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World Zionist Congress, 1931.



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77. GREAT RUSSELL STREET,

LONDON, W.C.1.

19th April 1931.

TO THE MEMBERS AND DEPUTY-MEMBERS  
OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.  
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Dear Sir,

In connection with the forthcoming Congress,  
the Executive beg to draw your attention to the  
following:

1. The 16th Congress adopted the following  
resolution bearing on the status of members of the  
General Council in the Congress :

"The members of the General Council are  
entitled to take part in the discussions  
of the Congress and to be appointed to the  
commissions of the Congress with all the  
rights of members of such commissions.  
Those who do not hold mandates as delegates  
have no right of voting in the Congress,  
and are not reckoned in the membership of  
territorial representations (Landmannschaften),  
delegations, and fractions."

Unlike previously, members of the General Council now  
no longer enjoy the right of vote at the Congress, nor  
are they reckoned in the membership of parties, unless  
they attend the Congress as elected delegates.

2. The rights of deputy-members of the General  
Council are determined by Art. 46 (6) of the Statute  
of the Organisation, which reads as follows :

"A member of the General Council elected by  
the Congress can be represented at the  
Congress by a deputy-member of the General  
Council, only if the former shall have defin-  
itely retired from the General Council."



Deputy-members, therefore, have no status at the Congress at all, and become entitled to the rights referred to in 1. only on being called upon to take within the General Council the place of a definitely retired member.

3. Respecting the reimbursement of expenses to members of the General Council, the 15th Congress adopted the following Art. 18 (2) of the Standing Orders of the General Council :

"Members of the General Council are not entitled to reimbursement of expenses arising from the attendance at meetings of the General Council held in connection with the Congress."

We beg to draw your attention to the above provisions, and remain,

with Zion's greetings,

Yours faithfully,

EXECUTIVE OF THE ZIONIST ORGANISATION

*Leo Hantubach*  
Organisation-Department.



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77. GREAT RUSSELL STREET,

LONDON, W.C.1.

May 22, 1931.

To the Members and Deputy-Members of the General Council  
and to the Zionist Federations & Separate Unions.  
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Gentlemen,

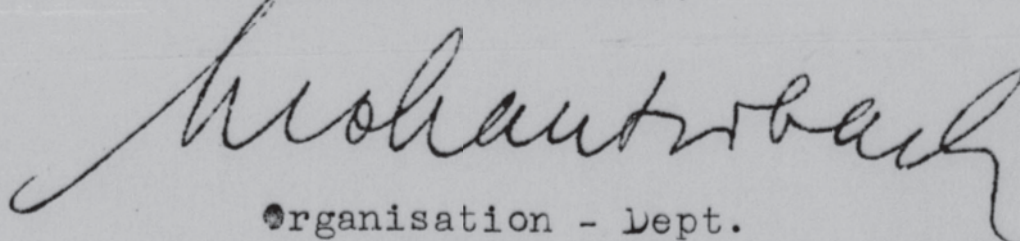
Re: Motions to the Congress.

With a view to ensuring that the Congress proceedings shall be carried through smoothly, the Executive hereby request the members of the General Council and the delegates to Congress to communicate to them now, if possible not later than June 10th, the text of the motions which they intend to lay before the Congress.

The Executive request those Federations and parties who have passed resolutions bearing on any of the questions with which the Congress will have to deal to communicate the text of these resolutions as soon as possible.

With Zion's greetings,

Yours faithfully,

  
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### CONGRESS SEEN AS POWERFUL STIMULANT FOR PALESTINE FUNDS

Importance of Jewish Agency in Upbuilding of Jewish Homeland  
Stressed by Palestine Paper  
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The World Zionist Congress, in the spotlight of the world's news, serves biennially to arouse a wider interest in the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home. This year, more than ever, the emphasis was placed on the need of the individual Jew to assume his share in the reconstruction program. Though a great deal of discussion was devoted to problems of leadership and to the question of the relations with the Mandatory Power, the undercurrent was a general realization of the importance of accelerated activity on the part of the Jews of the world if the Jewish National Home program is to be adequately carried out.

This is the gist of a resume of the highlights of the Congress contained in a statement issued by the American Palestine Campaign, which is entrusted with the task of raising the American portion of the budget of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. The statement read as follows:

"With the attention of world Jewry turned toward Basle during the past few weeks, it was inevitable that there should be a strengthening of the interest in Palestine. The World Zionist Congress, through its public discussions, served to focus attention on the needs and problems of the Jewish National Home. Whatever the differences of opinion on other questions, all the delegates were agreed on the need of accelerating Jewish reconstructive work in Palestine. This can only be done through a realization by individual Jews of the need of their assuming a share, and a larger share, in the responsibility and privilege of the upbuilding program.

"It was inevitable during the discussion of funds available for our work that prominent mention should have been made of the role of American Jewry. The part played by the Jews of the United States



during the past decade in the upbuilding of Palestine is one that reflects credit upon those tens of thousands of Jews who had a share in the accomplishments. There can be no question, however, that there is an imperative need for widening the ranks of the active supporters of the work and contributors to the funds. This was made apparent during the sessions of the Congress. A larger contributing public would not only have the practical value of increased activity in Palestine but would serve as a powerful factor in influencing public opinion. The Congress has served a valuable purpose by drawing attention to that phase of our efforts.

"It is the hope of the American Palestine Campaign that the generation of widespread interest in Palestine, due to the Congress, will result in the raising of substantial funds for the maintenance of those activities with which the Congress showed its grave concern. World Jewish leaders, assembled in Basle, are hopeful that American Jewry will make a supreme effort to justify its dominant role in contemporary Jewish life."