakers estimated that 300 new nurses would be needed within the next two years to care for the expected wave of refugee immigration.

ARGENTINE HEALTH OFFICIALS AGREE TO PERMIT JEWISH RITUAL SLAUGHTER

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Vicente Sierra, public health officer of Buenos Aires, has agreed to permit Jewish butchers to practice ritual slaughter, following a protest by a delegation from the DAIA, central representative organization of Argentine Jewry. Earlier, the city's public health department had issued a decree prohibiting slaughtering except in municipal abattoirs.

JACOB FISHMAN BURIED IN BASLE; ZIONIST LEADERS EULOGIZE U.S. EDITOR

BASLE, Dec. 23. (JTA) -- Jacob Fishman, veteran U.S. Zionist and Yiddish newspaperman was buried today in the Basle Jewish Cemetery. He died here suddenly on Saturday at the age of 68.

Preceding the burial, funeral services were held in the Mustermesse Hall, where the Zionist Congress is meeting, with prominent leaders of the movement in attendance. David Ben Gurion, Israel Goldstein, Meir Weisgal, Gershon Agronsky and Gedalia Bublick were among those who delivered eulogies.

OWING TO THE FACT THAT MAIL WILL NOT BE DELIVERED ON CHRISTMAS, THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON THURSDAY