NEW ZIONIST EXECUTIVE ELECTED; BEN GURION CHAIRMAN, SILVER HEADS WASHINGTON SECTION

BAGLE, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee early today elected a new executive of the World Zionist Organization, after defeating a proposal by the Palestine Labor Party that Dr. Weizmann be named president. No president was elected.

The vote, which came shortly before 4 a.m. this morning, climaxed fifteen days of deliberations by the Zionist Congress and a five-day meeting of the Actions Committee. It represented a compromise between the Palestine Laborites and the American General Zionists, which emerged as the two dominant groups in the world Zionist movement.

David Ben Gurion was named chairman of the executive, with Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, Mizrachi leader and Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum, General Zionist, as vice-chairmen. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will head the section of the executive in Washington. There will be a four-man executive in London, probably without a chairman.

Name Committee to Decide on Participation in London Conference

The decision as to when and if the Zionists should participate in the London Conference on Palestine was delegated to a special 15-man political committee which will have authority to define the Zionist attitude towards the London talks.

A 15-man praesidium of the Actions Committee was elected and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise was named "Senior Member" in lieu of a president. David Remez, Palestine labor leader, had proposed that Dr. Wise be named president of the praesidium, but his proposal was not voted upon. (See names of praesidium on page 3.)

The new executive will be composed of 19 members, eight of whom are General Zionists, seven Poale Zionists, four Mizrachi and a deputy member M.R. Kolodni, who is also a General Zionist, but who will have a vote only on immigration matters. They will be assigned to the Jerusalem, Washington and London executives on the following basis:


Weizmann Rejected Bid to Head Zionist Delegation at London

At least two-thirds of the members of the new executive are believed to favor participation in the London Conference. Under the coalition agreement which resulted in formation of the executive, the members will be obliged to support any decision adopted by a two-thirds vote. It is known that before the elections Dr. Weizmann, who is now in London, rejected a proposal, made by telephone by a former
member of the executive, that he be named president of the Actions Committee, and in that capacity head a Zionist delegation to the London parley.

Dr. Weizmann was stripped of leadership of the Zionist movement in a vote which preceded the election of the executive. The Actions Committee, by a vote of 47 to 32, approved a resolution introduced by Dr. Moshe Sneh, providing that no president be elected at present. Previously Weizmann's name was presented to the Committee by the Palestine Laborite, despite clear-cut statements by the General Zionists, during inter-party negotiations, that they would refuse to serve in an executive under Weizmann's leadership.

When Dr. Weizmann's name was placed in nomination, Dr. Silver arose and said, on behalf of the Federation of General Zionists, that they would not participate in the executive if Dr. Weizmann were named president. The session then adjourned for intra-party discussions and resumed at 1 a.m. when Sneh's motion was voted on.

**Actions Committee Unenthusiastic About New Executive**

The composition of the executive was received by the Actions Committee with a noticeable lack of enthusiasm, despite its approval of the coalition slate. It is felt that the executive represents merely a party reshuffle, with elimination of only two of its former members. Observers close to the bitter and protracted negotiations which preceded the elections were unable to point to any concrete modification in its set-up which could not have been achieved in negotiations during the normal course of the Congress.

The first meeting of the executive was held at the Three Kings Hotel here this morning with all members present, except Dr. Silver, who left Basel a few hours after conclusion of the Actions Committee meeting. Today's session formally elected Ben Gurion chairman and Rabbi Fishman and Dr. Gruenbaum, vice-chairmen.

**Silver Pledges New Executive Will Carry Out Resolutions of Congress**

**BASLE, Dec. 29. (JTA) --** The resolutions adopted by the 22nd World Zionist Congress were "a clear reflection of the true convictions of world Jewry" and the new executive "will carry out faithfully the letter and spirit of the resolutions," Dr. Silver said today in an exclusive interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency before leaving Basel.

"The Congress was a difficult one, meeting after seven years and with all the shattering events which took place in Jewish life," Silver said. "It also met at the most critical time in the history of the movement, the situation in Palestine being what it is and the manifest tension and strain. Nevertheless, it emerged with a clear line and directives.

"The Congress was characterized by courage, vision and determination," he continued. "The delegates thought the movement needed a new direction and a new leadership. The resolutions were clear and reflected the true convictions of world Jewry. It was a responsible Congress.

"The coalition which emerged of the major parties - Labor, General Zionists and religious forces - augurs well for the harmony of the movement. Zionism faces the future united and strong," he concluded.
BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPORTED UNLIKELY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ZIONISTS, OR POSTPONE PARLEY

LONDON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The British Government will not allow the resolutions adopted at the Zionist Congress to affect its plans for resumption of the London conference on Jan. 15, the diplomatic correspondent of the London Times states, quoting a Foreign Office spokesman as stating that since the government called the conference at the request of the Arab states, it is obliged to bring it to a conclusion.

There is no reason to believe that the situation will change within the next two or three weeks in such a manner as to enable the Zionist Actions Committee to revise the Congress resolution against participation in the parley, the correspondent says. He adds that the government is not prepared to bargain with the Zionist leaders concerning the basis for their participation nor agree to limit discussions at the talks to plans that might be submitted by the Zionists.

The Foreign Office stand, the correspondent continues, makes it clear that the Zionist will probably not take part in the conference unless Weizmann and the moderate British General Zionists regain the leadership. In the absence of Jewish participation, the government will probably announce a Palestine policy shortly without discussions with Zionist leaders, he predicts.

An editorial in the Sunday Times (which has no connection with the London Times) says that the new American oil deals in the Middle East will make American capitalists look unfavorably on a policy calculated to antagonize the Arab world, "nor can they remain indifferent to the terrorism of the extreme Zionists." It foresees, therefore, that powerful American interests will now exert pressure to bring about a solution of the Palestine problem.

ZIONIST LABOR PARLEY VOTES TO EXTEND ACTIVITIES; TO OPEN OFFICES IN WASHINGTON, PARIS

BASLE, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The closing session of the world conference of Labor Zionists voted last night to extend the party's activities by opening offices in Washington and Paris. The decision was taken following an address by David Ben Gurion, in which he urged full support of the Labor leaders in the internal struggle within the Zionist movement and in the struggle for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.

The conference, which opened here following the close of the World Zionist Congress, heard reports of the activities of Jewish workers in the DP camps in Germany and Austria and among Jewish communities in Eastern Europe. Greetings were sent to the Allied forces and the Red Army and all the peoples and groups who assisted in rescuing Jews during the war. The Labor International was asked to support the "just demands of the Jews and the Jewish workers," while special greetings were sent to the Russian Jewish community and an invitation extended to it to "join in the redemption of Zion."

Louis Segal of New York announced that the Jewish National Workers Alliance would launch a drive to collect $350,000 to purchase a plot of land in Palestine in honor of David Pinski, famous Jewish writer, who will celebrate his 75th birthday next month.

NAMES OF MEMBERS OF NEWLY-ELECTED PRAESIDIUM OF ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE

BASLE, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The praesidium elected today by the Zionist Congress consists of: Dr. Wise, Judith Epstein, Dr. Chaim Boger-thof, Baruch Zuckerman, Zalman Rubashov, Joseph Sprinzak, Meir Yaari, Zerubavel, Meir Grossman, Rabbi Meir Berlin, Rabbi Mordecai Neufeld and Rabbi J.K. Goldbloom. Dr. Sally Hirsche of the Aliya Hadasha will have a "consultative vote."
BRITISH OFFICERS KIDNAPPED AND FLOGGED IN RETALIATION FOR LASHING OF IRGUN YOUTH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A British major was kidnapped from the Metropole Hotel in Nathanya today by 10 armed members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and flogged in retaliation for the flogging in Jerusalem prison on Friday of Benjamin Kimchin, who had been sentenced to 16 lashes and 16 years imprisonment for participation in a bank robbery at Jaffa. In Tel Aviv two non-commissioned officers were seized and flogged.

In posters which appeared on walls through the city today, the Irgun announced that it would continue its fight against British forces in Palestine. "There is no 'cease fire' in the struggle for the freedom of the nation," the posters said.

The Irgun's statements came on the heels of an appeal from Rep. Joseph Clark Baldwin, which appeared last night in the Palestine Post, urging Menasheh Begin, leader of the Irgun, to suspend the organization's terrorist activities until Baldwin had had an opportunity to acquaint the American Government and the American people "with your fight, and Jewry's at large."

Referring to an interview he had with Begin while in Palestine recently, the Congressman, who returned to New York last week, said that he will do everything in his power to "present your point of view and that of other Palestine Jewish leaders in an effort to expedite action and avoid further bloodshed."

ARAB LEAGUE REPORTED REFUSING TO FINANCE ACTIVITIES OF PALESTINE HIGHER EXECUTIVE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Jemal Hussein, who returned here from Egypt yesterday, where he conferred with leaders of the Arab League and the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, failed to secure a commitment from the League to finance the activities of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, it was reported today. As a consequence, the committee's operations will be severely handicapped.

It is also reported from reliable sources that the Arab Offices in Washington, London and Jerusalem will be liquidated within the next three months because the League has withdrawn its financial support.

In a statement to the Arab press here yesterday, Hussein said that every Arab must consider himself a "soldier in the front line." He called for "immediate action" and "organized efforts," declaring that the Palestine Arabs had the moral support of at least 50,000,000 other Arabs.

JEW HELD IN CONNECTION WITH ROM EMBASSY BOMBING KILLED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE

ROME, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Zev Epstein, 32, a Polish-born Palestinian high school teacher who was arrested in November in connection with the bombing of the British Embassy building in Rome, was shot and killed yesterday in an attempt to escape from police headquarters in Rome. Epstein reportedly intended to seek refuge in the Vatican.

COMMUNITY SHARES IN U.J.A. $170,000,000 DRIVE RECOMMENDED BY QUOTA COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Recommendations as to the quota which every Jewish community in the United States should accept in the nation-wide $170,000,000 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal in 1947, were made at a two-day meeting of the National Committee on Community Quotas held here over the week-end.

In considering the 1947 quota for each community attention was given to many factors, including "Jewish population, economic resources, community organization, leadership and social vision." Every community conducting a Spring campaign on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal will shortly receive a formal statement from the committee regarding the recommendation of its quota.
JEWISH DP'S IN LUEBECK HOLDING OUT IN SYNAGOGUE AGAINST ORDER TO MOVE INTO CAMPS

BERLIN, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Sixty-five displaced Jews have converted the synagogue in Luebeck, in the British zone of Germany, into a fortress in which they are holding out against military authorities who have ordered them to move to a DP camp at Neustadt in Schleswig-Holstein, it was learned here today.

The DP's, who have been living in barracks in Luebeck under UNRRA supervision for many months, were ordered to move as part of a general British plan to concentrate displaced persons in camps in order to make room for homeless Germans.

The refugee Jews, among whom there are small children and several pregnant women, refused to be transferred, particularly during the present cold wave which has clamped down on Germany. They stated that they had lived in camps long enough and that there were at least 50 properties in Luebeck which had formerly belonged to Jews in which they could reside. They also pointed out that their removal would destroy the small Jewish community which was formed around the ancient synagogue in Luebeck, one of the few spared by the Nazis.

If the Jewish property in the city could not be turned over to them, the DP's said, the least the military authorities could do was to allow them to renounce their DP status and live freely among the civilian population. When the authorities refused to accede to this request, the Jews decided yesterday morning to move into the synagogue.

At first they were refused access by German guards, but in view of the impending Sabbath service, the guards were removed and the DP's allowed to enter. They were still there as of late this afternoon, awaiting the next step by the military authorities.

HAMBURG JEWISH CEMETERY DESOCRATED BY VANDALS; RECENTLY REPAIRED AFTER NAZI RAVAGES

HAMBURG, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A Jewish cemetery at Hamburg was invaded last night by unknown vandals who broke and overturned tombstones. Municipal authorities suspect neighborhood children who, they say, attempted to pilfer coal from a railroad siding nearby, but this seems unlikely in view of the size and weight of the tombstones which were overturned.

The surviving Jews in Hamburg are outraged by the incident pointing out that the cemetery was only recently restored after its desecration by the Nazis.

TWO SYNAGOGUES IN RUMANIA DAMAGED BY ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS; POLICE PROBE FRUITLESS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Two more synagogues have been desecrated by anti-Semitic vandals in Southern Transylvania. Reports from Pancota and Alba Iulia say that considerable damage was caused to local houses of worship. Police investigations have so far failed to identify those responsible.

WIESBADEN SYNAGOGUE DESTROYED IN 1938 POGROM REDEDICATED; U.S., GERMAN OFFICIALS ATTEND

MUNICH, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. James Newman, U.S. director for the province of Hease, and several other American, Jewish and German personalities today attended a ceremony re-dedicating the Wiesbaden synagogue.

The synagogue was partly destroyed during the pogroms which swept Germany in Nov. 9-10 1938, and then was converted into a collection center for Jewish prisoners bound for concentration camps.
PIERRE DREYFUS, PROF. ALEXANDER PEKELIS KILLED IN AIRPLANE CRASH EN ROUTE TO U.S.

LONDON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Pierre Dreyfus, prominent French-Jewish leader, and Prof. Alexander H. Pekelis, member of the American Zionist Emergency Council and one of the leaders of the World Jewish Congress and of the Zionist Laborites in the United States, were killed yesterday in the crash and explosion of a Paris-New York Constellation at Shannon Airport, Eire. Dr. David Tannenbaum, director of the Palestine Economic Bureau of the Zionist Organization of America, who was also on board, was among the injured.

Dreyfus, who was 55 years old, was the son of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus whose conviction on charges of treason—which was subsequently reversed—shocked political circles throughout France during the latter part of the last century. Although a member of the Legion of Honor and a veteran of both World Wars who was decorated by Marshal Petain in 1916, he was forced to flee France to the United States in June 1942 because of the Vichy Government's anti-Jewish laws. During the remainder of the war he lived in this country lecturing and writing.

Dreyfus took a particular interest in ORT work. Beside serving as head of the French ORT, he was also a member of the central board of the World ORT Union and a member of its executive committee. He was also a member of the executive of the American OSE, Jewish health society, and of the French OSE and was vice-president of the American Friends of the Alliance Israelite and a member of the central committee of the Alliance in Paris. Dreyfus was returning to the United States following an inspection tour of Jewish orphanages in France and was due to make a report to the American OSE which had sent him on the mission. He had also conferred on Alliance matters while in Paris.

Dr. Pekelis, chief consultant to the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress and Associate Professor of Sociology at the Graduate Faculty of Political and Social Science of the New School for Social Research, was returning from the World Zionist Congress in Basle. He was born in Odessa forty-four years ago. He studied and lectured in the Universities of Leipzig, Vienna, Florence and Paris and, after coming to this country in 1941, at Columbia University. He was elected editor-in-chief of the Columbia Law Review for 1942-43, the first foreign-born person to hold that post. He had served as chairman of the European Council of the World Jewish Congress.

40 AMERICAN LEADERS PROTEST GRANTING OF CITIZENSHIP TO NAZI SCIENTISTS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A protest against the granting of permanent residence and citizenship to Nazi scientists now working in this country for the Army was made during the week-end by 40 prominent clergy and lay leaders of all faiths, the Council Against Intolerance in America announced.

The scientists, educators, clergymen and civic leaders signed telegrams addressed to President Truman and Secretaries of State and War James F. Byrnes and Robert P. Patterson, respectively. The messages urged that the former Nazi Party members and supporters should not "be granted permanent residence or citizenship in the United States; with the opportunity that would afford of inculcating those antidemocratic doctrines which seek to undermine and destroy our national unity."

Among the signatories were professors from Princeton, Harvard, Cornell and Western Reserve Universities as well as Prof. Albert Einstein, Bishop Francis J. McConnell, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Herbert Bayard Swope, Charles Bolte, chairman of the American Veterans Committee, and Rabbi Solomon Goldman of Chicago.

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