

CONGRESS MARKS NEW ERA IN ZIONISM, ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN DECLARES

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The 23rd World Zionist Congress registered a "new era," in Zionism, the era of Israel, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, said here this week-end on his return from Israel.

He declared that the Congress had "faced up to the issue of unconditional co-operation with Israel" and had accepted it. The Congress, however, Dr. Goldstein declared, failed "to measure up to its mission, that of defining Zionism's new aim for the new era." He said, however, that this ideological failure was a safeguard of the organizational strength of Zionism.

Israelis have been made to understand, Dr. Goldstein asserted, that "new methods and new approaches must be found" to spur immigration by Jewish youth from Anglo-Saxon countries into Israel.

Failure of the Congress to adopt a Jerusalem program for the Zionist movement was assailed by Leo Wolfsohn, chairman of the American Zionist Revisionists, who blamed the failure on fears of antagonizing "anti-Zionists, non-Zionists and half-baked Zionists." He charged that a deeper rift had been made in Zionist ranks through the "complete sidetracking" of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver from Zionist leadership and exclusion of the Revisionists from the new Zionist Executive.

Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, charged in a statement here that the decisions of the Congress constitute a program of "Jewish" nationalism and intervention in the lives and institutions of Jews in countries outside Israel. He asserted that a stable Jewish life in the United States would become impossible if the Jerusalem decisions were allowed to materialize here.

(Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Zionist Executive, was incorrectly quoted in a cable published in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency News Bulletin on Sept. 11, Dr. Goldmann, in commenting on the results of the Congress, said that he was glad that a large executive had been achieved with Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Benjamin G. Browdy representing the Zionist Organization of America, and that he regretted that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was not a member of the Actions Committee.)

MANHATTAN REGION CALLS ON ZOA TO SUPPORT ISRAEL GENERAL ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on the national administration of the Zionist Organization of America to implement its declared policy of support for the General Zionist Organization of Israel was adopted today at the eighth annual conference of the Manhattan Region of the Z.O.A.

The resolution declares that "General Zionism can help and assist the new republic most by co-operation with the General Zionist Organization of Israel which represents the age-old Jewish traditions of individual freedom and social justice."

Earlier, Jacques Torczynyer, retiring president of the Region, told the conference that the Z.O.A. must abandon its "forced neutrality" and define its immediate and concrete aims and intentions. He proposed a program of activities in Israel in which he said, "American knowledge and skill as well as American money" could contribute.

Louis Dince, chairman of the Region's executive committee, was unanimously elected to the presidency.

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U.N. CONCILIATION GROUP SUBMITS FIVE-POINT PEACE PLAN TO ARABS

PARIS, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine today presented its five-point plan for peace in the Middle East to the four Arab states attending the commission's "peace conference." Delivery of the plan to the Israeli delegation was held up pending receipt of instructions from Tel Aviv on Israel's answer to chairman Ely E. Palmer's statement opening the deliberations last Thursday.

Details of the plan will not be officially disclosed until the text has been delivered to the Israeli delegation. An Israeli spokesman told the J.T.A. that the delay had no ulterior significance and said there was "no shadow of a possibility" that Israel would decline to co-operate with the commission.

The Commission met with the Arab delegations in closed session this morning and with the Israeli delegation in the afternoon. According to an announcement by the commission tonight, the Arab delegates expressed their readiness to co-operate with the Commission. Ambassador Palmer then gave them copies of the commission's "comprehensive mediatory proposals, consisting of a preamble and five points."

Maurice Fischer, head of the Israeli delegation, told the commission this afternoon that "the nature and importance" of the text of the commission's outline were such that the delegation felt it ought to have instructions from Tel Aviv before replying. Until instructions were received, he added, the delegation did not feel free to accept the commission's plan. He assured the commission that "the closest study" is being carried out of the commission's outline. No date was set for further meetings of the conference pending the reply from Tel Aviv, but the commission will continue to hold its own meetings here.

The commission's view is that peace depends on prosperity and there can be no prosperity in the Middle East without co-operation and mutual respect for Israeli and Arab rights. The central issue is the question of the Palestine Arab refugees. The commission has proposed that some of the Palestine Arab refugees be allowed to return to their former homes in Israel territory. The others would receive compensation from Israel for the loss of property, including such items as blocked bank accounts.

Some Arab circles are now reported to be opposed to the idea of asking Israel to take back some of the Arab refugees. Extremist elements, including the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, are said to favor keeping the refugees on Israel's borders, not permitting them to settle either in Israel or elsewhere to begin a new life.

The Israelis have taken the position that it would be pointless to discuss the refugee question out of context of a general peace settlement. The commission is going along to the extent of trying to get the Arabs to agree to an overall settlement, including co-operative development of water-power resources, international public works and communications agreements.

ACCORD REPORTED NEAR IN ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISPUTE ON HULEH

JERUSALEM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Israel and Syria are nearing agreement over the Huleh dispute, and the outstanding points at issue are expected to be resolved in the immediate future, authoritative sources reported today. United Nations truce chief Lt. Gen. William E. Riley is consulting with Arab leaders in Damascus and is expected to return here soon with their final approval.

It is expected that the pact will include Syrian agreement to evacuate military positions inside the demilitarized area and Israel's agreement to admit some 150 former Arab residents of the area who fled during the hostilities and to remove police units from part of the region. In addition, Israel wants the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission to condemn the Syrian attacks officially. While Gen. Riley agrees to this point, he suggests that his personal condemnation of the Syrian action would be sufficient, while the Israelis insist on Commission action.

37TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF HADASSAH HEARS ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Arab states will "undoubtedly" try to achieve through the United Nations Conciliation Commission peace parley in Paris "what they failed to gain by brute force," Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett warned here last night at the opening session of the 37th annual convention of Hadassah.

The Foreign Minister expressed concern that the Conciliation Commission would sponsor an attempt to penalize Israel for her survival by imposing on her one-sided concessions. "Israel has not achieved her independence by the sacrifice of blood and treasure only to see it crippled by a political settlement," he declared.

The only issue at the conference, he added, is whether the Arab states will recognize Israel's independence, as has the rest of the world, "in terms of both area and population." He said that the Israel Government is represented at the parley despite repeated Arab refusal to talk peace directly because it wishes to "leave no avenue unexplored in its quest for peace." He reiterated that Israel is willing to make compensation for abandoned Arab lands, but cannot accept the complete restoration of the Arab refugees to their pre-war status in Israel.

He spoke of America's friendship and assistance to the Jewish state since its inception, citing the recent treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation signed by the two and the grants-in-aid which are currently nearing approval in Congress.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, president of the women's Zionist organization, told the convention that "as Zionists we endorse the concept of Chaluziut." Adding that she understands Israel's call that some American Jewish youth should come and share in its upbuilding and that she believes that some American youths will respond to the call, Mrs. Halprin asked that the Zionist movement give moral and material support to these youths.

She insisted, however, that the American Jewish community, "rooted in American life and bound in loyalty to the great democracy of which it is part," considers American Jewish life part of the "stream of Jewish history."

Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, addressing the 3,500 delegates at the largest convention in Hadassah's 40-year history, compared Israel to the United States in "pioneering spirit and development." Israel is a "vital and intimate part of the story of mankind," the Senator added.

Dr. Martha M. Eliot, newly-appointed chief of the U.S. Children's Bureau, today praised the "vigor and intelligence, imagination and wisdom" with which Israel

meets the health and welfare problems of the immigrants. Dr. Eliot, who visited the Jewish state last spring while serving as assistant director general of the World Health Organization, U.N. affiliate, declared that young people in Israel show--in a multitude of ways--enthusiasm, courage, vision and willingness to work and sacrifice to create a new nation.

Jewish children in Arab lands live in "unspeakable horror" and only if Jewish communities in the various Arab countries are emptied through immigration to Israel is there any hope for them, Mrs. A.P. Schoolman, co-chairman of the Youth Aliyah management committee of the Jewish Agency, told the delegates. Appealing for more funds to bring 12,000 youths to Israel in the next year, she reported that the movement had rescued and resettled in Israel 53,000 children from 54 countries, since 1934.

Of the fate of the Jews in Arab countries, she said: "Some three-quarters of the 250,000 Jews in Morocco live jammed together in unspeakable horror. They vegetate in dugouts, in the ghettos, literally in holes in the mud. Nine and ten people often inhabit one earth room without furniture, beds, light, water or sanitary facilities. They scarcely eat at all. And for whole communities immigration to Israel is the only rationale, the only hope."

Dr. Peter Neubauer, director of the Child Development Center in New York, who recently returned from a tour of Israel, praised the new state's approach to emotionally disturbed children as unique and deserving of the attention of international professional bodies interested in these problems. Dr. Harry Grundfest, Associate Professor of Neurology at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Dr. Jacob Fine, Professor of Surgery at Harvard University's Medical School, reviewed the efforts being made to mobilize outstanding American medical teaching and administrative talent for the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical School in Jerusalem.

JDC EUROPEAN AID TO BE CUT UNLESS MORE FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE

PARIS, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee may have to reduce its relief and rehabilitation program for Jews in Western Europe unless sufficient funds are forthcoming from the United Jewish Appeal to meet pressing needs in North Africa and Israel, Moses W. Beckelman, director-general of the organization, told the fifth annual conference of J.D.C. representatives here.

He warned that cuts in these activities, made at a time when the Western European communities have not yet been able to rebuild their war-shattered community resources to the point where they can meet their own needs, would result in "serious hardships."

Mr. Beckelman praised the Jewish communities of Belgium, France, Holland and Italy for undertaking their own fund drives to meet part of their local needs, but pointed out that the six years that have elapsed since the end of the war have not been sufficient to enable them to rebuild from the Nazi wreckage. He reported that tens of thousands of Jews in Western Europe, particularly institutionalized "hard-core" cases, were dependent on the J.D.C. for food and relief.

"Only now are these communities beginning to assume financial and administrative responsibility for meeting their own welfare needs," Mr. Beckelman declared, "but the Joint is faced with desperate calls for help from the Jews in North Africa and Israel and we must reduce Western European assistance before these communities are fully ready to meet their own needs. Only if U.J.A. funds are immediately available can this threat be averted."

The conference turned today to the situation in the Moslem countries, with J.D.C. officials from the Moslem countries scheduled to report on conditions there.

FOURTH OF ISRAEL'S PEOPLE CONSUME LESS THAN 2,400 CALORIES DAILY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- While a considerable part of the Israeli population is adequately nourished, 24 percent of the population consumes less than 2,500 calories a day, according to an official health survey, the results of which were being studied here today.

A team of doctors attached to the Hebrew University made the survey under the auspices of the government's Scientific Research Council. The investigators warned that "continuation of unsatisfactory nutrition over long periods may result in borderline nutritional deficiencies developing into real nutritional diseases." They reported a "tendency towards slight or frank anemia" in an "alarming number" of persons examined. Youths in factories showed a much less satisfactory blood picture than those of similar ages in school.

The survey was based on examination of 3,000 people. One group was checked daily on eating habits and examined for health. A second group was given periodic blood tests. The investigators found that 50 percent of those examined consumed 2,400 calories daily, 25 percent consumed more than that amount and 25 percent ate less than the 2,400 calories provided by the rationing system. Housewives were found to be the "most malnourished group in the population, "probably because they usually gave their own rations to their children.

Among the reasons given for the poor eating habits found were that some families could not purchase items like milk, vegetables and fruits because of the high prices and that certain sections of the population were not familiar with the types of food available and did not know how to prepare them. The report on the survey recommended continuation of these surveys and a widespread educational campaign to teach the population how to make the most of their rations. It also urged government laboratory testing of imported and domestically grown food.

ISRAELI SHORTAGES SLOWING IMMIGRANT SETTLEMENT, BERINSTEIN REPORTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Israel's critical shortage of housing materials and food supplies has slowed the settlement and absorption of tens of thousands of immigrants at a time when the country is expecting an additional 60,000 newcomers from Rumania, Libya and Iran before the end of the year, Morris W. Berinstein of Syracuse, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal's national campaign cabinet, said here today.

Returning from Jerusalem where, together with Edward M.M. Warburg, U.J.A. general chairman, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, U.J.A. executive vice-chairman, and other U.J.A. leaders, he conferred with Israel officials and Jewish Agency members on the needs of the immigration and absorption program, Mr. Berinstein stressed that "American Jews have now become the hinge on which the new state can swing out of its present difficulties to record new gains in human and national betterment." He called for all-out support of the U.J.A.'s urgent campaign for \$35,000,000 in cash before the end of 1951.

The failure of American Jews to give that cash to the U.J.A., he warned, "may result in a breakdown not only of Israel's immigrant absorption program but of efforts to move 60,000 Jews out of Rumania, Iran and Libya by the end of this year." Successful attainment of the U.J.A. goal, he emphasized, "will help add substantially to Israel's food supply for immigrants in camps and work villages and thereby afford the general public a greater part of the foodstuffs it now shares with the newcomers."

Reporting the progress made by Israel's people in various fields, Mr. Berinstein cited the state's steady progress in building new roads, settlements, hospitals, factories and public services. He also praised the people's determination to man their defenses against a ring of hostile neighbors and their sacrifices to receive and absorb over 650,000 in the last three and a half years.

CALL FOR ACTION BY GERMANY TO SETTLE JEWISH CLAIMS

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A five-point program with which the German government could begin to make at least "minimal" restitution and indemnification of the claims of Jewish victims of Nazism was presented here this week-end by Dr. Herman Gray, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the American Jewish Committee, upon his return from a European trip during which he conferred with President Theodor Heuss of the West German Republic and the Prime Ministers of the states of Hesse and Bavaria.

Dr. Gray said that he and other A.J.C. representatives had impressed on German government, political and trade union leaders, the need to stop haggling over Jewish claims and make provision for the following: 1. Settlement of claims made by individual Jews; 2. Settlements between the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization and the German states over Jewish heirless property; 3. The German Government to provide funds for Jewish relief and rehabilitation work to compensate for property confiscated by the Nazis; 4. The German Government to recognize the validity of the Israel Government's claim for reparations; 5. The state governments to help the Jewish communities remaining in Germany to maintain their religious, social and cultural institutions.

In addition, Dr. Gray suggested a five-point program designed to help the German Government achieve democracy. This included: elimination of neo-Nazi organizations; establishment of administrative machinery within the German Government for continuous supervision of civil rights in Germany; an extensive education program in behalf of better inter-group relations; prevention of dissemination of propaganda against religious and racial groups; and barring of former Nazis from public office, particularly in the diplomatic corps and the army.

GERMAN NEO-NAZIS WARN AGAINST FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS JEWS

MUNICH, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Germany's neo-Nazis are "carefully noting" the actions of those Germans friendly to the Jews for the time of Germany's "rebirth," the neo-Nazi weekly, Der Fortschritt, asserts in its current issue.

The paper declared that while the Nazi regime, theoretically, belongs to the past, in reality, it continues to live in the hearts of tens of millions of Germans who remain fanatically loyal to the Hitlerian ideal.

BONN REGIME TO PROBE NAZIS IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The Federal German Government at Bonn has ordered a full-scale inquiry into allegations that the West German foreign service is being systematically packed with ex-Nazis and former members of Nazi Foreign Minister Ribbentrop's administration, the Manchester Guardian reported today.

The newspaper's correspondent said that persons accused of having been officials in the Nazi Foreign Office or members of the Nazi Party were being requested to fill out questionnaires similar to those used for de-nazification purposes.

HAMBURG GROUP FOR PEACE WITH ISRAEL

HAMBURG, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Edgar Engelhard, chairman of the Hamburg Free Democratic Party, today had placed his organization behind the campaign for peace between Germany and Israel. The campaign was started by Erich Leuth, in the Neue Zeitung of Frankfurt. Engelhard sharply criticized the Hamburg Senate for its failure to aid the Jewish community's synagogue here.