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Stormy Congress Nearing Vote

LATE BULLETIN FROM BASLE

BASLE, Dec. 18.—The Zionist Congress began working today through its eight committees which are to draft resolutions on the major issues discussed.

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, ZOA president, was named chairman of the all-important Political Committee which will draw up the resolutions on the issues of the Jewish state, partition, and participation in the London Conference. Mrs. Goldie Meirson, Palestine Laborite, was named vice-chairman of that committee.

Zalman Rubashov, Palestine Laborite, was elected chairman of the Permanenz Auschus, which is equivalent to the committee on committees, and Daniel Frisch, chairman of the ZOA Administrative Council, vice-chairman.

Dr. Weizmann, appearing before the standing committee later, declared he will not accept honorary presidency of the Jewish Agency

and that he will accept active presidency only if the Congress votes for unconditional participation in the London conference and agreement to the partition plan.

Dr. Weizmann's statement caused a split among the delegates of the Palestine Labor Party. The New York Herald Tribune reports that "the trend among delegates was running strongly today against Dr. Weizmann and his pro-British policy, while his efforts to gain supporters by putting his fight on a personal basis appeared to have little or no success."

David Ben Gurion stated that he will enter the Executive if Weizmann becomes honorary president only and the movement be led by a coalition Executive. He also urged that the Congress leave the question of partition and participation in the London conference to the new Executive.

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FLASH

From World Zionist Congress

BASLE, Dec. 19.—The ZOA delegation here issued a statement through Dr. Israel Goldstein expressing "its deep resentment over the slurring references to American Zionists which were contained in the address of Dr. Chaim Weizmann on Monday night. These offensive remarks concerning American Zionists' support of the Haganah and its resistance activities were passing strange coming from one who must be fully aware that the Zionists of America were repeatedly called upon by authoritative spokesmen of the Yishuv to give the utmost support to the responsible Jewish resistance movement in Palestine," says the statement.

The statement stressed that "it must be left to the responsible elements of Palestine Jewry to determine what should or should not be done with regard to resistance, and it reaffirmed the support of the American Jewry to the Yishuv and Haganah in their heroic effort to protect the rights of the Jewish people.

"This position of American Zionists was so distorted as to be susceptible to the interpretation that American Zionists were irresponsibly encouraging the youth of Palestine to expose themselves to danger while remaining safely in America and offering only moral, political and financial support. This unparalleled imputation has caused a feeling of outrage among the American delegates to the Congress and evoked expressions of protest and indignation at the sessions Monday evening and subsequently."

William B. Ziff, of New York, was expelled by the Revisionist delegation after he issued a statement that approval by the Congress of partition or cooperation with the British Government against the underground would be the signal for immediate civil war.





Dr. Abba Hillel Silver heads the ZOA delegation to the World Zionist Congress, some members of which are shown on board ship before leaving New York to attend the Congress in Switzerland. Left to right: Julius Haber, Abraham Goodman, Mendel Fisher, Dr. Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Rabbi Irving Miller, Benjamin Doft and I. R. Goodman.

Strong ZOA Congress Delegation Helps Shape Destiny of Movement

**SPECIAL
DISPATCH**
**FROM
BASLE**

BASLE, Dec. 12.—The ZOA delegation to the World Zionist Congress is here in its full strength. In addition to the 40 delegates, it includes as many as 11 deputy delegates, all of whom are fully participating in every phase of the proceedings of the World Zionist Congress. These deputy delegates are: Abraham Krumbein, Brooklyn; Rose Bender, Philadelphia; Jacob Rabinovitz, Boston; Dr. Joachim Prinz, Newark; Benjamin Rabsky, Boston; Paul Gaiser, Dayton; Shepard Broad, Miami Beach; Charles Feller, Harrisburg; Benjamin Gordon, Teaneck; Julius Haber, New York; Abraham Linzer, New York.

The entire ZOA delegation hold regular meetings at which the issues and problems facing the Congress are fully and frankly discussed.

To facilitate the relationship between the ZOA and the Confederation of General Zionists, a steering committee was elected. Dr. Israel Goldstein is the chairman of this committee, the members of which are: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Dr. Irving Miller, Abraham Goldstein, Dewey Stone of Brockton, Elihu D. Stone of Boston, Abraham Redelheim, Abraham Goodman of New York, Rabbi Leon Feuer of Toledo, Mortimer May of Nashville, Tenn., Joseph Greenleaf and Jacques Torczyner. Dr. Silver is chairman of the delegation. Members of the secretariat are Mendel N. Fisher, Mrs. Rose Bender of Philadelphia, Joseph Sternstein of New York.

General Zionist Strength

At the World Conference of General Zionists, the most impressive addresses were delivered by the members of the ZOA delegation: Dr. Silver, Abraham Goldstein, Rabbi Irving Miller, Dr. Samuel Margoshes. An active part was taken by ZOA delegates in the work of the commission of this Conference and the following are members of the Steering Committee of General Zionists: Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Committee; Abraham Goldstein, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Daniel Frisch, and Rabbi Irving Miller are the ZOA representatives. This Committee is a most important body as it will have to define the policies of the Confederation and eventually to negotiate the creation and the formation of the new World Zionist Executive.

Up to this very moment, the Confederation functions smoothly and the prophets of its doom are sadly disappointed.

1) ZOA delegates have been

placed on Congress commissions where they have an opportunity to represent the American Zionist point of view in the various fields of their Zionist activities. The ZOA program, based on the results of the recent convention at Atlantic City, has made a deep impression on the delegates to the Congress.

Silver Foremost Personality

The Day of Dec. 17 carries a mail dispatch from A. Alpern who, reporting that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was unanimously and enthusiastically elected president of the Conference of General Zionists, says:

"There is intense interest around the personality of Dr. Silver. Few individuals at the Congress attract so much strong attention. Much is expected of him and about him."

Alpern predicts that Silver may emerge as the dominant personality at the Congress. Reporting on Dr. Silver's address to the General Zionists, Alpern comments: "By his dynamic action, Dr. Silver refused to wait for the Congress, but openly and unequivocally stated his credo at the party conference . . . This is Dr. Silver's method—that of the straight open attack to win adherents and associates without being frightened of opposition."

"Not all General Zionists are agreed on all lines of policy laid down by Dr. Silver. Experience of previous Congresses tells us that General Zionists are, on the whole, not a very stable or disciplined element. It is a party of individualists with varying views and opinions who often refuse to submit to the majority decisions of their own group . . . But the main line of Dr. Silver's thesis, the demand for a Jewish state, will be accepted by all."

Official Languages

The official languages at the Congress are Hebrew and English. The spoken languages at the sessions are mostly Yiddish, Hebrew and English, with a number of delegates speaking French, German and Ladino, a Spanish-Yiddish jargon.

ZOA Backs JNF Autonomy

At the world conference of the Jewish National Fund which preceded the opening of the Congress, Daniel Frisch, chairman of the ZOA Administrative Council, stated that the ZOA is opposed to all plans which will harm the autonomous status of the JNF. Representatives of more than 20 countries attended the conference which closed with addresses by Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, president of Hadassah.



DANIEL FRISCH
Chairman, ZOA Administrative Council, at Congress where he is vice-chairman of Nominations Committee.

Labor Party Aloof

The delegates of the Mapai Labor Organization in Palestine feel very disappointed at the attitude of the British Labor Party toward the Congress. Not a word of greeting on the part of the British Labor Party was sent.

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Uphold the
ZOA PROGRAM!!
For Jewish Statehood
and Security

Warsaw Heroine Presides

Alvin Rosenfeld cables to the *New York Post* that the handsome, plainly-dressed young woman was the youngest person ever to preside over a session of the "Parliament of the Jewish People." As she strode to the chairman's seat, the hundreds of delegates to the Congress rose and cheered.

To them, this woman, with close-cut brown hair and a strong face which bore no lipstick or rouge, was a symbol of Jewish resistance.

Zivia Lubethin, 30, a leader of the heroic but doomed revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto, had been given up for lost after the Ghetto's fall. Her obituary had been printed in several underground newspapers. But she rose miraculously from the dead several months afterwards and now lives in Palestine.

Late Basle Bulletin

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Dr. Israel Goldstein urged the Congress to reject attendance at the London Conference and denied that the United States would step out of the Palestine picture if the Zionists refuse to attend the London talks. Dr. Goldstein suggested the establishment of a strong representation of the Zionist Executive in America since, he said, Zionist leaders in Jerusalem and London "may not be free to speak and to work."

In a similar vein spoke Dr. I. Schwarzbart, General Zionist leader of New York.

Eliel Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, called for the establishment of two holding companies with an initial capital of £2,000,000 (\$8,000,000) and £2,500,000 (\$10,000,000) to float loans for Jewish construction and settlement in Palestine over a ten-year period. He appealed to world Jewry to purchase preferred stock in the companies for which the Jewish Agency would guarantee a minimum dividend.

Mr. Kaplan presented a 1947 budget of \$63,000,000 for the work of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. This vast expansion of Zionist effort compares with the total of \$72,000,000 collected by voluntary subscriptions in the last 25 years.

JNF Holdings Doubled

Dr. Abraham Granovsky, head of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, reported that in the last seven years, the Keren Kayemeth (JNF) collections totalled £10,500,000 (\$42,000,000), of which £3,500,000 (\$14,000,000) was collected last year alone. But expenditures are still higher in order "that no opportunities for land purchase be lost. Present plans, Dr. Granovsky said, demand more than £9,000,000 (\$36,000,000) for next year alone."

Despite the difficulties it encountered, however, the JNF increased its land holdings by 400,000 dunams since 1939 and has invested \$52,000,000, Dr. Granovsky reported. The constant and rapid increase of funds raised throughout the world for land purchase in Palestine is the best indication of the growth of Zionism among large numbers of Jews.

Poale Zion Split on Weizmann

Moshe Zack, cabling to the *Jewish Morning Journal* of New York, reports that Ben Gurion is determined not to enter the incoming Executive if Weizmann should be re-elected as president. Ben Gurion's opposition to Weizmann became more sharp after Weizmann's speech, Zack cables.

Zack also reveals that at a stormy meeting of the Poale Zion faction, a strong division was shown on the question of the presidency of the organization. Ben Gurion and the younger Poale Zion delegates strongly opposed Weizmann's candidacy. Particularly bitter against Weizmann are the Poale Zion delegates who are closely linked with the Haganah. Weizmann's speech had a two-fold effect: On the one hand, he won over many General Zionists and even Mizrahi delegates and on the other hand, he alienated support among the Poale Zion who were previously for him.

Zack also reports that the Pales-

tine Labor delegates approached Mizrahi in an attempt to come to an agreement on the composition of the new Executive. The Mizrahi reiterated its stand in favor of a praesidium. The followers of Dr. Silver, Zack further reports, have stated they will not enter the new Executive if Weizmann will remain president.

A. Leon Gelman, president of Mizrahi of America, indicated that if American Zionists will not participate in a coalition, he too will insist that Mizrahi do likewise.

Special Bulletin

**SPECIAL
DISPATCH**
**FROM
BASLE**

BASLE, Dec. 18.—The general debate is now over. The addresses delivered by ZOA delegates—Dr. Silver, Emanuel Neumann, Judge Rothenberg, Dr. Israel Goldstein and Abraham Goldstein, made a deep impression on the delegates. The Permanent Auschus (Committee on Committees), the Steering and Nominations Committees of the Congress are proceeding to tackle the problems with which they have been entrusted. Daniel Frisch, Judge Louis E. Levinthal and Rabbi Irving Miller have appeared at these commissions to defend the ZOA position. All members of the ZOA delegation have been allocated to the various committees following unanimous decisions of the delegates.

Dr. Silver is heading the most important committee—the Political Committee of the Congress.

In the Confederation of General Zionists, ZOA representatives on Organization and Finance committees are busily working on constitution and budget of the Confederation. The committee sessions featured reports by representatives of Austrian and German D. P. camps.

The following ZOA delegates in order of their appointment, have been assigned to the major commissions: *Permanent Auschus*, Daniel Frisch, Judge Levinthal, Rabbi Irving Miller; *Organization*, Rabbi Leon Feuer, Abraham Goldstein, Jacques Torczyner, Morris Weinberg; *Youth*, Joseph Sternstein, I. R. Goodman, Rose Bender; *Culture and Education*, Ezra Shapiro, Samuel Margoshes, Arnold Israeli; *Colonization and Agriculture*, Judge Bernard Rosenblatt, Theodore Strimling, Judge Jacob Schwolsky; *Political*, Dr. A. H. Silver, Emanuel Neumann, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Jacob Fishman, Dr. Leon Feuer, Elihu Stone, Samuel Margoshes; *Budget and Finance*, Judge Morris Rothenberg, Charles Rens, Robert Szold, Abraham Goodman, Mendel Fisher, Dewey Stone; *Aliyah Hachsharah*, Abraham Redelheim, Sol Cohen, Rabbi Samuel Cooper, I. S. Tur-over; *Trade and Industry*, Dewey Stone, Mortimer May, Sol Benamy, Abraham Krumbein; *Labor*, Louis Falk, Maxwell Cohen, Benjamin Doft, Joseph W. Greenleaf; *Galuth*, Elihu Stone, David Moskowitz, Rose Bender.

Weizmann's Presidential Message Opens Congress

Address Avoids Partition Issue—Condemns Terrorists; Thanks Truman for aid to Cause; Emphasizes Claims for Jewish State

Against a background of spirited pre-Congress caucuses of all parties comprising the World Zionist Organization, the 22nd World Zionist Congress opened in the Muster-messe in Basle Monday afternoon, December 9th, with a 50-minute address by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and of the Jewish Agency. More than 370 delegates from 61 countries, as well as 2,000 guests including diplomats from various legations in Switzerland, overflowed the historic meeting hall in Basle where 50 years ago Herzl opened the first Congress.

A JTA dispatch reports that Dr. Weizmann, in his address, appealed to the British Government either to carry out the provisions of the Palestine mandate "in the spirit and in the letter," or to surrender the mandate after creating a "political finality" in Palestine by establishing a Jewish State. Dr. Weizmann bitterly charged Britain with being largely responsible for the annihilation by the Nazis of millions of Jews in Europe. If Britain had not kept the doors of Palestine closed to Jews, under its White Paper policy, many could have found refuge in Palestine instead of being asphyxiated in gas chambers, he stressed. At the same time, he pointed out that the Jews do not want to drive the British out of Palestine, but insist that they carry out the terms of the mandate which provide for the establishment of a Jewish National Home.

Dr. Weizmann made no direct reference in his 5,000-word keynote speech to the question of Jewish participation in the Conference on Palestine which will resume in London next month. Nor did he refer to the burning issue of partitioning Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states. These two questions are the central points of interest at the Congress.

Condemns Terrorism

The aged Zionist leader scathingly condemned the use of terrorism in Palestine. Terrorist activities, he said, are alien to the Jewish spirit and an insult to Jewish history. "Jews came to Palestine to build, not to destroy," he pointed out. He denounced the "heroics of suicidal violence and called for the 'courage of endurance.'"

"Terrorist acts," he told the Congress, "apart from being morally abhorrent, are also barren of all advantage. They expose our hard-won achievements to the prospect of destruction, and they lead us to a bottomless abyss of nihilism and despair." He expressed the certainty that the Congress will support the efforts of the Jewish institutions in Palestine to combat the "vicious movements which threaten the good name of the Yishuv and its very survival."

Dr. Weizmann pointed out that he does not underestimate "the cruel pressures which have been at work" on the minds of Jewish youth in Palestine and have given rise to a feeling of despair. "It was the cruel destiny of our young generation," he said, "to see their kinsmen brutally murdered in Europe while they stood by helpless and impotent. The White Paper policy prevented them from rising to the rescue, and later, that policy forbade them to receive the few survivors whom Providence had spared. In their native homeland, the country of the National Home, they found themselves excluded on racial grounds from all but 5 per cent of the land."

Peace With Arabs

Touching upon the question of Arab-Jewish relationship, Dr. Weizmann said that this relationship "is too often envisaged in terms of incompatibility and conflict." He reviewed Arab-Jewish relations since the period following World War I to prove that "it was not always so," and pointed out that the Arab people now possess seven independent states and that they have emerged unscathed from wars which have devastated the Jews.

"Before the whole world I have said that our work has brought no



Dr. Chaim Weizmann shown opening the World Zionist Congress at Basle. Shown on the rostrum are (l to r.): David Ben Gurion, Rabbi Judah Fishman and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

injury to the Arab peoples," he declared. "Against the sterile assumption of conflict, we set the higher conception of potential accord. We wish to bring Jewish effort into harmony with the wider interests of the Middle East. But if we are to do this, the respect which we give to the national rights of others must be recognized for us."

Dr. Weizmann pointed to the recent letter sent by President Truman to King Ibn Saud asserting that it is not against the interests of the Arab world to urge the immigration of Jews into Palestine and the recognition of the Jewish National Home. "I wholeheartedly concur in that opinion," he stated.

Thanks Truman for Aid

"I have mentioned the name of President Truman," Dr. Weizmann continued, "and I would like to express here our deep appreciation for the sympathy and support which the President and the Government of the United States has consistently lent to our cause in these difficult days. Wherever American influence has been brought to bear on our problem—whether in treatment of our survivors in Europe or in the wider issues of preservation and development of the Jewish National Home—we have felt the great liberal impulses of that great country to be warmly alive. For all this, we are deeply grateful." The reference to the U. S. brought applause from the audience.

Dr. Weizmann, whose sight is now seriously impaired, read his address from a specially prepared manuscript in large type. On the platform seated behind him were, in addition to the other members of the World Zionist Executive, representatives of the Swiss federal and cantonal governments and of the Basle municipality.

British Absent From Session

British representatives were conspicuously absent from the diplomatic gallery, but diplomats from 24 other countries were present including United States Vice-Consul John A. Lehrs and I. F. Lumkow, First Secretary of the Soviet Legation. The British Consul in Basle sent a letter expressing regrets on behalf of the British Minister to Switzerland, T. M. Snow.

A huge portrait of Dr. Theodor Herzl, father of political Zionism, dominated the assembly from the rear stage, flanked by huge blue-

and-white flags. The session opened with the playing of Hatikvah as the delegates stood at attention. They remained standing and cheering as Dr. Weizmann ascended the platform. He delivered a short greeting to Palestine in Hebrew, which was broadcast, and then introduced various Swiss dignitaries, including the Mayor of Basle, who welcomed the delegates.

Following their addresses, David Remez, chairman of the Jewish National Council, made a brief address on behalf of the Jews of Palestine, during which he invited the next Zionist Congress to meet in Palestine, "the land which Zionism created as a home for all Jewry." Replying, Weizmann said that he, too, hoped that the next Congress will be held in Jerusalem.

Wise Addresses Session

Speaking at the night session on "Fifty Years of Zionism," Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, who was English secretary of the Second Zionist Congress, held in this city in 1898, called on the Jews of Palestine "to resist, resist, resist oppression of our brothers, but let no deeds soil the blameless record of our long, unsullied history." If the high moral standards of Zionism are forgotten, he warned, it will sink to "the level of rabble-rousing chauvinism."

Reviewing Zionist history, he said that "nothing worse befell us throughout two generations of resettlement than the White Paper, the failure to reject which out of hand was a terrible blunder by all of us," which, he added, "cost the lives of tens of thousands of Jews."

"It is barely credible that the British Government should in one generation descend from the heights of the Balfour Declaration to the depths of Yagour and Cyprusism," he continued. "Surely this government, which long stood as a friend of the Jewish people, will not be satisfied with the role of the betrayer of Zionism."

U. S. General Zionists For Triumvirate

A JTA dispatch from Basle reports that at a special meeting on Sunday, December 15th, the General Zionist delegation from the U. S. voted to support Dr. Chaim Weizmann for Honorary Presidency of the World Zionist Organization and called for a three-man praesidium to replace him as president.

Reaction to Weizmann's Speech Mixed—Margoshes

Dr. S. Margoshes, in a cable from Basle to the Yiddish daily, *The Day* of New York, declared that "Dr. Chaim Weizmann's opening address was received with mixed feeling. However, all sections welcomed enthusiastically his statement that the logical conclusion of the Balfour Declaration must be the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine."

"The biggest sensation was Dr. Weizmann's bitter attack upon the terror acts in Palestine. Opinions are divided as to whether Weizmann should have so sharply condemned the extremists. Weizmann's statement in this respect will possibly evoke a sharp debate at the Congress sessions. There was particular dissatisfaction with the remark in his speech that the fight of the Jewish heroes in defending Masada, the last Jewish fortress at the time of the second destruction of the Temple, was a catastrophe in Jewish history, despite the great heroism by the Jewish fighters."

"Weizmann presented a tragic figure when in a voice choked with tears, he described the sufferings of the Jewish people in the face of a hardened and indifferent world. Dr. Weizmann's greatest political supporters, the delegates of the Labor bloc, are divided," Dr. Margoshes cabled further. "David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, is opposed to the reelection of Dr. Weizmann, while Joseph Sprinzak, also an important leader in Jewish Labor in Palestine, favors Dr. Weizmann's reelection, Margoshes states."

Lacked Enthusiasm

Jacob Fishman, in a cable dispatch to the *Jewish Morning Journal* of New York, comments that the opening session lacked the usual enthusiasm which used to pervade the opening sessions of previous Congresses. He attributes this to the seriousness of the Jewish position. "Dr. Weizmann as usual, was received with a great ovation, but the greetings of the high personalities and Jewish representatives in Basle were monotonous and took over an hour's time," Fishman says.

Goldstein At World Congress

Dr. Israel Goldstein, who was named acting president of the ZOA in the absence of the ZOA delegation to the Congress, left by air for Basle on December 5th to attend the sessions of the World Confederation of General Zionists and the Zionist Congress.

On the eve of his departure Dr. Goldstein declared:

"For the first time since Zionist Congresses began in 1897, American Zionists will come as the largest single representation. This Zionist Congress will register the fact that the center of gravity of the Zionist movement has shifted to the United States. American Zionists will come with the knowledge that the American people and government are sup-



DR. CHAIM HILFSTEIN
Noted Polish Zionist who returned from death camps

Weizmann For Participation

A Basle dispatch reports that Dr. Chaim Weizmann, speaking at a meeting of European delegates of General Zionists, made a fervent appeal for Jewish participation in the conference on Palestine which will resume next month in London.

Dr. Weizmann stated that there is no alternative other than participation, since taking part in the London parley will at least give the Jews a chance to present their views.



ISRAEL MEREMINSKI
Palestine Laborite

porting the demand for free Jewish immigration into Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. If Great Britain will at long last adopt this as its program, it will bring peace to Palestine and honor to itself. Otherwise, it will have neither peace nor honor."

Hints Delay In Jewish State

A JTA dispatch states that a cryptic statement by Dr. Weizmann during memorial services for the six million Jews martyred in Europe aroused considerable speculation among the delegates. Reviewing the martyrdom of Jewry in its struggle for a national life in Palestine, he said: "Be strong. Remember we are going to have a Jewish state, if not in my generation, then in yours." Some observers interpreted the statement as an indication that the Zionist leader did not expect that present demands for a Jewish state will be realized, the dispatch adds.

U.S. Not Committed to Partition-Silver

Second Day of Congress Highlighted by Addresses Of Silver, Ben Gurion and Wise

The second day of the World Zionist Congress was highlighted by a militant one-hour address delivered by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, head of the ZOA delegation and president of the General Zionist bloc of 130 delegates, in which he denied the assertion that President Truman committed the United States to the partition proposal of the Jewish Agency. The speaker added that all that President Truman said was that the U. S. government will support a compromise between this proposal and the Morrison-Grady plan.

Press Comments On Session

A. Alpern, cabling to the Yiddish daily, *The Day*, of New York, reports that Dr. Silver's speech was listened to with rapt attention, as he as head of the American Zionist movement criticized the United States government for having in the midst of the most overwhelming Jewish tragedy in Europe preoccupied itself with the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee.

Both the English and the Yiddish press have given great prominence to Dr. Silver's address. Alpern reports that Dr. S. Margoshes, a member of the ZOA delegation, was among the first American delegates to participate in the general debate on Dr. Weizmann's address. Dr. Margoshes criticized Dr. Weizmann for having failed to voice sharp condemnation of England's action in imprisoning the leaders of the Jewish Agency, "a sense of condemnation which every Jew felt."

Weizmann's Election

Jacob Fishman, cabling to the *Jewish Morning Journal* of New York, dwells at length on the incidents attending the election of Dr. Weizmann as head of the Congress praesidium. Fishman expresses the view that many of the delegates believed that the election of Dr. Weizmann as head of the praesidium of the Congress implies that he will be re-elected as president of the World Zionist Organization, as "he is the only figure upon whom all conflicting factions can unite." Fishman adds that the Mizrahi and the General Zionists hold in their hands the key to the situation.

Fishman reports that Dr. Silver's address was well received. "His review of American Zionist events for the past four years and his statements regarding the growth of the responsibilities of American Jews were incontrovertible facts, known to all. When it came, however, to his statement regarding the controversies within the American Zionist Emergency Council, he dealt somewhat too strongly with Dr. Wise's administration," Fishman comments.

Ben Gurion Questioned

The *Jewish Morning Journal*, in a special cable, reports that Ben Gurion's statement on the partition plan aroused a storm among the delegates. Some of them interposed: "If you agree to the partition of Palestine, why don't you state so in clear terms?"

The Yiddish daily, *The Day*, in an editorial of December 11, comments in warm terms on the address of Dr. Chaim Weizmann. "He spoke as a true statesman and he formulated Jewish demands relating to Palestine clearly and convincingly," the editorial says.

Laborites Heckle Ben Gurion

"Ben Gurion, however, indicated he was willing to negotiate on the basis of partition, an issue which has almost split this Congress.

"In his speech, Ben Gurion sought to justify the Agency's action of last summer. He was heckled by members of his own Labor party. And some delegates of other parties charged there was great inconsistency between the Agency's action then and Ben Gurion's demand now for all of Palestine."

Another keynote speaker at Tuesday's session (December 10) was David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, who opposed "placing Palestine under trusteeship as this would bring the Jews no nearer to a Jewish state than the mandate did." He asserted that a Jewish state in Palestine is the only guarantee of peace in the Middle East.

Dr. Stephen S. Wise, who also spoke at this session, called upon Britain "as an old friend of the Jewish people" not to be satisfied with "her role of the betrayal of Zionism and either cancel the White Paper immediately or relinquish the mandate entirely."

Speaking in the morning session, Dr. Silver reviewed the activities of American Jewry. He made it clear that he did not intend, for the present, to embark on a discussion of the position of American Zionists on "the partition proposal presented in Washington by a representative of the Jewish Agency, but would reserve that for a later session."

According to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatch, Dr. Silver in his speech said:

"It is too early to say how firm and persistent Secretary of State Byrnes will be in pressing for Jewish rights in Palestine and for a just and early solution of the Palestine problem," he declared. The Secretary of State, however, now understands "the full gravity and urgency" of the Palestine question. Dr. Silver added, He praised Truman for dealing forthrightly "for the first time" with the "unwarranted intervention" of King Ibn Saud in the Palestine issue.

Silver Stand Applauded

A statement by Dr. Silver that many Zionists regarded the partition proposal of the Jewish Agency as "an error in judgment" and that this proposal was presented in "a most unfortunate way" was a signal for a short demonstration by many of the audience, who stamped their feet and applauded. The delegates also applauded when he warned against trusting "constant unrepentant sinners" with the task of negotiating on Palestine.

"The establishment of a Jewish state in our time is the only conceivable recompense of any that can be conceived at all for the slaughter of 6,000,000 Jews," he said. Referring to the recent announcement of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes that the United States will send an official observer to the London Conference on Palestine if Jews and Arabs participate in the parley, Dr. Silver said that the Byrnes statement was "made seemingly with an eye on the World Zionist Congress," and was not very revealing.

The leader of the American Zionist movement blamed American Jewish organizations for their failure to convince the American Government of the necessity of removing Jews from Europe immediately after the war. Simultaneously, he criticized the inadequate efforts of the U. S. Government in solving "the greatest humanitarian problem in modern history." The United States, he said, could admit 250,000 Nazi and Fascist war prisoners, but not its Jewish allies.

U. S. Zionist Cooperation

The cooperation of all Zionist groups in the American Zionist Emergency Council was lauded by Dr. Silver. He also praised the work of the American Jewish Conference saying that it triumphed "over the

vestigial oligarchy of self-appointed Haus-Juden."

A dispatch to the *New York Times* by Julian Louis Meltzer reports that Dr. Silver in his address strongly criticized by implication what he called the Truman Administration's failure to tackle "the greatest humanitarian problem in modern history, that of rescuing millions of men, women and children from mass extermination."

Speaking about the alleged mass murder of Jews through the absence of any "appreciable exertion to rise above the quiddities of technicalities and barriers of routine," he asserted that the United States shared the blame for this. It did not open its doors wide to rescuing numbers of trapped persons and did not offer even temporary asylum for numbers commensurate with the enormity of the tragedy, he noted.

Growth of Youth Interest

He made these additional points: "There has been a growing knowledge of Zionism among the Jewish youth of America, many of whom have been stirred by events of recent years, and American Zionists have impressed on their Government the fact that the Palestine issue is not peripheral and cannot be treated lightly but must become a major objective of American foreign policy."

Alvin Rosenfeld, in a dispatch to the *New York Post*, reports that Silver lashed out at America's wartime record on the Jewish problem. "America found it possible to transport to the United States more than 250,000 Nazi and Fascist prisoners. It did not find it possible to do as much for the Jews who were its friendliest allies." Silver was no less scathing in his attack on the Roosevelt administration which made "no representation whatsoever to the British Government."

Another dispatch from the United Press reports that Dr. Silver said that American Jews supported the resistance campaign against "illegal"

British rule of Palestine. The U.P. further reports that Dr. Silver "told the cheering, stamping delegates" that the Zionist Executive had made an "error in judgment" in accepting the principle of partition of Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. He said all Palestine should be turned over to the Jews and denied that such a demand was extreme. The present British rule in Palestine is not in accord with the terms of the League of Nations mandate and hence is illegal, Dr. Silver said. "We have the right to resist this rule and I pledge the support of American Jewry to this resistance."

Ben Gurion Calls for Jewish State

David Ben Gurion, in his address, made a vigorous appeal for the creation of a Jewish state. According to a *Palcor* dispatch, Mr. Ben Gurion declared that the Jews must fight now for the immediate establishment of a Jewish state, but warned simultaneously against "those who acquire a pound of dynamite and hope thereby to foist their will on the country." Mr. Ben Gurion, leader of Jewish Palestine's Labor movement, lashed out against the British Labor Party, particularly Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, asking: How should Jews regard this man who now implements the White Paper policy in view of his statement in 1939 "that the White Paper was a cynical breach of faith."

Mr. Ben Gurion asserted that a Jewish State in Palestine is the only guarantee of peace in the Middle East. The Jews, he said, want only to work and live in peace with the Arabs, he added, declaring that a Jewish State would bring the Four Freedoms to the Arab peoples of the Middle East. He outlined the aims of the Jewish State as follows:

1. To bring in all Jewish survivors in defiance of the White Paper.
2. To develop Palestine's resources to their fullest.
3. To abolish poverty among Jews and Arabs in the Middle East, particularly the Arabs of Palestine, by a complete industrial and economic transformation.
4. To give Jews representation on international councils.

Jewish Weapons

He then listed the weapons with which the Jews will fight for their State:

1. Immigration, which, Mr. Ben Gurion declared, is a spontaneous movement, not an organized drive.
2. Colonization, regardless of restrictive laws. As an example, he re-

ferred to the recent colonization drive in the Negev.

3. Global propaganda, pressure on governments and the marshalling of public opinion the world over.

Mr. Ben Gurion denied "absurd, erroneous" rumors that a Jewish State would be a theocracy, a state in which all Jews the world over would have to be citizens, or a state in which the Jews would be the only citizens, denying rights to minority groups. It goes without saying, he asserted, that a Jewish State could arise only in a regime of democracy and complete equality of rights, civic, religious, political and national, regardless of race, religion or sex.

The *New York Times* dispatch quotes Ben Gurion as having insisted that any proposals for partition in Palestine would be considered by competent Zionist institutions only if they came from Britain. Jews will not make overtures to Britain, he said.

U. S. New Champion

John Cabot Smith, correspondent of the *New York Herald Tribune*, in a dispatch from Basle states: "Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver and David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, expressed themselves in favor of defying Britain, and after Ben Gurion's speech there was little doubt that the Congress would never permit the Jewish Agency again to discuss the partition of Palestine.

"For Rabbi Silver the occasion had special significance, because his policy of abandoning any hope for Britain's willing cooperation is based on the assumption that the United States government will force Britain's hand and will take Britain's place as the outstanding champion of Zionism among the world powers."

Silver Named Head General Zionist Bloc

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver was elected president of the General Zionist bloc comprising 130 delegates. A. Alpern, in a cable to *The Day*, reporting on the debate between Dr. Silver and Dr. Goldmann at the conference of the General Zionists prior to the opening of the Congress, states that following the conference, a discussion took place which lasted past midnight and which was led by Rabbi Irving Miller, Abraham Goldstein, Isaac Gruenbaum and Dr. S. Margoshes.

Weizmann Heads Praesidium

A praesidium of 16, headed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, was elected to direct the sessions of the Congress. His election was marked by sharp clashes with Revisionist delegates bitterly attacking Weizmann, charging that his policy brought the movement to its present "catastrophic situation," a JTA dispatch reports. The Mizrahi delegates abstained from voting. Dr. Weizmann was elected as head of the praesidium by a vote of 191 to 48. The American members of the praesidium are Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Mrs. Judith Epstein, president of Hadassah, Chaim Greenberg, Labor Zionist, and Joseph Shechtman, United Zionist Revisionist.



Dr. Silver, with Mrs. Silver and one of their sons, on board ship as he left New York for the Congress sessions.

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Neumann Flays Partition Plan at Opening of Debate

Party Caucuses Held On Partition Question

The general debate was mostly devoted to the crucial issue of the partitioning of Palestine as proposed by the Jewish Agency Executive. The JTA reports that while the general debate continued, the various delegations were holding special party conferences to hammer out their stand on the many critical issues facing the Congress.

While the Canadian and American Poale Zion delegates voted to support the partition plan of the Executive, the meeting of the Mizrahi delegates was marked by sharp clashes on the question of partition and the composition of the Executive. Rabbi Meir Berlin, Mizrahi leader now in Palestine, in a letter to the Mizrahi delegates, urged unmodified rejection of partition in any form and demanded support for revamping of the Executive to include new personalities and allocation of seats on the basis of party strength. He also opposed placing JNF funds under the control of the Jewish Agency.

Opposing this program is the 71-year-old Rabbi Judah L. Fishman, Mizrahi member of the World Zionist Executive, who favors the Executive's present policies. Rabbi Fishman said he would not be a candidate for office again and this was his farewell speech.

Labor Mizrahi Stand

The Hapoel Hamizrachi, the labor Mizrahi, at a meeting, heard Moshe Shapiro, head of the organization and its representative on the Zionist Executive, propose a political platform which would reject the Jewish Agency's position on partition and return to the demand of the 20th Congress in 1937, which called for a Jewish State.

At a meeting of Revisionist delegates, speakers declared that Revisionists will not assume responsibility for the policies of the Jewish Agency Executive and will continue to fight, with the Zionist movement and at the Congress, for the election of a Jewish government in exile, a JTA dispatch reports.

A further dispatch reports that prior to the opening of the general debate, Ben Gurion addressed a meeting of all laborite delegates at which he pleaded for unity and urged the creation of a united front at the Congress of the Palestine Labor Party, the L'Achduth Avodah and the Hashomer Hatzair. He stressed the serious external and internal political situation of the Zionist movement, and urged the two opposition groups within organized Palestine labor to join at the Congress with the Mapai, the Labor Party, of which he is the leader.

Hashomer Hatzair Adamant

Delegates of the Hashomer Hatzair expressed their reluctance. They emphasized that they cannot join with the Mapai unless Ben Gurion comes out clearly against partition and until he is ready to pledge that he will not favor unconditional participation in the London talks on Palestine. All indications point to the fact that the Hashomer Hatzair

leaders will not retreat from these demands.

Criticism of Dr. Nahum Goldmann for having submitted the partition plan to the U. S. Government was voiced by some of the laborite delegates but Ben Gurion defended Dr. Goldmann's mission. He pointed out that it was undertaken with the authorization of the Agency's Executive. If the mission failed, he argued, it was a failure that all members of the Executive should share, and if it was a success, the whole Executive should share the credit. He made clear that he strongly believed that the mission was a success.



MOSHE SHERTOK

Political Head of Agency at Congress

61 Countries Represented

A total of 380 delegates from 61 countries are participating in the Congress deliberations. Of these, 120 are from U. S., 79 from Palestine, 16 representatives of displaced persons camps in Germany and Austria, 17 from France and French protectorates, 14 from Poland, 10 from Hungary, 10 from the British Isles, 7 from the Union of South Africa, 9 from Canada, 4 from Italy, and about 20 from various South American countries.

It has been reported that there are over 300 newspaper representatives from all over the world covering the sessions of the Congress.

Note Significance Of Address

The New York Post's Alvin Rosenfeld, reporting on the beginning of a gruelling five-day general debate, comments that "to some observers it was significant that Ben Gurion called for 'establishment of Palestine as a Jewish State' only a few hours after Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, president of the Zionist Organization of America and battering-ram of the opposition to the present Agency leadership, demanded a 'Jewish State in the whole of Palestine' and sharply criticized the Agency's strategy in putting forward partition.

Warns Against Jewish Participation In London Conference; Supports Haganah

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, vice-president of the ZOA and chairman of its Interim Committee, opened the full dress political debate on December 11th at the World Zionist Congress with a scathing attack upon the partition plan proposed by the Jewish Agency Executive which he charged "has abandoned the principle of a Jewish state in an undivided Palestine."

In what was considered one of the greatest speeches of his career—a speech which was frequently punctuated by applause—Dr. Neumann warned against the participation of the Jewish Agency in the London Conference on Palestine, asserting that the Conference should be regarded "as a maneuver of the British government designed to promote its own basically anti-Zionist policy."

The debate opened by Dr. Neumann followed addresses of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who indicated his opposition to the partition scheme, and by David Ben Gurion, who agreed that the Zionist movement should not propose any partition plan to the British government, but should be amenable to an acceptable compromise.

A J. T. A. dispatch reports that Dr. Neumann in his speech charged that the "new line" adopted by the Executive at its conference in Paris was a failure without any results to justify it. "The Executive experimented and its experiment failed," he said. They speculated on the hope that a compromise could be accepted and they lost. It was a costly experiment. The Zionist movement will continue to pay a heavy price for it in many ways.

Hits Submission of Plan to U. S.

As far as the governments of the United States and Britain are concerned, Dr. Neumann continued, the Executive presented the partition plan to them as an expression of the Zionist policy. "If this policy is to be changed now, it means that new methods are to be applied and new men elected," he declared.

The partition plan has not been accepted by the British as a basis for discussion, nor does it find favor with the Arabs, Dr. Neumann pointed out. He added that if some Arabs are inclined to accept the partition scheme, they are "discreetly silent" about it. "The Arab official position is as inflexible, as adamant as before," he asserted.

Discussing the question of participation in the London Conference, Dr. Neumann stressed that the Zionist movement had once before accepted an invitation to a round table conference in London, which resulted in the issuance of the White Paper. He also cited the report of the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee whose recommendations the British Government refused to accept.

"We have not declared war against the British people," he stated, "but we must frankly recognize the fact that Britain is waging a war against the most vital interests of the Jewish people."

Shift Zionist Headquarters

Pointing out that the Zionist movement has not dissolved and does not intend to dissolve its historic association with Britain, but cannot behave as if nothing had happened since the Balfour Declaration, Dr. Neumann declared: "Britain will understand if we say that no Zionist Executive will ever be elected by the Congress to participate in the liquidation of the Zionist movement. We cannot change our policy to follow exclusively a British orientation."

The American Zionist leader said that the time may have come to symbolize the change in the relations between Britain and the Zionists by shifting the center of Zionist political activity to a country which is not under a British flag. At the same time, Dr. Neumann told the Congress that the recent statement issued by U. S. Secretary of State Byrnes urging Jews to at-



DR. EMANUEL NEUMANN

tend the London Conference on Palestine was an attempt to make the Zionists agree to unconditional participation in the parley.

Discussing Jewish resistance in Palestine, Dr. Neumann said that the Yishuv itself must determine the form that the resistance should take and the point to which it should be carried. "If responsible elements in the Yishuv are engaged in a struggle not for themselves, but for the sake of all people, we intend to back them to the limit and to extend them every moral and material assistance," he stated.

Vital Political Factor

Cabling to the New York Herald Tribune, John Chabot Smith, special staff correspondent at Basle of that paper, reports that Neumann, in his address, said that through Rabbi Silver's dynamic leadership, the Zionists in the United States are transforming the traditional American sympathy for the Zionist cause into "an active political factor." American Zionism has "forged a powerful weapon in our struggle for liberation," he said.

Neumann criticized the recent statement by Secretary of State Byrnes on the subject as "directed more toward us than the British." He added: "Byrnes has been lending his co-operation to British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin in their efforts to get us to the conference, without insisting on the conditions which our Executive had made. Byrnes joins Bevin in advising us to waive that condition and come along without it." Neumann commented that constant pressure is necessary to overcome the inertia of the American State Department and force it to follow a pro-Zionist policy.

The strength and bargaining power of the Zionist cause, Neumann said, came from three factors: "The growth of the Jewish community in Palestine in numbers, armed strength and organization; the terrific pressure of the desperate plight of the surviving Jews in Europe, and the unprecedented power and influence of the United States in world politics."

"This fact," he continued, "coupled with the rise of Soviet Russia to a power position of the first magni-

tude, has made Great Britain dependent on the political support of America to a much greater extent than ever before. The Jewish community in the United States is large and not without political influence in public affairs."

Bargaining Advantage

He asserted that for the first time since Britain issued the Balfour Declaration under the stress of World War I, there is at least a "favorable constellation of political forces" which the Zionists can take advantage of for bargaining purposes.

He insisted on the importance of continuing the "strength and resistance" against political policy in Palestine, and said it is up to the Jewish community in Palestine to decide "the form which its resistance must take, and the point to which it should be carried."

Neumann's speech was the first of many answers to the statement of policy made by David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, last night. Neumann respectfully, but firmly, pointed out that Ben Gurion had not made his meaning unequivocally clear, and said he "gathered the impression" that Ben Gurion's policy meant a return to the demand for Jewish rule over the whole of Palestine, abandonment of the proposal for partitioning Palestine and rejection of the British-sponsored Morrison Plan for a federated Palestine.

Partition Plan Dead

The Herald Tribune staff correspondent comments that "however equivocal the speech of Ben Gurion and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, it is impossible to escape the conclusion that the partition plan, as advocated by Weizmann in August, is now dead, at least as far as the World Zionist Organization and its subsidiary agencies are concerned. At the same time, Ben Gurion and Weizmann are trying to keep open the possibility of attending the London conference. To Neumann, Rabbi Silver and their followers, the London conference is useless, if not actually dangerous.

"Ben Gurion adheres to the Weizmann formula of a 'viable state in Palestine' to the extent of saying that if the British government proposed such a compromise the Jewish Agency might consider it, provided that a large enough area was offered to the Jews and that Jewish immigration into the rest of Palestine was allowed to continue freely."

The New York Times correspondent reports that Neumann said American Zionists' views were identified with Haganah. He said American Zionists felt themselves part of the "resistance movement" whose aim was to extend and strengthen the Zionists' position in Palestine and bring hundreds of thousands of Jews into the country by all means while maintaining a political offensive outside Palestine to obtain statehood recognition. He called for new men and new methods to lead the Zionist movement, which, he said, must eliminate "Vichy defeatism in favor of the Dunkerque spirit."

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Congress Debate Marked By Sharp Clashes

Silver Proposed As Head of Triumvirate

A dispatch by Morris Zack to the *Jewish Morning Journal* of New York states that the main issue in the debate will be the composition of the Jewish Agency Executive. Zack reports that he has learned from reliable sources that the followers of Silver will demand that Dr. Nahum Goldmann be withdrawn from Washington, although they will not oppose his election in the Executive.

The dispatch further states that speculation is rife as to whether Weizmann will again become president of the Agency. Zack reports that he has learned that Weizmann has expressed his willingness to remain president. He further reports that Weizmann, however, will probably not be able to accept the presidency because he would have against him a considerable minority which would, on one hand, be embarrassing to him and would, on the other hand, bind his hands.

Plan Depends on Labor

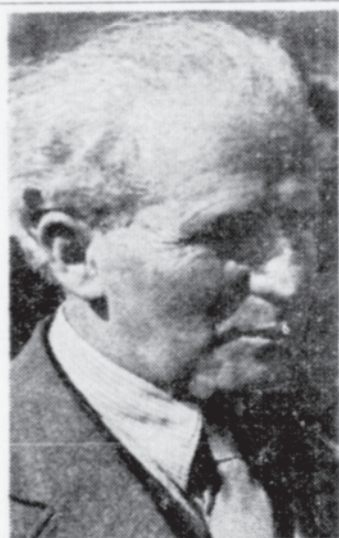
The dispatch further reports that there is a strong sentiment that a praesidium of the Agency, with Dr. Abba Hillel Silver as chairman, be elected. The carrying out of such a plan is dependent upon the Labor group at the Congress, since Dr. Silver would not accept the chairmanship of the triumvirate should the Labor faction fail to support him.

A. Alpern, in a cable to the *Yiddish daily, The Day*, of New York, reports that in an interview, Dr. Moshe Sneh, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, stated that Ben Gurion, by abandoning the partition formula offered by the Jewish Agency Executive, has come around to the viewpoint of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Leo Gelman, president of the Mizrahi of America, stated that Ben Gurion's rejection of the partition formula should be a source of satisfaction to all devoted Zionists. Alpern further reports that, on the whole, Ben Gurion's speech against the partition plan has stunned his followers and aroused great joy among the opponents of the present World Zionist leadership.

British Attitude

On the other hand, Margoshes cables to *The Day* that Dr. Isaac Gruenbaum, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, stated to him that Ben Gurion's change of mind will have an adverse effect on England. Gruenbaum contends that the British government may interpret Ben Gurion's change of mind as an indication that the Zionist leadership is not clear as to what it wants



DAVID BEN GURION
Chairman Jewish Agency Executive.
Suggested as member of Triumvirate

in relation to Palestine. Berl Locker, Laborite and political representative of the Agency in London, defended Ben Gurion. Locker stated that Ben Gurion's address was not correctly understood. Locker maintains that Ben Gurion still adheres to the same standpoint as the Agency Executive.

Margoshes further reports that Daniel Frisch, chairman of the ZOA Administrative Council, termed Ben Gurion's opposition to the partition plan a belated return to true Zionism. Frisch emphasized that there can be no excuse for Dr. Weizmann's and Ben Gurion's bitter attacks upon so-called terrorism in Palestine and for their mild expressions in regard to England's actions.



DR. J. LEIBOWICZ
Head of Haoved Hadati

Report Retreat by Executive

The *Jewish Morning Journal* of Dec. 12 carries a special dispatch from Murray Frank, its Basle correspondent, in which he states that the Executive of the Jewish Agency has decided to ask the Zionist Congress not to discuss the partitioning of Palestine, but to approve the demand for a Jewish State. The Agency Executive thus wants to nullify its decision, taken at its Paris meeting, favoring a viable Jewish State in an adequate area of Palestine.

This decision by the Agency Executive is a retreat from its previous position.

However, the dispatch further reports that the Agency Executive has decided to ask the Congress that authority be given to the incoming Executive to decide on participation in the London conference. The Agency Executive wants the Congress not to adopt any conditions for such participation but to give discretion to the Executive.

Goldmann, Locker Defend Partition Plan; Revisionists Call for Provisional Gov't

U. S. HADASSAH LEADER DEMANDS END OF MANDATE

As the general debate moved into its second day (Thursday, December 12), there came to the surface the sharp cleavages of the various factions attending the Zionist Congress. Meltzer of the *New York Times* cables that the first major uproar of the Congress occurred "when the Revisionist delegates took offense at an alleged slight by a Labor party member. They kept up the commotion for 20 minutes until the chairman restored order."

"The scene began when Louis Siegel, of New York, representing the Jewish Socialist party, accused Meir Grossman, president of the United Zionist Revisionists of America, of threatening the Con-

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gress in his speech. Mr. Siegel also charged that the Revisionists were backing the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation in America," the *Times* dispatch says.

The sharp differences were particularly apparent in the debate when Grossman, in a fiery speech, called for the establishment of a provisional Jewish government for Palestine and urged the removal of the present World Zionist Executive. On the other hand, Jacob Chasan, Palestine delegate of the Hashomer Hatzair, appealed for the establishment "of a bi-national state in Palestine under the supervision of the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union." Chasan criticized the Biltmore Program and asserted that a Jewish State cannot be established with an Arab majority in the country.

British Designs

Counter-acting Chasan's argument, Isaac Tobenkin, representative of Achduth Avoda, which together with the Hashomer Hatzair make up the left-wing Labor opposition, launched a double-barreled attack upon partition and Britain, which, he declared, is opposed to a Jewish homeland "because it wants to use Palestine as a military base for a third World War."

A third viewpoint was presented in the debate by Dr. Felix Rosenbluth, representative of the small group of Aliyah Hadassa, composed of German refugees in Palestine, who urged cooperation with England.

Thursday's plenary session was also highlighted by addresses by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who declared that partition is the only solution of the Palestine problem; Moshe Shertok, political head of the Agency, who declared that the choice for the Jewish people lay between independence and integration into a sphere of influence; Mrs. Judith Epstein, president of American Hadassah, who took issue with Dr. Weizmann's view—expressed in his opening address—that continuation of the British Mandate was possible, if the British would live up to the terms of the Balfour Declaration.

A JTA dispatch reports that Mrs. Epstein charged that there is no longer any possibility of continuing the Mandate. "One must not lull oneself into a false sense of security and prevent action to solve the problem now." She traced the events in Europe and Palestine for the last 15 years and declared that those who believed that the Mandate can be revised so as to wipe away the past, are indulging in "a false dream."

Demands Independence

Calling for independence, Mrs. Epstein emphasized that the Zionists must find a way to establish the kind of a freedom in Palestine "that will give us the right to create an economic capacity for the absorption

tion of hundreds of thousands of immigrants."

Dealing with the resistance in Palestine, the Hadassah leader said it was ugly, but necessary. She emphasized that she accepted "uncertified Jewish immigration" into Palestine unqualifiedly.

Mrs. Epstein did not rule out cooperation with the Big Powers. She urged the continuation of Zionist work on the diplomatic front, both in the United States and other lands, "to bring on our side the great nations without whose aid we cannot achieve success." She said that it is possible to get increased support from the United States for the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine on the basis of enlightened self-interest—that a Jewish State would appeal to the United States' desire for the establishment of a stable, highly developed industrialized economy in the Middle East.

Goldmann's Address

In his address, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, according to a JTA report, told the plenary session that Zionism must be ready for "tragic concessions" to break the political deadlock in Palestine, get rid of foreign rule and open the gates of the country to large immigration.

Assuring the delegates that no agreement has been reached with Britain on the basis of the partition resolution which the Jewish Agency Executive adopted at its Paris conference this summer, Dr. Goldmann said the Executive is not asking the Congress for blanket powers to conduct negotiations with the British Government, but asks only that it not be forbidden to negotiate in order to ascertain what proposals can be worked out. Such proposals, he said, will be brought before a special Zionist Congress for approval, if necessary.

Recalling that he was one of the authors of the Biltmore Declaration, he told the assembly that at the time the Biltmore Declaration was proclaimed, no one, including himself, thought of partition. It was drawn up on the assumption that millions of Jews would be transferred to Palestine after the war, but this did not materialize. Even the 100,000 recommended by the Anglo-American Inquiry Committee are not allowed to enter, he pointed out.

Under the circumstances, partition is the only way out, Dr. Goldmann argued. He warned that if no solution of the Palestine issue is found, Britain will place the problem before the United Nations, or the Jews—or the Arabs—will themselves have to do so.

Preparation Necessary

Should the issue go to the United Nations, he added, the Zionist movement must be prepared well in advance to state its aims. "The Jews must know that nothing is more harmful to a cause than a policy of waiting. The situation of the Jews both in Europe and in Palestine is bound to deteriorate."

Turning to what he called "diplomatic realities," Dr. Goldmann reported that only small nations who could not play power politics have offered aid to the Zionists. He warned the Congress that there is a vast difference between the world situation of 1918 and that of the present with regard to Palestine. The belief that a United Nations

trusteeship would be preferable to the British Mandate is a mistaken one, he continued.

He emphasized that, meanwhile, the status quo continues in Palestine and time works for the Arabs as long as there is no Jewish immigration into the country. He expressed personal opposition to terrorism, but added that people are entitled to use any weapon in order to protect themselves.

Dr. Goldmann warned that the situation in Palestine is getting more explosive. He also warned that the belief that the United States may endanger its relations with Britain over Jewish rights is delusional. The American Government, he said, would protest as it protested against the developments in China, India and elsewhere, but that will be all.

John C. Smith of the *New York Herald Tribune* cabled from Basle that Berl Locker, Labor member of the Jewish Agency Executive, said "the American Jews are not ripe for leadership of world Zionism, because they do not have the cultural background and the strong ties with Palestine that characterize the Jews of eastern Europe." Locker supported the partition plan adopted by the Executive in Paris, stating that with Jews on the road from Poland and ships on the high seas headed for Palestine, there could be no delay in the establishment of a Jewish State. Locker also defended Dr. Goldmann's attempts to secure United States support for the decision taken in Paris.

Grossman's Address

In his address, Meir Grossman, president of the United Zionist Revisionists of the United States, stated, according to a JTA dispatch, that "there must be no retreat from our basic formula—a Jewish State within the historic boundaries of Palestine, based on a Jewish majority."

Mr. Grossman's address was frequently interrupted by shouting and heckling, which, at one point, forced him to halt his address. The most vociferous opposition demonstration occurred when he declared: "If the Congress compromises, subsequent events in Palestine may nullify its decision."

The JTA described the scene during Grossman's delivery as follows: "Grossman spoke as much to the members of the praesidium seated behind him as to the audience, turning frequently to emphasize points which he hurled in a ringing voice. Revisionist delegates seated in a bloc rose to their feet in a body when he mentioned the name of 'Jabotinsky,' late leader of the World Revisionist movement. The remainder of the delegates maintained an icy silence. The same demonstration was repeated when he offered greetings to all the young men and women who 'stand with arms in their hands' in Palestine."

Turning to the praesidium, Grossman cried: "Three months before the Congress, you dared to negotiate on partition behind our backs; now, you dare to come to the Congress and tell us there is no other way out except partition." He charged that the members of the Jewish Agency Executive had negotiated with every one except with "the mounting power of the new resistance" in Palestine. "We are at war with the British," he shouted, "and this war should be recognized by the Congress."

Political Debate In Turbulent Ending

Delegates Not Bound

The JTA reports that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, speaking at a meeting of the General Zionist Confederation, stated that party discipline should not apply to political questions and that every member should be free to vote as he thought best on the basic political issues before the Congress.



LOUIS LIPSKY

Nachlah for Rothenberg

BASLE.—A Nachlah deed for a tract of land named for Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, was presented to him at the Keren Kayemeth World Conference which was held here on the eve of the opening of the Congress. The Nachlah will be located on part of the 350,000 dunams of land reclaimed by the JNF since the promulgation of the British White Paper. The funds for the purchase of the tract were raised in 1943 by the Bnai Zion, the American Zionist fraternal organization.

The presentation was made by Dr. Abraham Granovsky, of Jerusalem, head of the World Jewish National Fund, who paid tribute to Judge Rothenberg under whose leadership, he said, the JNF of America has mobilized the sum of \$26,000,000 for redemption of land during the past four years. "None has earned this tribute more than Judge Rothenberg, who is a true leader of a great organization which is dedicated to a great ideal," declared Dr. Granovsky.

Preceding the ceremony, a declaration was adopted calling upon the Jewish communities throughout the world to increase their support of the land redemption program of the Jewish National Fund.

Acknowledging the tribute, Judge Rothenberg stated that he accepted the deed to the Nachlah bearing his name, not as a personal tribute to him, but as a token of gratitude to the American supporters and workers of the cause.

Efforts At Compromise

Moshe Zack, Basle correspondent of *The Jewish Morning Journal* of New York, cables that the end of the first week of the Zionist Congress indicates that an effort is being made to find a formula which should satisfy the opponents of partition and at the same time not to bind the incoming Executive in its negotiations with England in the event the latter will propose partition.

Zack reports that such a formula has already been agreed upon by the Palestine Labor Party Mapai delegates. The Mizrahi delegation is still split. A similar division also prevails among the General Zionists and it seems that these delegates will not vote as a bloc, he reports.

Zack believes that the following The Congress will vote for a Jewish State and give the Executive freedom to consider a partition plan if such a plan will be proposed by the British Government.

Lipsky Warns of Consequences of Zionist Refusal to Participate in London Parley

PALESTINE LABOR PARTY VOTES TO REAFFIRM BILTMORE PROGRAM

After a one day interval because of the Sabbath, the Zionist Congress resumed on Sunday morning, Dec. 15, its stormy debate which reached a new height of turbulence with the suspension by the Executive of six members of the Central Committee of American Revisionists for breaches of discipline. The session was highlighted by an impassioned address by Louis Lipsky, American member of the Jewish Agency Executive who, according to a JTA dispatch, said that "refusal to participate in the London Conference might set in motion forces which would jeopardize everything achieved by the Zionist movement in the last fifty years."

The *New York Herald Tribune* reports that Lipsky, in his speech, pleaded "with the World Zionist Congress to give the British government one more chance to co-operate with Zionism before burning the Zionist bridges by an openly anti-British policy."

British Change Possible

"It would be folly for us to accept the long list of wrongs done to us as the final form of British relations with us," he said. "England has been known before this to have a change of heart in one moment, almost in a flash, and to rectify a policy that has continued over a long period of time. England may one fine morning wake up to a new concept of its obligations to the Jewish people under the covenant entered into in the Balfour Declaration."

The suspension of the six American Revisionists was based on two counts, according to the *New York Times*. The first was the unauthorized submission of a request to the United Nations secretariat to bring the Palestine question before the General Assembly. The second was the fact that Revisionists in the United States, among other groups there, published an appeal for money contributions to a Zionist "resistance" fund "for active fighters of the Palestine underground."

At Sunday's session William B. Ziff, American Revisionist leader, urging the boycotting of the London Conference on Palestine, called

upon the delegates to "cross the Rubicon and take a firm position in behalf of a provisional Jewish government for Palestine." Ziff charged the present British government not only with anti-Zionism but with exporting anti-Semitism to America. He asserted that British propaganda is spreading the word that "to fulfill the Zionist program will mean war with the Arabs involving half a million American troops, that the Arabs will turn toward Russia, and that the Arabs will confiscate American oil in the Middle East."

According to an A. P. dispatch, Ziff said that "all this expertly organized misinformation paints Britain as an innocent peace-maker whose friendship for the Jews is creating a condition of jeopardy for the entire Anglo-American coalition, and it has not failed to produce its effect."

Lipsky's Address

Addressing himself to Dr. Moshe Sneh, one of the bitterest opponents of both partition and participation in the London parley, Louis Lipsky asked why he was so determined "to reject an opportunity to test Britain by a new presentation of the Zionist case. By joining in the Conference, the Zionists would help retain the support of the United States government," Lipsky said, adding that "it would be the height of folly to accept Britain's wrongs against us as the final form of Britain's relations with us."

York *Herald Tribune*, said the opposing views are crystallized by Nahum Goldmann, who advocated compromise with Britain at the forthcoming London conference on the basis of partition of Palestine between the Jews and the Arabs, and Moshe Sneh, who said the armed strength of the Palestine Jews and the political influence of the United States could force Britain to give the Jews the whole of Palestine. Sneh said the Jews could not even take part in the London conference, for fears of being out-manuevered by the British.

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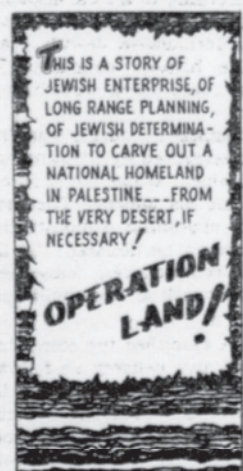
"Dr. Sneh approaches the political situation on the assumption that Britain has unquestionably decided for all time to liquidate its Zionist obligation," Lipsky said. "He believes that all negotiations are merely an attempt by Britain to gain time to build up public sympathy for what might be regarded as a dastardly betrayal of the Jews. He thinks Britain is committed to this betrayal. Dr. Sneh is amazed to find that anyone refuses to accept his conclusions."

Lipsky told Sneh he had nothing to lose by delaying the decision another three months or six months, but that if he threw away this last opportunity to test Britain's intentions, he risked destroying everything that Zionism has achieved in 50 years.

Isaac Gruenbaum, Palestine (Continued on Page 8)

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By NORMAN NODEL—Text by JOSEPH BENAMY

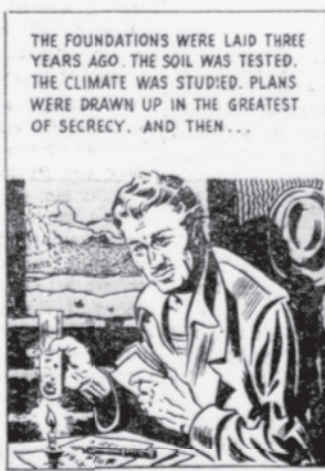


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OPERATION LAND!



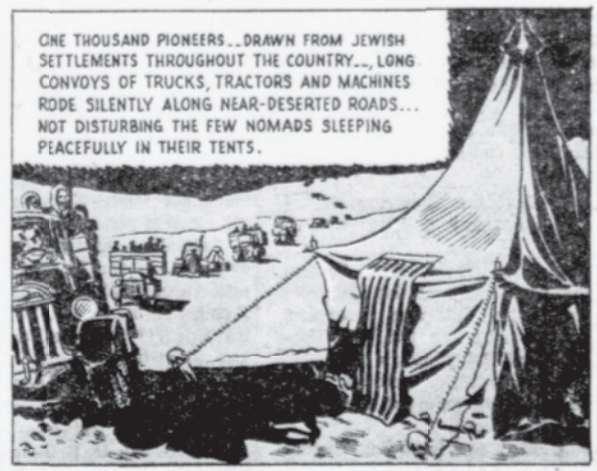
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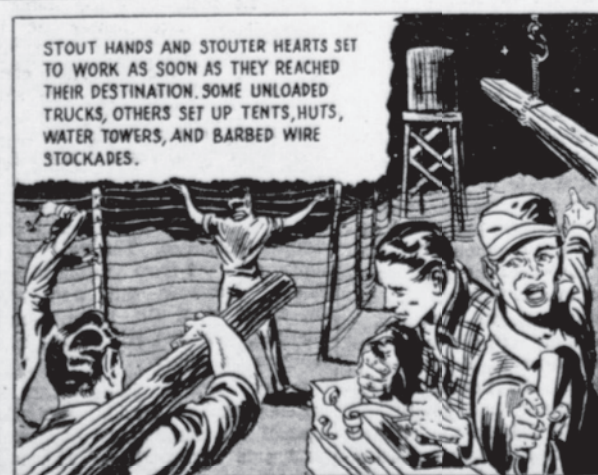
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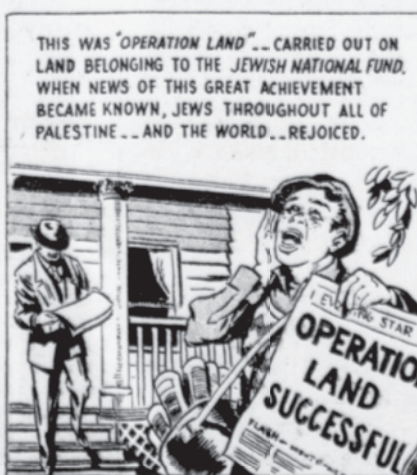
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STOUT HANDS AND STOUTER HEARTS SET TO WORK AS SOON AS THEY REACHED THEIR DESTINATION. SOME UNLOADED TRUCKS, OTHERS SET UP TENTS, HUTS, WATER TOWERS, AND BARBED WIRE STOCKADES.



WHILE TRUCKS SHUTTLED BACK AND FORTH BRINGING NEW SUPPLIES, THE CHALUTZIM WORKED FEVERISHLY THROUGH THE NIGHT. DAWN BROKE...AND TWELVE NEW JEWISH SETTLEMENTS HAD BEEN BORN!



THIS WAS "OPERATION LAND"...CARRIED OUT ON LAND BELONGING TO THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND. WHEN NEWS OF THIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT BECAME KNOWN, JEWS THROUGHOUT ALL OF PALESTINE...AND THE WORLD...REJOICED.



THIS, THEN, IS PALESTINE'S ANSWER TO BRITAIN. THE COLONIES THAT BLOSSOMED OVERNIGHT IN THE NEGEV ARE A SYMBOL OF JEWISH DETERMINATION TO CREATE A HOMELAND... IN PALESTINE!

Weizmann, Ben Gurion and Wise Defend Partition

CONTINUED

Political Debate

member of the Jewish Agency, defended the partition plan and urged participation in the London conference because "Britain must report on Palestine's future status to the United Nations." A JTA dispatch quotes Gruenbaum as having insisted that the creation "of a Jewish state in the whole of Palestine was not possible at this time and that there must be more than one million Jews in the country as a solid basis for a Jewish state in the whole country. If the Jews were given the whole country, they could not defend it at this time," he said.

Dr. Bernard Joseph, legal advisor of the Jewish Agency who was among those released from the Latrun detention camp, declared that England has already in advance rejected the partition plan and that Jews therefore must fight for the realization of classic Zionism by demanding a Jewish state in the whole of Palestine in accordance with the Biltmore program.

Taking an opposite view, Hayim Greenberg, leader of the American Poale Zion, came out strongly in support of partition. He said that there were three alternative solutions of the Palestine problem without partition, but none of them was feasible.

They were, he said, immigration of at least 1,000,000 Jews; forced evacuation of the largest part of the Palestine Arab population to another country; or establishment of a Jewish state with Jews to be granted the status of a legislative majority. Since the last two were obviously not feasible, and the first required either assistance from Britain or the United Nations, which would not be forthcoming, the only practical solution was partition, he said.

Fight For Partition

Greenberg told the delegates that in some historical situations the part is sometimes greater than the whole, and all Palestine without a Jewish majority is less than a partitioned Palestine under Jewish control. He warned that the Zionists would have to put up a fight even to secure partition.

The split in the Palestine labor party on the question of partition was accentuated at the Friday (Dec. 13) session, when a resolution of the Palestine labor party calling for the reaffirmation of the Biltmore Declaration was made public. The JTA reports that the resolution contains four recommendations:

1. That the Congress should not adopt any political resolutions.
2. That David Ben Gurion should declare at the Congress that the Biltmore program, which calls for the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, remains the political program of the Zionist Movement.
3. That the incoming Executive participate in the London conference only on the basis of the Biltmore Declaration.
4. That the struggle for large-scale Jewish immigration and colonization, as well as for Jewish security, should continue.

The JTA comments that although the resolution is certain to be endorsed by many of the Labor delegates, it is unlikely that its suggestions that no political resolutions will be adopted will be followed, or that the opponents of participation in the London parley will be swayed by its call for attendance on the basis of the Biltmore Program.

Sherbok Urges Participation

At Friday's session, Moshe Sherbok, head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency, urged participation in the London Conference, declaring that "if we go to London, it will be a new opportunity for putting up a fight for

our future." He assured the Congress that the delegation which will attend the London parley "will not preside over the liquidation of Zionism and that any discussion of the federalization plan is out of the question."

Dr. Moshe Sneh strongly took issue with Mr. Shertok and advised against participation in the conference. "Britain does not seek a solution of the Palestine question and is not examining now as to when, how and to whom to yield the strategic Palestine key," he expressed the opinion that "England has decided against Zionism." Dr. Sneh said that Britain is planning new restrictive laws against Jews in Palestine. He urged the Zionist to seek the cooperation of the entire world and not merely of England. Asserting that the United States is more friendly to Zionism than Britain, he declared that he was not ruling out cooperation with Soviet Russia and with the Arabs.

While urging active resistance in Palestine, Dr. Sneh stressed that he favored only "responsible resistance." He attacked the extremists, saying that their means did not justify the end. At the same time, he appealed for Jewish unity all over the world, especially between the Jews of Palestine and American Jewry.

Turmoil Ensues

Prof. Selig Brodetsky, another member of the Agency Executive, told the plenary session that he favored Jewish resistance, but was against acts of terrorism. He strongly urged Jewish participation in the London conference. At the same time, he disclaimed any preference for partition as an ideal solution of the Palestine problem.

Other speakers at the Friday session were Louis Segal, Poale Zion delegate of New York, who threw the Congress into a turmoil for three-quarters of an hour when the Revisionist bloc took violent exception to the reading of an interpolation demanding in behalf of the World Zionist Laborites "clarity on the position of the Revisionists in the World Zionist Organization"; Dr. Aryeh Altman, leader of the Palestine Revisionists, who launched a violent attack against Dr. Weizmann declaring that "he symbolized the defeat of Zionism, which has brought it to the present crisis," and Isaac Rifkin, delegate of the Hashomer Hatzair, who urged a bi-national state in Palestine.

Also speaking in opposition to partition were Zerubavel, leader of the Left Poale Zion in Palestine, who called for a Jewish state with a socialist orientation; Eleazar Bentove, of the Hashomer Hatzair, and Aaron Zisling, of the Left Wing Achdut Avodah, who said that only an undivided Palestine can solve the Jewish problem.

Another speaker at Friday's session was Rabbi Philip Bernstein, of Rochester, adviser on Jewish affairs to the U. S. Army of Occupation in Germany, who reported that of the 192,000 Jewish displaced persons in the American zones of Germany, and the more than 250,000 in other Allied zones, between 80 and 90 per cent are determined to go to Palestine.



DR. M. EITAN

Agency Press Spokesman at Congress

Close Debate With Backing Of Agency Policy; Silver Says Partitionists Preparing Movement for Another 'Disastrous Retreat'; Calls For London Parley Boycott

The six-day gruelling political debate at the Congress was formally wound up Monday night, December 16th, with impassioned addresses in support of the partition policy of the Executive and of participation in the London Conference made by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, David Ben Gurion and Dr. Stephen S. Wise, and with a strong address by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who called for a boycott of the London parley and urged the Congress to disown "the disastrous diplomacy" of the Executive.

A J.T.A. dispatch reports that Dr. Weizmann in his address reiterated his support of the Jewish Agency's partition plan, stating that while many mistakes may have been made, the Agency's letter to the Colonial Secretary proposing partition was not one of them. Declaring that he did not know whether sending the letter had been tactically correct, he said: "I am not a tactician. I will leave that to the generals." He disclosed that as far back as the closing months of the Churchill regime, a special ministerial committee was working on a partition scheme.

Although it was important to the Jews that they not be a minority in Palestine, it was also important to the Arabs, and "that drives us to partition," he continued. "I wish I had the power of the prophets to show the Jewish people the way to obtain freedom and independence," he said, "but politics is an inexact science of trial and error. While 100 experiments might turn out wrong, if one succeeds, it makes up for all of them."

He warned the delegates that if they believed that Britain and the United States would fight over the issue of Zionism, they were badly mistaken. Replying to those who have been urging a reorientation of the Zionist movement toward other countries besides England, the aged Zionist leader said: "I have not seen any other government rushing to build up the Jewish state."

Hits Terrorism

"The greatest obstacle to creation of a Jewish state is continued terrorism," he stated. "The Agency may be unable to control terror, but terror may soon control the Agency," if it is not curbed. Branding terrorism a "deadly cancer," he told the Congress it must not allow it to grow or "it will destroy all we have created."

Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who preceded Dr. Weizmann, reiterated his stand against participation in the London conference. He said that if such participation is approved by the Congress, the Zionist representatives should present only the classic program of "a Jewish state in the whole of Palestine." Any contrary proposal should be transmitted to the Zionist Actions Committee for a decision.

"Our representatives should not be given carte blanche," he insisted. He warned against sending to the conference those members of the Executive who believe wholeheartedly in partition. "It would be fatal for its chances," he said. He called upon the Congress to reaffirm clearly and unmistakably the program of a Jewish state in an "undivided and undiminished" Palestine. The Congress, he said, must declare that the partition plan no longer exists.

Preparing Retreat

Replying to his critics, Dr. Silver said that the same people who previously insisted on participation in the London conference only on the basis of partition, "are now preparing the movement for another disastrous retreat." Serious and reasonable proposals to satisfy Jewish national aspirations are bound to be made sooner or later, Dr. Silver said. In the meantime, he urged maximum support for the Palestine Jewish community in its struggle against Britain. "The Yishuv's power of resistance must be strengthened and the world must be convinced of the British conspiracy against Zionism," he declared.

David Ben Gurion, defending the partition scheme, said that he was convinced that a smaller part of Palestine under sole Jewish control is preferable to a larger part under British or Arab control. "In 1937 the Zionist Congress rejected partition, and historical experience has shown what was the result," he pointed out.

Ben Gurion emphasized that he does not regret the issuance of the Biltmore Declaration, nor does he repudiate it. He said that he considered the Biltmore Declaration a sincere expression of the ideals and the needs of the Jewish people. The decisions taken by the Executive of the Jewish Agency did not change the Zionist program, Ben Gurion argued. "If they did, then it is the duty of the Congress to re-emphasize that the Zionist program is still the establishment of a Jewish state," he declared.

Wise Urges Participation

Dr. Wise strongly defended the policies of the Zionist Executive and particularly that of Dr. Weizmann, dwelling at length on the partition scheme of the Jewish Agency Executive. Dr. Wise—according to a J.T.A. dispatch—urging the participation in the London parley said:

"We stipulated our participation in the London conference depended on the release of the leaders of the Jewish Agency from the Latrun detention camps. Well, they are free. They have been heard at this Congress. Again American Government support has been won. We can lose public opinion the world over if we refuse to meet as equals with the British Government and with the Arabs. That we should not go to the London parley would not only needlessly insult the British and perhaps incurably alienate the United States Government, but would be considered as an additional affront to public opinion, especially to liberal opinion on which we depend largely throughout the world."

Dr. Wise severely criticized Dr. Silver for "belittling" what the Government of the United States has done for the Jews. At the same time, he lashed out against Britain for the White Paper policy. "The White Paper," he said, "must go, and go at once. Its going should constitute the first step in the procedure of the London conference." He emphasized that by attending the London talks the Zionists would not bind themselves to accept decisions that might be reached there.

Disciplined Resistance

Declaring that he believes in Jewish resistance in Palestine, Rabbi Wise emphasized that such resistance must be carried on in a disciplined manner. "I do not believe in disorderly undisciplined terrorism," he said. He fervently pleaded for the rescue of displaced Jews from Europe and their transfer to Palestine.

John Cabot Smith of the New York Herald Tribune cabled that the general debate of the Congress ended after six days of speeches that have made no appreciable difference of opinion among the delegates but have laid the groundwork for a compromise between the opposing factions of the Congress.

"Delegates are still divided almost evenly on the issues of whether or not to attend the London conference in January, and whether to negotiate with Britain for partition of Palestine or insist on the establishment of the whole of Palestine as a Jewish state."

"The trend of speeches indicated



ZALMAN RUBASHOV

Palestine Laborite, Chairman of Nominations Committee

tonight that the Congress may ultimately agree on a formula which will permit the Jewish Agency to attend the conference, but only on terms unacceptable to the British. The result is expected to be another series of informal negotiations between the Jewish Agency and British officials similar to those of last August and September, except that this time the Jewish Agency will have to increase its demands.

"The wind-up speeches of Ben Gurion and Rabbi Silver showed that a basis of compromise exists between them, although they approach the problem from opposite viewpoints. Ben Gurion agreed that there would be no use discussing partition unless the British made the proposal themselves, which would imply British acceptance of the idea in principle and abandonment of the Morrison federalization plan. Rabbi Silver, though insisting that the only proposal the Jews should make was 'the full Zionist program,' added significantly: 'When counterproposals are made to us which are truly reasonable, which meet our fundamental needs and satisfy our national aspirations and our sense of justice, our movement will be prepared, I am sure, to give them serious consideration.'

"Though Weizmann knows he has no hope of getting majority support for his own policy, he has brought his immense personal influence to bear on the Congress by letting it be known that he will not accept even an honorary post unless the Congress approves a policy which will allow some sort of negotiations with Britain."

Committee Work

"With the General debate over, the Congress now goes into a week of committee work before voting on resolutions and elections."

M. Zack, of the Jewish Morning Journal of New York, cables that Dr. Silver's address was vociferously applauded by the General Zionist, Mizrahi, Achdut Avodah and Revisionist delegates. The Poale Zion alone refrained from joining in applause. However, they applauded Dr. Wise when the latter, unannounced, mounted the platform to reply to Dr. Silver.

Judge Morris Rothenberg, a speaker at the session, protested against the restrictions on Jewish land sale in Palestine. The land restrictions are just as destructive as the restrictions on immigration, he said.

Yiddish Press On The Congress

On the day of the opening of the Congress, the greetings of American Jewry were extended in editorials published in the New York Yiddish dailies, *Jewish Morning Journal* and *The Day*. Declaring that the eyes of the Jews throughout the world in the forthcoming few weeks will be focused on Basle, the *Jewish Morning Journal* in an editorial declared:

"The Congress will have to uproot the spirit of defeatism which has begun to penetrate certain Zionist circles and will also have to put an end to appeasement which is usually a by-product of defeatism. While we should always stand ready to receive offers from the Mandatory Power and should not reject the possibility that such offers will be made, it must at the same time be made clear that the Attlee-Bevin government has launched an attack upon us and that we have as yet not received any indication that it is ready to retreat from its anti-Zionist policy.

"The recent statement by Secretary of State Byrnes should serve as new proof that the Labor government has, as yet, made no concession.

Effective Leadership Needed

"The Zionist Congress in Basle will have to act so as to prevent Zionism from being enmeshed in a net of political intrigue and obstruction and that the partition plan proper which emanates from the Jewish Agency — and regarding which Jewish public opinion is divided — should not be the trap into which we should fall and thereby be exposed to England's continued deception, as was the case heretofore. A clear-cut program and a properly effective leadership to direct Zionism in the future, are the two main conditions for the success of the present Congress in Basle."

The Day voices the prayer that Basle, over which hovers the illuminating and immortal figure of the creator of Zionism, Theodor Herzl, should sound a clarion call for the strengthening and consolidation of the forces of Jewry and that its light should light the way of our people and lead us out of the wilderness in which we find ourselves. "The eyes of five and a half million Jews in America and of the remnants of European Jewry are directed at the Congress. May the spirit of Zion in Jerusalem attend your deliberations for in your hand lies the fate of the Jewish people and the future of the Jewish Homeland."

ZOA Strength Evident At Zionist Congress

**SPECIAL
DISPATCH**

**FROM
BASLE**

BASLE, Switzerland, Dec. 9.—On the eve of the formal opening of the World Zionist Congress, it is abundantly clear that the ZOA is setting the pace on all fronts. There is general recognition of the fact that American General Zionists are at present the prime factor in the deliberation and decisions of the Congress. In Mustermesse, site of the Congress, in hotel lobbies and in streets and squares of Basle, the chief topic of conversation and discussion among delegates of all parties is the role American Zionism seems destined to play here.

With the convening of the World Confederation of General Zionists, wherein the ZOA represents the largest bloc, on Saturday night, December 7th, in Kleinbasle Casino, the success of ZOA's policies is to be expected. There can be no doubt that the ZOA's position as voiced by Dr. Silver has gained added strength from the World Confederation.

After being elected President of

Speculation Rife On Eve Of Congress

Throughout the whole week preceding the opening of the World Zionist Congress, the atmosphere was charged with speculative reports on the issues and personalities linked with the Congress sessions. Out of the welter of statements, reports and rumors that flooded the press, there emerged three clear-cut issues which confronted the Congress as it officially opened its sessions on Monday afternoon, December 9th, with the Presidential address by Dr. Chaim Weizmann:

1) The composition of the World Zionist Executive and the presidency of the World Zionist Organization.

2) The partition issue.

3) The question of participation by the Jewish Agency in the London Conference on Palestine.

The 22nd World Zionist Congress was unanimously characterized — as expressed by the *New York Times* — as the most crucial political world gathering in Zionist history. A Jewish telegraphic Agency dispatch from Basle stated that on the eve of the opening of the Congress, the battle-lines were sharply drawn between those who favored Jewish participation in the London Conference in January and those who opposed Jewish attendance.

Floor Fight Expected

The announcement by Secretary of State Byrnes that America would sit in on the talks, if the Jews agree to attend, has so far failed to sway opponents of participation. The question of attendance at the parley will — along with the major question of partition — be fought out on the floor of the Congress.

There is a deep cleavage of thought, the JTA dispatch continues. Dr. Weizmann is known to favor acceptance of the British invitation and believes that the Jewish negotiators should be given a free hand to act as they see fit to obtain maximum terms from the British Government.

Among the Laborites there is a strong difference of opinion on this subject. Moshe Shertok favors unconditional participation on any terms not harmful to the Zionist cause in order that a fight may be waged for a better plan than the Morrison-Grady scheme. David Ben Gurion, on the other hand, opposes unconditional participation and wants the Congress to leave the negotiations in the hands of the new Executive which it will elect.

No Free Hand

Spokesmen for the American delegation said that they would insist that participation in the conference can be only on the basis of definite terms of reference adopted by the Congress. They added that they would oppose giving a free hand to

the negotiators, if the invitation to attend is accepted.

The American stand on partition, as outlined by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver in an address to a conference of the General Zionists, was the subject of considerable discussion. Dr. Silver strongly attacked the partition scheme, which he said "was not even offered to us." He declared that "for years we have carried on what amounts to unilateral negotiations by ourselves in order to please people who continually interpreted every concession on our part as a sign of weakness."

"It is important that the Congress disavow the action of the Executive, and reaffirm the basic Zionist position," he added, "or else the opinion will continue to prevail that a partitioned Palestine represents the authoritative Zionist program. It would be folly to enter the London Conference with a partitioned Palestine as our maximum demand, even assuming that it would be tactically sound to attend," the ZOA President concluded.

Prof. Selig Brodetzky, member of the World Zionist Executive, took issue with Dr. Silver. He stated that Silver failed to present in practical terms what is to be done. Brodetzky favored participation in the London Conference and called on the Congress to reiterate Zionist aims to the whole of Palestine. He also criticized Silver's reference to "so-called terror."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency representative in the United States, warned the meeting in blunt terms that the Zionists must be ready to compromise, since they cannot "by their present acts" force Britain to allow large scale immigration which would allow Jews to become a majority in five or ten years. He said that even friends of the Zionists in government circles were not prepared to recommend admission of 100,000 Jews without a final solution.

Sneh Attacks Goldmann

Dr. Goldmann's statement was bitterly attacked by Dr. Moshe Sneh, security officer of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, who charged that "men like Goldmann were dangerous because they depict a non-existent rosy world. The truth is that Britain does not seek a solution at all, but is following a policy dictated purely by strategic bureaucratic considerations."

For a compromise to be arrived at, Dr. Sneh said, there must be two offers, but at the moment, "we are alone." He demanded that the Zionists refuse to participate in the London Conference and refuse to offer any compromise. "Why should Jews serve as an ornament to a British conference seeking an anti-Zionist solution?" he asked.

The security chief of the Jewish Agency, who was the target of a country-wide British manhunt last summer, demanded that the Congress call for an exodus from Europe of Jews who desire to go to Palestine. He urged resistance to the British, and accused the London representatives of the Jewish Agency of misleading the Jerusalem leaders by presenting a false picture of the realities of the situation in London.

Final Executive Meeting

The outgoing Jewish Agency Executive held its final pre-Congress meeting in Basle on December 6th under the chairmanship of David Ben Gurion with all members from Palestine, Britain and the United States in attendance. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who resigned some time ago as a member of the Executive, did not attend.

There were also held other pre-Congress meetings including those of the General Zionist Workers (Haoved Hatzioni Hakali) and the General Zionist Youth Pioneers



Refugees "rescued from hell ship"—Press report.

(Hanoar Hazoni), which were attended by Louis Lipsky, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Daniel Frisch, Rebecca Sieff, Berl Schmorak and representatives of all territorial Federations of General Zionists. According to a Palcor dispatch, Zvi Hermann, reviewing the position of the General Zionist movement, disclosed that the Pioneer Youth had 130 training corps

throughout Europe and overseas with thousands of organized members. Dr. Abraham Granovsky, head of the Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth) in Jerusalem, announced that the General Zionist workers are preparing to establish two new agricultural settlements in the Nazareth hills in northern Palestine and in the Negev, in southern Palestine.

THE FACTS!

The *New York Times* of Tuesday, December 17th, in a dispatch by Julian L. Meltzer from Basle, led off the report on the debate with a slanted story on an interruption which Dr. Emanuel Neumann made during Dr. Weizmann's half hour address. The Meltzer dispatch failed to report the circumstances which led to the interpolation. Here is the story as reported by Moses Zack in a dispatch to the Yiddish daily, the *Jewish Morning Journal* of New York:

"The General debate closed today with a strong speech by Dr. Weizmann in which he attacked, in certain passages, American Zionists for having advised the Jews of Palestine to show resistance against the Palestine government. Weizmann's attack aroused considerable dissatisfaction among the American delegates who stated: 'We have supported the Yishuv both in the upbuilding of Palestine and in its fight for its rights and we do not deserve to be criticized and maligned.'

"Emanuel Neumann who sat next to me, was the man who in anger interrupted Weizmann's speech by shouting 'This is demagoguery.' I heard Neumann say that he could no longer endure the distortion of the facts and he felt like bursting out."

John Cabot Smith of the *New York Herald Tribune* cabled "that important members of the American delegation were enraged at the slighting reference Weizmann made to the role played by the American Zionists while other Jews were being persecuted in Europe and losing their lives in Palestine."

Palcor reports that immediately preceding Neumann's interruption, Dr. Weizmann sharply criticized the pro-resistance arguments of Dr. Silver and Dr. Sneh. "Resistance," he said, "is indivisible and no one knows how and where it will end. Even at the present moment Dr. Silver promises only political and moral support for resistance which can take place in Palestine. Political and moral support is very little when there is a question of encouraging others to mount the barricades."

Weizmann Retirement Reported in Press

All the newspapers, both Yiddish and English, carried reports that Dr. Chaim Weizmann has indicated that he will not be a candidate "for any office."

Alvin Rosenfeld, special staff correspondent of the *New York Post*, cabled to his newspaper that "an associate of Weizmann's telephoned that statement from Lugano where Weizmann is resting. At 72, Weizmann is sick, tired and bent by the crushing blows to his people and by his personal tragedy—the death of his RAF pilot son."

A UP press dispatch from Basle, announcing that Dr. Weizmann is expected to retire from active leadership, reports that the followers of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver are expected to reaffirm a demand for an independent Jewish state consisting of all Palestine.

Rumors as to who is to succeed Dr. Chaim Weizmann are rampant. A Palcor dispatch, datelined Basle, December 4th, states that "rumors are current that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will be proposed for the presidency but it has not yet been established whether the office of president will remain."

A later JTA dispatch states that a movement is under foot to elect Dr. Weizmann as honorary president, with David Ben Gurion president and Dr. Silver chairman of the Zionist Actions Committee, which is the supreme body of the World Zionist movement between Congresses.

American Leadership

A. Alpern, associate editor of *The Day*, cabling from Basle, reports the American ZOA delegation is strongly for Dr. Silver to succeed Weizmann, but that the Labor bloc is opposed to him. The arguments of the American delegation run as follows: American Jews now represent one-half of world Jewry. American Jewry is the largest political and financial center and therefore deserves to play a commensurate role in the leadership. Furthermore, Washington should become the headquarters of the World Zionist Organization.

In London, en route to Basle, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, vice-president

of the ZOA, is quoted as having told reporters that "if, as assumed, Dr. Weizmann will take the honorary presidency—as he has repeatedly indicated retirement from active presidency—then a new president will be elected by the Congress in Basle." The presidency, Neumann pointed out, has been held in unbroken fifty-year tradition by General Zionists, even when they were a minority group at the Congress. "Today," he said, "the General Zionists are the largest group, therefore they are entitled to the presidency. The idea of a triumvirate is interesting, but everyone realizes that it has serious disadvantages."

Composition of Executive

Further speculation as to the composition of the World Zionist Executive include a report that the leaders of the General Zionists offered a proposal that there would be no president of the Jewish Agency in the future, but a duumvirate composed of a representative of the General Zionists and a Laborite. This proposal was said to be considered by the Laborite delegation which offered the following proposal:

Dr. Weizmann is to become honorary president, while the Executive is to be divided into three sections, each electing its own president. One section of the Executive would have its headquarters in Washington, the second in Jerusalem and the third in London. It is suggested that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver become the head of the American section of the Executive; David Ben Gurion be the head of the Jerusalem section, and Moshe Shertok, president of the London section.

This proposal was said to have been unfavorably received by General Zionist leaders and by the Mizrahi who contended that under this plan, the Laborites would retain two-thirds of the leadership in the Executive.

A Palcor dispatch of December 5th states that the Praesidium of the Zionist Actions Committee has considered a proposal for the reorganization of the Actions Committee with 45 instead of 71 members, thus enabling it to assemble more often. Of the 45 members, 23 would reside in Palestine where they would constitute a quorum on short notice whenever necessary.

Attempts to Discredit U. S. Zionists

The *Day of New York*, in its issue of December 13, carried a most interesting sidelight on the attitude of some of the Labor delegates toward American Zionists. On this aspect, Dr. Margoshes cables as follows:

The last few years have demonstrated that American Zionism, and the ZOA, are in possession of first-rate political talent which, in the interest of the Zionist movement as a whole, should be drafted for service on the wider scene. And to make sure they are understood, the American Zionist delegates point to Dr. Silver.

There are other American delegates who speak out more bluntly. America, they point out, now harbors a half of the whole Jewish people. That's our numerical strength, but financially and politically, American Zionism constitutes about three-quarters of the full strength of the World Zionist movement. With strength goes leadership. That's a universal law. Power belongs to the greatest party. That's a democratic dictum. Hence the leadership of the World Zionist Organization belongs to him who is the choice of the ZOA. And again they point to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Name Calling

The Labor Zionists counter with a line of argument of their own. Some resort to name calling as an instrument of policy. Thus Ben Gurion at a party caucus called Silver the "Fuehrer," hoping, I suppose, there to demolish him forever. The more moderate and sensitive, however, play on a much more delicate, and, I might add, dangerous instrument than name calling. They play up the old antagonism between Europe and America. America, they complain, wants to win the race for leadership with the aid of its big pocketbook. Time was when only dollars were in the pocketbook; today one finds next to the dollar bills, resolutions passed by the U. S. Congress and Presidential pronouncements. That's very important indeed; and the Europeans would be the very last to try to minimize it. But that's no reason why the leadership of the World Zionist Organization should be awarded to America. European Jewry decimated and almost annihilated as it is, still represents the great Zionist tradition, and no mere American can supplant it. The world may be undergoing a process of Americanization, but there are still values that cannot be exposed to American regimentation—and Zionism is one of them.

Still others are busily engaged in trotting out the old stalking horse of class hate. The ZOA and the Americans generally, the canard goes, are bloody capitalists. Silver is anti-labor. His chief aim in life is to destroy the Histadruth. His friends and associates are all reactionaries. Thus far nobody has called them fascists, but the Congress is still young.

Dangerous Issue

Mizrahi, in an attempt to stop Silver, has conjured up the religious issue. Dr. Silver is a Reform

rabbi and Mizrahi will never support a Reform rabbi for the World Zionist leadership. But so tenuous is this line that Mizrahi had to withdraw it after its offshoot, Hapoel Mizrahi, had openly disassociated itself from it. To insist on an orthodox religious test for the presidency of the World Zionist Organization is to inject an issue that's too dangerous at this moment. One wonders how orthodox Herzl was when he rallied the Jewish people behind him.

The emergence of Silver on the Zionist world scene is the most sensational as well as far-reaching development thus far. He may be stopped; the array of forces against him is formidable. But he cannot be silenced. Before this Congress is over, much will be said that will set this assembly by its ears. Zionism is in the midst of its worst crisis. And those who brought the movement to this pass will have to hear plenty, if and when they are to be continued in office.

And it may be that the long-foretold revolution is on its way. If this forecast is to prove true, then Silver may well be the next man. For a revolution must have its strong man, and as one looks about him here, nobody seems to qualify more for this title than Abba Hillel Silver.

WIZO Conference Opens In Basle

As the World Zionist Congress entered into the final stage of its proceedings, the 11th World Conference of the Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) opened in Basle with delegates from 53 countries including five delegates from Bergen Beisen in the British occupation zone in Germany. In a darkened hall, the delegates marched in a procession each carrying a lighted candle, which they placed in a Menorah at the speakers' dais in memoriam to the millions of Jewish women who were killed by the Nazis.

The first speaker was 22-year-old Hayla Grossman, one of the leaders of the Bialystok ghetto uprising in 1943, who told how women stole German weapons and fought side by side with men. Rebecca Sieff reported the growth of WIZO despite the disappearance of centers in 27 lands overrun by the Nazis. The conference will last five days.

Fishman Cables on Executive Composition; Zack Reports Mizrahi Against Partition

Jacob Fishman, cabling from Basle to the *Jewish Morning Journal* of New York, comments that the burden of defending the Executive against its critics in regard to the partition plan was borne entirely by Berl Locker, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Moshe Shertok and Dr. Selig Brodetsky. Fishman observes that it is "peculiar that David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Executive, has virtually said not a word in defense of the Executive and, in general, spoke in nebulous terms." Fishman adds that the general impression in Basle is that the political commission will work out a compromise formula which will permit the new Executive to participate in the London conference but on certain conditions.

Fishman further states that it is certain that the Congress will not support the stand which seeks to break entirely with England. He expresses the opinion that the outbreaks of the Revisionists should not be taken seriously. "Privately I know that Meir Grossman, leader of the Revisionists, has a lot of trouble with his followers and his aggressive attitude at the Congress appears to be a kind of front to show that his party is united."

Resolutions, Election Linked

"The most difficult question before the Congress is the composition of the new Executive. The solution of this question is linked with the tone and content of the political resolutions which the Congress will accept. I can state categorically that if Dr. Weizmann should remain in the administration, regardless of the post he will take, it will be on the condition that the Executive is granted discretion in regard to participation in the London conference and that the Congress should sharply condemn the Irgun and the Sternists in Palestine."

Fishman adds that there are few people here who visualize a new Executive without Dr. Weizmann as an active or an honorary president. He predicts that most of the present members of the Executive will remain. The most important change will be that the

Americans will be given larger representation and greater influence in the incoming Executive.

A. Alpern, cabling to *The Day*, New York, predicts that regardless of the composition of the Executive, the following will be included in its membership: Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Emanuel Neumann, Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Dr. Moshe Sneh. The addresses of all of these mentioned have made the strongest impression upon the Congress. All also agree, Alpern reports, that the American delegation is the primary factor at the Congress. He predicts that Weizmann will be elected honorary president and that the three-man triumvirate which will be proposed will be comprised of Dr. Silver, head of the General Zionists, David Ben Gurion, head of the Laborites, and Rabbi Judah Leib Fishman, Mizrahi leader.

DPs Represented

Dr. S. Margoshes cabled that the most popular delegates at the Congress are representatives of the D. P. Camps. They include such heroic figures of the Warsaw revolt as Zliva Lubetkin, Chaya Grossman and Stephen Ryack.

Margoshes states that the Congress will close as scheduled on December 23rd with the election of a new Executive and the adoption of political resolutions. He says almost all American delegates have booked passage on planes or steamers leaving around the 23rd. Margoshes quotes Silver to the effect that the new Executive should be elected under the theme—new people and new methods.

Moshe Zack, Basle correspondent of the *Jewish Morning Journal*, cables that the Mizrahi has proclaimed its unequivocal stand against partition and against participation in the London conference.

He further states that at a conference of the Poale Zion, it was decided to negotiate with other groups regarding the composition of the new executive. It appears that the Poale Zion has not reached any decision as to the reelection of Dr. Weizmann as president, although the general impression is that if Weizmann's candidacy will be put forward as honorary president but not as president, he will surely be elected.



As the Yiddish Editor Sees It

By DAVID L. MECKLER
Editor, Jewish Morning Journal

It is to be deplored that nothing more definite than the statement on Palestine by Secretary of State Byrnes and the vague report on the Truman-Bevin conference at the White House emanated from American sources as a prelude, intended to be so or not, to the World Zionist Congress at Basle, Switzerland. London remained silent altogether. Great Britain did not even deem it necessary to send the customary greeting to the important Jewish assembly. Evidently the Attlee-Bevin government is set on continuing its policy of ignoring Jewish clamor for an immediate decision on Palestine.

Only Washington was somewhat responsive to that clamor and the pressure of public opinion in general. Apparently, London found it quite more convenient to have Washington take the lead and speak out to the world. Bevin could very well remain in the background and let Byrnes represent him. Bevin himself could not say more nor would he have desired to say less.

Britain, U. S. Not Committed

Byrnes not only served as the faithful messenger of those Zionists who asked him to convey to Britain the partition plan, but also for Bevin who readily agreed to the American suggestion that Britain allow the Jews to introduce the partition plan at the forthcoming conference on Palestine in London. There was no demand on the part of America that Britain commit herself in any manner to this plan. America herself is not committed to it. All that America asked was merely to permit the introduction of the subject at the conference as a price for the attendance at that conference of not only the Jews but also the U. S. government.

If there is any gain for the Jews at all, it is in the concession on the part of Britain not to insist that the Morrison-Grady plan be the basis for all discussions on Palestine. Britain is magnanimous in allowing the Jewish Agency to introduce its own plan but there is

no commitment or promise on her part whatsoever to consider the plan.

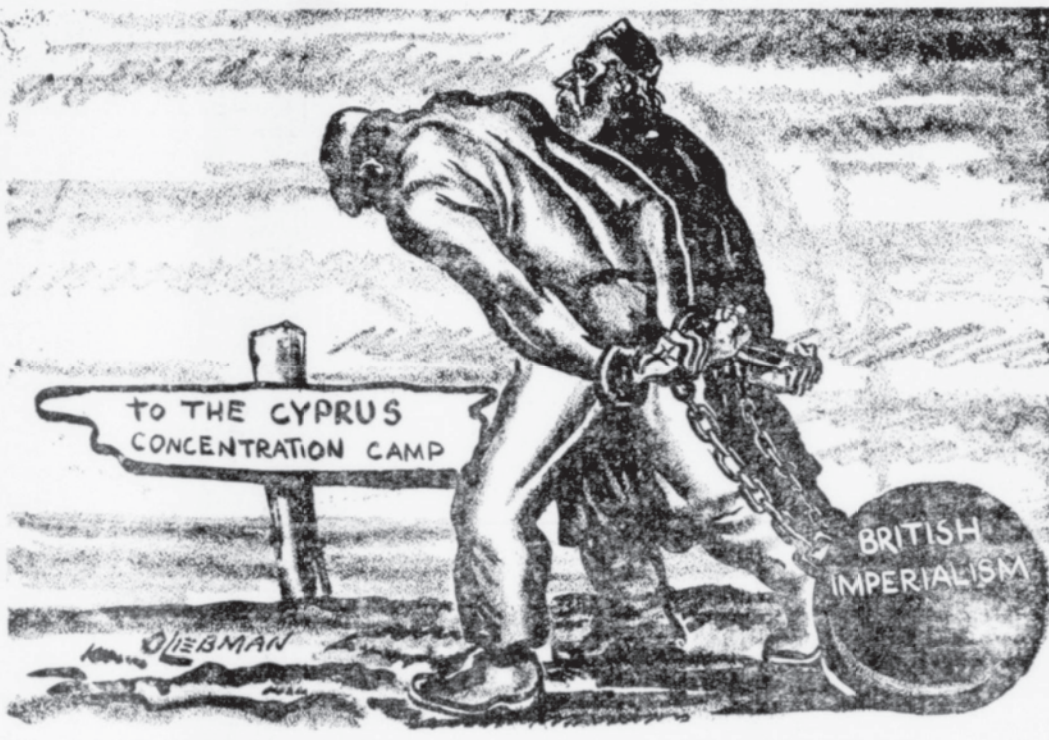
For this doubtful concession which promises the Jews nothing at all—not even the withdrawal on the part of Britain of the Morrison-Grady plan—America promises to send her observer to the London conference without any other condition attached to it—not even the one that she will support the partition plan which she was instrumental in introducing to Britain.

If we were for any reason still uncertain as to America's attitude toward the partition plan, we have it on the authority of a British spokesman who, after Bevin's visit at the White House where he discussed the Palestine problem with the President, reported that as far as the President was concerned, he only "partially" supports the partition plan while Britain and the Arabs are fully opposed to it. On the other hand, in a speech before the Zionist Congress in Basle, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver insisted that President Truman has given no indication at all that he supports the partition plan.

Poor Bargain

And all this without again mentioning the need, much less the insistence, to allow at once the entrance into Palestine of 100,000 Jews from the D. P. camps in Europe to which President Truman was already committed! One is now tempted to ask whether in exchange for the vague support on the part of America of partition (assuming that the above-mentioned "spokesman" was correct), something definite—the demand for the settlement in Palestine of the 100,000 homeless Jews—was not already sacrificed? If this is the price that we are paying in advance for Britain's permission to introduce the partition plan, we have already suffered irreparable damage.

It simply gave America a chance to ease herself out of a burdensome situation—to insist on something to which she was definitely



Redemption And Pride

By JEROME H. BROWN

I had occasion to interview Ely Culbertson recently. He first became famous as a master of bridge; in the last few years, Culbertson has been doing considerable writing and lecturing on his Quota Force Plan for a world police force and international organization. We spoke about Palestine.

Himself a Zionist, Culbertson deplored the apathy of the Jews to Zionism. But it is not really a question of Palestine, he thought. The trouble is with our sick world. There is India, Italy, South Africa—many problems with the same basic source of trouble. In addition, there is the fact that the big powers, in the utilization of power politics as a weapon to gain their own ends, are

committed so that she may now sail on less turbulent waters. As a matter of fact, according to an Associated Press dispatch from London, America is now definitely committed not to do or say anything in relation to Palestine without first consulting England. There is, so it seems, a definite pact between the two countries to all appearances, to the advantage of the British.

determined to crush ruthlessly any opposition to their ambitions. As long as power politics continues to be used, just that long will the world be beset with conflict, he stated.

Deal With Realities

Mr. Culbertson is right. But we must take the world as it is, not as we would want it to be. The fact is that Britain will employ any means to retain her grip on Palestine. By the same token, any methods must be used to wrest Jewish national independence from her. To those in America who sit home in comfort, with no curfews, no restraints on the most fundamental civil rights, who have no fear of being dragged out of bed in the middle of the night and sent to a concentration camp, to those who are not worried about languishing in a jail because the authorities think they may be "terrorists," and yet who vigorously wave their hands and decry the bloodshed that most naturally accompanies any fight for a free and independent life, they are not worthy of any consideration or thought.

The time has long since passed when we should have stopped pay-

ing attention to them. If they were intelligent people, they would stop bellowing about "assimilation," and "we Jews must be citizens of the world," and the rest of that foolish talk. It has gotten so that one young Jew, a man of 23 or so and a veteran, had the unmitigated gall to quote Mein Kampf to me as valid reasons why the Jews deserved to be murdered by the Germans. Palestine was abhorrent to him. He sat and argued with me for the better part of a night as to why he would rather be "just an American," and not a Jew. He is ashamed to see a man reading a Yiddish newspaper on the subway. He is ashamed when he hears a Jewish accent in public. His little soul withers at these things.

Try as I could, I failed to impress upon him the fallacy of his ideas.

I believe that we would have many more Zionists if every Zionist talked, talked, TALKED Zionism to their friends, their relatives, their business associates and acquaintances. After all, merely holding a membership card does not mean the job ends there. True Zionist devotion means going out and giving Zionism a personal promotion campaign. YOU will be doing something that way. YOU will be helping to reach the goal of Jewish redemption.



**B. G. R.
SAYS:**

Welcome to a New Columnist

Our old friend Keldonsky once said that it was all right to make a new religion provided it was five thousand years old. The Reconstructionists, like the Reformers before them, have undoubtedly experienced the great difficulty of giving freshness to antiquity and imparting a hoary quality to novel conceptions. The claimers and disclaimers heard in Cincinnati and New York as to the essential identity of the basic conceptions of the two movements in Jewry only adds to the complexity of the situation and does not simplify the task of blending the new with the old.

At any rate it is undoubtedly due to the complete absorption of the Reconstructionists in the immediate and arduous task of rebuilding a creed, that they cannot apply themselves more fully and thoroughly to current Jewish questions, and hence approach these issues from a rather distant and detached outlook. I would not like to resort to the hackneyed phrase about the ivory tower, but the clouds and the mist hovering around several institutions on West Street and beyond, obstruct the vision, and I cannot help sensing the fog and the haziness that obscures the pages of *The Reconstructionist*.

Fresh Application of Religion

In the desert area covered by the bulk of the English-Jewish press, the few better periodicals are expected to bring an occasional redeeming or at least exhilarating word and *The Reconstructionist* is looked to, by at least some readers, for a fresh and daring application of purified and re-vitalized religion to immediate Jewish needs and problems.

To be sure, the magazine does touch upon questions of local and overseas relief, Jewish education, the organization of the community, the co-ordination of scattered and conflicting Jewish endeavors, the Zionist movement, etc., etc., but it seldom, if ever, says anything conclusive, drastic, ultimate. It never really challenges the old dis-order. As they would say in Yiddish, "gesogt und nit derzogt." Outside of the general vagueness which the paper, at least editorially, generates, it leaves the impression of being a crusader too comfortable to be capable of accomplishment, though as a mitigating sentence it may be added that the love of ease and comfort is not confined to any one circle and is paralyzing and destroying a large portion of our public undertakings and of much potential Jewish creativeness.

Obliviousness and Abstraction

But the besetting sin is vagueness and aloofness and one illustration of that was *The Reconstructionist's* editorial of November 15 on the recent ZOA Convention at Atlantic City, a master-stroke of obliviousness and abstraction. In this article there was not even a sign of any conflict on burning political issues, no mention of the main questions of the heated debates (now echoing in Basle), induced by measures on which the Zionist Organization here and the Jewish Agency for Palestine abroad, were impelled by tragic circumstances to take opposite points of view. And yet these discussions and the resolutions ultimately adopted were fully reported in the whole Jewish and general press and especially well interpreted in the Yiddish newspapers.

But I had set out to write with an entirely different purpose and that was to welcome a new columnist to the ranks of Jewish newspaper commentators. I am afraid it was the almost unbearable provocation of the official Jewish hush and smugness that prompted me to unload some other ideas which have long been lying in the back of my head in connection with this periodical. For the sake of that peace of mind, which at least one Jew is now selling to the whole world, it probably would have been better to let my retired thoughts rest where they were, until the passing of time would have dissolved either the things criticized or the critic himself.

A Serious Departure

What I started to say is that the emergence of Professor Mordecai M. Kaplan, the founder of the Reconstructionist

movement, as the writer of a fortnightly column of notes called "Random Thoughts," marks an event which may in time be regarded as a serious and important departure affecting the movement. When the exalted philosopher descends from his altitude to speak to the plain people in simple, short and light sentences, then we may expect a development of more practical enlightenment and clearer understanding within Jewry, with our needs and problems standing out more distinctly by themselves.

In the parody of the Boston jingle about the Cabots and the Lowells—who speak only to each other and to God—it is said that the Cabots "now speak Yiddish by God!" When this Founding Father speaks so plainly, half-humorously, with even a touch of slang about someone "going off on a binge"—that is news, and there are surely fresh happenings to be looked for.

A Sample

I give you as a sample from the column, the *V'chaim* story from the issue of December 13:

"A well-known scion of a famous Hasidim dynasty argued that the practice of using liquor as a means of becoming God-intoxicated was perfectly legitimate.

"I thought that he was himself under the influence of liquor when he said that. I knew better, however, when I came across the following in Ruth Benedict's *Pattern of Culture*:

"Among the Pueblos there is a tribe—the Pima—whose great ceremony of the year, by means of which all blessings were obtained, was the brewing of cactus beer. The priests drank first, and then the people, to get religious. Intoxication in their practice and in their poetry is the synonym of religion."

"The truth of the matter is that going off on a binge, whether through drink, sex-indulgence, or war, is characteristic of man in all stages of civilization.

"The only difference is this: pre-modern man did these things religiously; modern man does them scientifically.

"Evidently neither religion alone nor science alone can keep man sober, content or peaceable. What we need is that religion become scientific and science religious."

So here are my warm greetings and welcome to a new columnist!

—BERNARD G. RICHARDS

A Source of Inspiration

By CHARLES J. ROSENBLUM
National Chairman, United Jewish Appeal

There is something eternal and indestructible about the idealism and sense of complete freedom of the Jews of Palestine. Their optimism rises far above any transient period of stress or crisis.

When I arrived in the Jewish homeland I was anxious to know just what was causing the difficulties with the British Government. It was not necessary to look very far or to ask too many questions. One day in the Haifa harbor I saw the rusty old boats crowded to the decks with their cargo of worn and tattered refugees and I understood the full significance of the heroic struggle of Palestine Jewry to keep the doors of the Jewish homeland open to the homeless survivors of the Nazi death camps. It was clear to me then that they were not engaged in a political struggle, but in a struggle for survival—a struggle for the survival of their fellow Jews—a struggle for the right of their brothers and sisters to share with them the toil and the freedom of their own homeland.

We in America have given generously for the upbuilding of Palestine through the 1946 United Jewish Appeal campaign. But the Jews in Palestine are giving much more. They are risking their security, their economic well being, and some of them have even risked their lives, to save the Jews of Europe. The Jews of Palestine cannot rest while their kin clamor at the gates of the promised land for the share of freedom and peace that a callous world has too long delayed in granting them.

The Will To Live

The newspaper headlines, will, as is the rule in journalism, feature violence and disorder whether it be in Palestine or India. But when Harold Goldenberg, Jacob Sincoff and I took part in the establishment of the new settlement of Irgun Bazra last August, we witnessed an event that epitomized the will to live and the will to build of the Jews of Palestine that could overcome any difficulties or barriers. In

UJA Conference

We publish on this page extracts of some of the major addresses delivered at the recent National Conference of the United Jewish Appeal in Atlantic City at which a quota of \$170,000,000 was adopted for 1947. This goal is to meet the minimum requirements of the United Palestine Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and the United Service for New Americans, which comprise the UJA.

the midst of the most critical developments, the Yishuv answered repression and provocation with constructive effort on a scale greater than ever before.

It is that fearless devotion to an ideal, that unflinching faith in the future that makes Palestine the center of the hopes of the Jewish people everywhere. Even we in America cannot approach the fullness of the riches which the Jews of Palestine possess in their deep spiritual peace, in their courageous and unceasing struggle with the soil, in their great artistic and cultural revival. But at the very core of their daily life is the unflinching adherence to the mission of creating opportunities in Palestine for the hundreds of thousands of Jews of Europe who are still living amid the shattered ruins of war.

Whatever moral and material support we extend to the Jews of Palestine, they will more than repay by their development of a homeland in which a Jew does not know or feel the meaning of fear.

In facing the problems of this conference we may well take inspiration from the daily deeds of heroism of our fellow Jews in Palestine.

The Voice of Jewry

By JUDGE MORRIS ROTHENBERG
President, Jewish National Fund of America

Governments and inter-governmental bodies have held countless conferences and meetings. In their considerations of the problems of the Jewish people, they have utterly failed to understand the bitter urgency to act. Instead of witnessing the abatement of the suffering of our people and the resolving of their uncertainty, their problems and their needs have remained essentially the same. On the contrary, the post-war months have seen the intensification of their despair and the sharpening of the anxiety under which the survivors have lived these many months since their so-called liberation. Every gesture has only served to confirm the growing conviction that there is little hope for a future for many of the survivors in European lands.

In spite of all obstacles Palestine still occupies the central solution for the survival and the renaissance of a broken people.

Spur Morale

Without our help Palestine could not have so rapidly and almost miraculously achieved its present status. Without our understanding and support, the expansion of tomorrow will be deferred. The determination of the Yishuv to welcome more and more Jews into their midst has been intensified—a determination which has been maintained and has grown through long years of pioneering struggle and the vicissitude of war. During the darkest years of the Hitler terror, when a black curtain of tyranny separated us from the crumbling Jewish communities of Europe and prevented our reaching them, the Jews of Palestine were not so easily deterred. Young Palestinians—boys and girls—were para-

to risk their lives in the very jaws of hell—to bring cheer and hope to the doomed masses. Many who were thought beyond reach were rescued and their children brought out and tenderly led through the long and weary roads to safety. They gave new vitality to the spirit of resistance which enabled the remnants of our People to fight through to the day of Allied victory.

Thus the Jews of Palestine established an indestructible kinship with the Jews of Europe that makes the Yishuv even more eager and impatient to see the full fruit of their valor and the end of Jewish despair.

We, American Jews, living in a land of freedom, democracy and opportunity, are today the voice and the arms of the pitiful remnants of our people, who have suffered, bled and been broken on the rack; we are the voice and the arms of millions of our dead who cry out from their graves in behalf of the handful who were spared their cruel fate.

That cry will, I know, find an echo in the hearts of American Jewry that has met so well all its historic responsibilities.

400,000

Members
In 1947

The Yishuv Stands Firm

By REUVEN DAFNI

Former member of the Palestine Brigade who helped rescue scores of Jews from behind German lines during the war.

We did not need any Anglo-American Commissions to tell us how many Jews there are who want to go to Palestine; and I want to tell you the main reasons why the vast majority of the Jews of Europe want to go to Palestine and no other place—as if there were another place. It isn't only because Europe is a cemetery of six million Jews. It isn't only because Europe is today more anti-Semitic than it was ever before, and anti-Semitism is growing daily. It isn't even for the reason which was told to me by an elderly Jew from Poland, whom I asked a very naive question purposely—I wanted to know his reaction, and I asked him, "Why don't you go back to Poland? There is a democratic government in Poland and they will protect you; they will give you your property back. Why don't you go back?" He answered me with a smile. "You little fool, how can I go back; live as the Gentiles; shake hands with them, when I'm not at all so sure that on one of the hands may not be the blood of my wife and my children?"

But even that is not the main reason. The main reason is—and we may not like it, but we have to face facts as they are—the main reason is that the Jews of Europe have completely lost faith in the Gentile world; they do not believe that they can live among Gentiles anywhere and not be constantly afraid that it might happen again; and if not to them, to their children. The only thing they pray and hope for is to live among their own people; to live among Jews. They know by instinct that however hard life in Palestine may be; however great the privations there, there will be no gas chambers, no concentration camps in Palestine as long as there is Haganah.

Humane Desires

Now, take the other side of the picture; take Palestine. Among a community of 750,000 Jews, you would have the greatest difficulty in finding a handful who haven't at least one close relative among the remnants of Jewry in Europe. What is more decent, more human, more obvious and more natural than that we in Palestine want our mothers and fathers and brothers and sisters to live with us? We want to take care of them; we want somehow to try to repay them, though we know we shall never succeed, for what they have been suffering all those years. But because we want that, we are called "Gangsters," "Extremists," "Terrorists," "Criminals."

I want you to know we can have peace in Palestine within five minutes, peace and probably praise from Mr. Bevin, if we say, "We do not care what happens to our people in Europe. What do I care if my mother dies or starves or is being killed. The main thing is I live well." We could have peace and protection—as if we needed it—and we could have praise. Mr. Bevin would probably get up in the Parliament and say, "We are reasonable and moderate fellows." It so happens that every single Jew in Palestine prefers any day or any night to be called by Mr. Bevin "Gangster" or "Terrorist," than to be praised by him in these circumstances.

When the British had their Dunkirk, they sent every tiny, little boat to save the British soldiers. We have had a worse Dunkirk than the British, and is it such a crime that we are sending every boat we can lay hands on to Europe to bring our people into Palestine—British blockade or no blockade? Is it such a crime?

I will tell you what the reason is why Mr. Bevin and his like are against the opening of the doors of Palestine. It is because he and they realize, unfortunately better than many a Jew, that if they can stall and buck the whole issue and balk it for another year or two, the prob-



Jewish refugees wounded by British soldiers when troops boarded the ship "Jewish Assembly" in Haifa harbor, carrying homeless Jews to Palestine and forced them to transfer to ships to take them to detention camps in Cyprus.

lem will not exist, because Jews are dying; Jews are being killed, and what cheaper price can you offer Mr. Bevin for his imperialistic policies?

There will be no peace in Palestine, except under two conditions. One: Britain opens the door of Palestine; or two, Britain exterminates every single member of the Haganah, which means the entire Yishuv of Palestine. Before that, there will be no peace in Palestine.

Who is the resistance movement in Palestine?

At the time when our British friends were not in a very good position, when Rommel and his Afrika Corps were knocking on the doors of Alexandria—at that time the Haganah not only was declared legal, not only was it the legal home guard of Palestine, but we were partly officially trained by British and Australian officers. A special selected group, the Palmach, was created by the British for the purpose of fighting the rear-guard action of the retreating British armies. Military and economic objectives were blown up by members of the Haganah, for at that time we were good enough. Today, members of the Haganah are hunted by the British; and, when on June 29th, they raided those 3,000 in Palestine, most of the people were arrested from lists they had of people who previously worked with them.

Haganah War Record

Let me tell you of one thing more that the Haganah did during the war. A parachute unit of 32 men and women—and I emphasize women, because I want you to know that in the whole vast British Empire and in the whole United States of America, the only girl parachutists in existence were Jewish girls in Palestine—32 men and women were dropped behind the enemy lines, behind the German lines in 1943, in Italy, in Austria, in Hungary, in Yugoslavia, in Bulgaria, in Greece, in Albania, in Rumania.

I want to tell you the story of one of the girls whose name has become a regular legend—Chanah Szenes is her name. I had the honor and privilege to jump with her together from the same plane. She was born in Hungary, daughter of a well-known playwright and poet. At an early stage of her life she became infatuated with Zionism, left her parents, and went to Palestine, where she lived quite happily in one of the kibbutzim, the collective settlement, until the war broke out, and she felt the urge of going back to Hungary, to save Jews.

She joined the Army for that pur-

pose, and was dropped behind the lines in Yugoslavia. After three months of quite a nightmarish life, we finally fought our way through to the Hungarian border—she crossed into Hungary carrying with her a little radio set which she did not need for the Jewish part of her task. She needed it to be in contact with the British and American Headquarters in Bari, Italy.

Tortured by Gestapo

She was caught by the Nazis and, because of that radio set she had, was accused of being a spy. For 72 days and nights Chanah Szenes was tortured. Her limbs were broken. Her teeth were broken. Her face was deformed. But her spirit was not broken. The Nazis demanded from her only one tiny little thing, that she disclose the code she was using on that set. But Chanah knew the disclosure of this code would mean many a human life lost, and most of them British and American, because obviously the Gestapo would have sent false news, luring American and British soldiers into well prepared positions.

She did not talk. And when the Nazis, finally, after 72 days and nights of torture, found out that that girl was molded of a different material than they themselves, they went over from physical to mental torture. They arrested her mother, who was still living at that time in Budapest, brought her into her cell and told her if she did not speak, her mother was going to be shot before her eyes. Chanah Szenes did not speak.

She was brought to trial, sentenced to death, and given the chance to ask for pardon, which she refused with the words, "I am not asking for pardon from hangmen." She refused to be blindfolded, and was shot on November 7, 1944, in Budapest, barely two weeks before reaching the age of 23.

A month ago, at a trial in Budapest, the judge who sentenced her to death was brought to trial and given the terrific punishment of one year in prison.

History repeats itself, sometimes as a tragedy, sometimes as a comedy. There was a fight between David and Goliath. There is today a fight between a victorious, vast, strong empire and a decimated, beaten people. But with the soil supplied by the Jewish National Fund to stand firm and entrenched, with the backing, moral, political and financial backing of America's Jews, and the support of all the progressive and democratic forces in the world, with God's help, and with Haganah in his heart and in his hands, David is going to win.

ZOA horizon

DEVOTED TO EXPANSION FUND, MAJOR PROJECTS, MEMBERSHIP AND GENERAL ZIONIST ACTIVITIES

New England JNF Reelects Shain, Monosson

BOSTON.—Hailing with "admiration the establishment of the 12 new settlements in the Negev on Jewish National Fund soil, despite illegal land restrictions of the British Administration," close to 400 delegates representing every leading Palestine party and organization concerned with the upbuilding of the Jewish National Home, declared in a resolution, that "when ever the Yishuv determines the necessity of embarking upon policies of resistance, the Palestine Jewish community shall receive the wholehearted support of the Zionist movement, the whole Jewish people, and freedom-loving peoples everywhere."

The annual "Redeem the Land" Conference held at the Hotel Bradford, sponsored by the New England and Greater Boston Jewish National Fund, pledged to intensify and redouble its efforts in traditional collections for the JNF and to revitalize JNF Councils in New England for the redemption of the soil of Palestine.

Dr. Arthur I. Shain, New England president, who presided, announced that last year's contributions reached the highest figures in the history of the New England Jewish National Fund. Speakers included Dr. Morton J. Robbins, president, New England Zionist Region; Fred Monosson, Rabbi Dudley Weinberg and Gerold Frank. A report of New England activities was presented by Jacob Cohen, executive director for New England.

Dr. Shain was re-elected unanimously to serve as New England president and Fred Monosson, Greater Boston president. Elihu D. Stone was reelected honorary vice-chairman for New England and Max Nigrosh, honorary president for Greater Boston.



ED SINGER
Heads Southern Project

Bridgeport Rally Hears Bowles

At a mass rally held in protest against British policy in Palestine and in commemoration of the signing of the Balfour Declaration, Bridgeport Zionists heard Chester Bowles, former OPA head, outline a program which he claimed would end unsettled conditions in the Holy Land. This program calls for the immediate admission of 100,000 Jews, the implementation of the Jordan Valley Authority plan, and the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine.

The meeting was presided over by Rabbi Meir Felman, president of the Bridgeport District.

Other speakers at the rally included former Governor Wilbur L. Cross, James C. Shannon, Eleazar Lipsky, and the Rev. William Sullivan, who delivered the invocation.

\$1,000,000 Nationwide Expansion Fund Campaign Moves Forward

The \$1,000,000 ZOA Expansion Fund Campaign under the chairmanship of Dewey Stone of Brockton, is already making rapid strides in numerous communities throughout the country. Cognizant of the imperative need of financing the expanded program of ZOA activities embracing public relations and education, the ZOA districts and regions have proceeded to canvass their membership and supporters of the cause with a view to filling the quotas assigned to them.

The following reports represent the initial results already achieved in the early stages of the campaign:

Bronx Zionist Region has made plans for an Expansion Fund dinner to be held on January 22 in honor of David Moskowitz and Abraham Linzer, delegates to the World Zionist Congress. The chairman of the Expansion Fund is Samuel Frankel. The campaign, which has as its goal the sum of \$50,000, is under the direction of Max Cohen, regional director.

Long Island Zionist Region, through its Emergency Fund, will contribute its full Expansion Fund quota at a reception to be tendered to Benjamin Doff, president of the Region on his return from the World Zionist Congress which he is attending as a delegate.

Chicago Conference

Chicago plans to raise \$60,000 at the end of January under the chairmanship of Samuel Wolberg and in conjunction with Willy Nordwind, national co-chairman of the Expansion Fund. A special event is being arranged to coincide with the forthcoming National ZOA Conference to be held in Chicago.

Milwaukee has already raised its quota of \$10,000 at a dinner held on November 20 which was addressed by Pierre Van Paassen and Manuel Posy. The district president is Morris Gordon, who is a national vice-chairman of the Expansion Fund.

New Jersey Zionist Region has accepted a quota of \$89,000, according to an announcement made by Louis A. Falk, president of the Re-

gion, prior to his departure for the Congress.

New England Zionist Region, through its chairman Mendel Selig, reports the continuation of its efforts. A successful campaign was held in Worcester which resulted in raising \$10,000 for the Expansion Fund. This sum was realized at a subscribers dinner which was held on Dec. 1 at which James G. McDonald was the guest of honor. Portland and Bangor, Maine, were visited by Mr. Selig, at which time both raised the full amount of their quotas.

Cleveland has organized a community-wide effort by its three major districts. A joint committee has been organized and full plans of their campaign will be announced shortly.

Southeast Region, at its recent annual conference held in Miami Beach, adopted a quota of \$93,000 for the Expansion Fund.

Southwest Region held its annual conference in Ft. Worth, Texas, and accepted a quota of \$94,500.

Tucson, Arizona, has already contributed its full quota prior to receiving notification of its quota.

Manuel Posy is the Executive Director of the national campaign.



PAUL J. GAISER
ZOA delegate to Congress will also visit Palestine

Levine Reelected

Harry Levine was unanimously reelected chairman of the New England Zionist Youth Commission at a recently held meeting of the Commission. Mrs. Lewis Goldberg was elected vice chairman, Mrs. Carl Spector was reelected treasurer and Judge Lewis Goldberg was elected chairman of the executive committee. Tribute was paid to Dr. Frances Burnce for her devotion to the cause of youth upon her retirement as vice chairman after five years of service.

Plans for expansion and development of youth work in New England through educational institutes and sectional conferences for local youth commissions as well as through the Zionist youth camps, Young Judea, Tevya and Tel Noar, were discussed. Plans were also made for special Hebrew arts programs, including choral groups and arts and crafts work. Reports on youth activities were presented by Leonard Shrago, New England Young Judea Leaders Council president; Alvin Tamkin, IZFA president of the New England Region; Lorraine Blondes, New England Junior Hadassah president and Clarence Calman, New England Masada president.

Free Lectures On Zionism

A course of five lectures on "The History and Development of the Zionist Movement" will be held at the Brooklyn Jewish Center, 667 Eastern Parkway, on five consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning January 8th.

The lectures, which will be delivered by Professor Abraham S. Halkin, Instructor of Semitics at Columbia University, will be free to the members of the Zionist Organization of America. The course is being given under the auspices of Eastern Parkway Zionist District 14.

Singer to Head Southern Brandeis Camp Project

Ed J. Singer has been named to head a gigantic fund raising project for a \$200,000 Southern Brandeis Camp in the Smoky or Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina.

Mr. Singer has already secured pledges in the amount of \$80,000 and contributed \$1,000 himself to start the drive.

During the recent Southeastern Regional Conference, Mr. Singer

and his wife were hosts to over 200 delegates who came to Miami Beach from all points of the South. Their fine hospitality added much to the success of the Conference.

The Southern Brandeis Camp is the second such venture sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Commission. Twenty-eight key leaders in as many Southeastern communities are cooperating with Mr. Singer to make the project a success.



On his tour of the Southwest region, national ZOA membership chairman Joseph Goldberg spoke at Houston, Texas. L. to R.: E. N. Bender, president of the Houston district; Mr. Goldberg; Cantor Philip Gorodetzer; Maurice Krinsky and Julius M. Israel, executive director of the Southwest region.

National Conference in Chicago to Hear Congress Delegates Report

A two-day National Mobilization Conference is being convened by the ZOA beginning Friday afternoon, January 24th through Sunday, January 26th, at the Hotel Stevens, Chicago, Ill. Dr. Sidney Marks, secretary of the organization, announced this week.

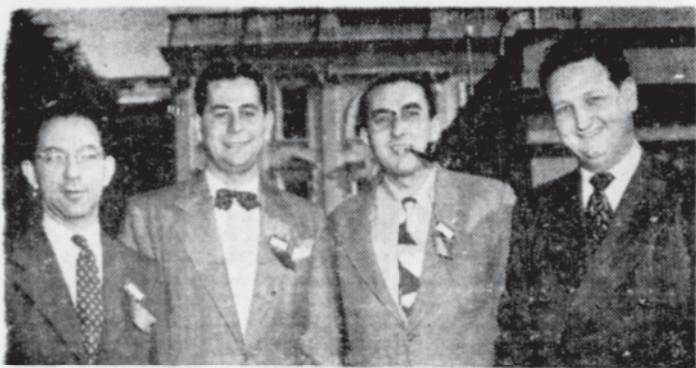
This nation-wide conference, following as it will shortly after the conclusion of the World Zionist Congress, will be devoted to a discussion of the major issues and decisions of the Congress and to consideration of plans for the implementation of these decisions in this country.

The sessions will be addressed by outstanding members of the ZOA delegation to the Congress, headed by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Dr. Emanuel Neumann.

The tentative conference agenda provides, in addition to general plenary discussions, for the holding of committee meetings and seminars which will deal with the respective major items on the agenda, including the \$1,000,000 Expansion Fund and the campaign for one million members by 1950.

All regional and district presidents have been urged to furnish the national ZOA headquarters, without delay, the names of leaders and key-workers of their respective areas who will attend this important conference.

The agenda of this gathering will be published in the next issue of this publication.



Delegation of the national Masada convention who called at the White House to register their support for President Truman's request for the entry of 100,000 Jews to Palestine. Left to right: Raymond Glazier, Morris Rappaport, Leon Agriss and Bernard Hyman.

Masada Reelects Sternstein; Demands U.S. Officials Back Truman Policy On Palestine

Meeting in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and Zionist zeal, and mindful of the presence of the White House and State Department one short block away, 225 delegates assembled for the 12th Annual National Convention of Masada, Young Zionists of America, held November 28 to December 1, at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C.

With representatives of Young Zionists from all over the country, the delegates, mostly World War II veterans, adopted resolutions calling for the replacement of U. S. officials in the Middle East who are failing to carry out effectively the American policy with reference to Palestine.

Calling upon President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes to bring into harmony and agreement the clearly defined policy of this government with regard to Jewish immigration and the setting up of a Jewish State in Palestine, the resolution added that nothing can satisfy the public conscience save the early movement of displaced Jews into Palestine, the prompt cessation of British assaults on Jewish refugees and the halt to British repression practiced in Palestine.

Firm Resolve

The Young Zionists voted greetings of sympathy and cheer to all Jewish people whose eyes and hearts are turned toward Palestine and insisted that they would not diminish their efforts until the gates of Palestine are once more open to free and unlimited Jewish immigration.

The Convention opened with the presidential address of Joseph P. Sternstein, of New York, president of Masada, who maintained that the Young Zionists must serve as a training ground for future American Zionist leaders. Calling upon the Masada delegates to enroll the mass of American Jewish young men into the Zionist ranks, Sternstein offered the challenge to accept the added responsibilities which the world situation has placed upon American Jewry.

Following his address, Mr. Sternstein left for Basle, Switzerland, where he is representing Masada at the World Zionist Congress as a member of the ZOA delegation.

Nathaniel Zvi Cohen, executive director of Masada, told the delegates that Masada had more than doubled its membership and number of chapters within the past nine months.

A letter to President Truman citing "the long record of delay and procrastination on the part of the present British government which has resulted in no action after 18 months of increasing request on your part for the opening of the gates of Palestine," was delivered to the White House by a delegation headed by Leon Agriss, of Harrisburg, Pa., vice-president of Masada.

U. S. Policy Hinders

The letter pointed out "that certain elements in our own government are frustrating your own program to open the doors of Palestine immediately to Jewish immigration." The letter applauded "your desire to liberalize the immigration laws of the U. S. in order to allow a num-

ber of survivors to find refuge in this great country of ours."

"We further applaud your forthright and statesmanlike reply to Ibn Saud in which you reiterated the American position with regard to the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine. We are very confident that the vast majority of all Americans took pride in this action."

Members of the delegation calling at the White House in addition to Agriss, included Raymond Glazier, Masada treasurer, of New York; Morris Rappaport, a member of the National Executive Committee from New Brunswick, N. J., and Bernard Hyman, head of the Los Angeles delegation at the Convention.

At a luncheon session, marked by spirited Palestinian singing, Isadore Hamlin, press officer of the Washington office of the Jewish Agency, declared that "the Jewish community in Palestine receives tremendous inspiration from the determination of American Jewish youth to stand alongside them in the heroic struggle they are engaged in today."

Sabbath services were conducted at the Congregation Adas Israel, with the sermon being delivered by Yaakov Rosenberg, member of the National Executive Committee of Masada and a student at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Oneg Shabbat Held

Dr. Benjamin Akzin, director of the Washington Bureau of the American Zionist Emergency Council, spoke at the Oneg Shabbat held Saturday afternoon. Singing and Havdalah service were other features of the celebration of the Sabbath which was attended by the delegates and members of the Washington Chapter of Junior Haddassah.

The banquet session was highlighted by the address of Reverend Wendell Phillips, Rector of Christ's Church, Rye, N. Y. and a prominent member of the American Christian Palestine Committee, who declared that "the great mass of Arabs welcome the Jews in Palestine."

"Reactionary forces are attempting to maintain the subjection of the masses of Near Eastern peoples for their own feudal purposes," he stated. "The advances of 20th century technology which the Jews are bringing into their ancient homeland materially benefit both Arabs and Jews."

Francis Lederer, stage and screen star who also spoke at the banquet, called for an effective organization to combat anti-Semitism in America. Arthur D. Schaffer, Washington attorney and Convention chairman, presided and Larry Frommer, president of the Washington Chapter of Masada, introduced Rev. Phillips.

Mr. Sternstein was re-elected

Whitman Heads MZF Campaign

Philip G. Whitman has been named campaign chairman of the Metropolitan Zionist Fund Campaign, Paul Kaminsky, president of the fund, announced.

Whitman, a resident of Cedarhurst, Long Island, has been closely associated with community service work for the past 25 years. Prominent in the Jewish education field, Whitman is a founder of the Medical School of the Hebrew University, secretary of the Hebrew University Committee of America, and chairman of the Hillel Foundation of the B'nai Brith. He is also a trustee of Temple Israel, New York City. He is head of the firm, Philip G. Whitman, Inc.

The officers and board of the MZF formally welcomed the new chairman at a luncheon at the Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Avenue.

Regional and district officers of the ZOA in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Westchester will honor the new chairman at a reception on December 26. At that time, the principal speaker for the closing dinner of the drive on January 27 will be disclosed.



ANN HABER

Attending the World Zionist Congress with her father, Julius Haber, a ZOA delegate to the Congress. From Switzerland, she will go to Palestine to join a General Zionist kibbutz.

ZOA Book Shelf For Worcester Public Library

WORCESTER, Mass.—Impressive ceremonies attended the presentation of a Zionist book shelf to the Public Library here by the Worcester Zionist District on December 16th in the lecture hall of the library. The guest speaker was Dr. Michael Lucacer of Cambridge, Mass., a former instructor of medicine at the Royal University of Palermo, now chairman of the Educational Committee of the New England Zionist Region. The presentation was made by Joseph Goldberg, national membership chairman of the Zionist Organization of America.

The shelf was accepted by Thurston Taylor, Librarian of the Worcester Public Library.

Joseph Goldberg was the guest speaker recently at the annual dinner of the Zionist District in Everett, Mass., and on December 15th addressed a breakfast meeting of the Mattapan-Dorchester-Roxbury District.

president at the concluding plenary session. National vice-presidents elected were Milton Arm, New York; Irwin Blank, Cincinnati; Morris Rappaport, New Brunswick, N. J.; Jacob Snyder, Philadelphia, and Alvin Rubin, Birmingham.

Members of the National Executive Committee elected at large were Leonard Lowe, Los Angeles; Larry Frommer, Washington; Murry Rutkoff, Brooklyn; Jack Keeson, Boston; Herzl Fishman, Brooklyn; and Morris Zipkin, Cleveland. Abraham Cohen, Brooklyn, was elected national treasurer.

DIXIE DOINGS

The Southeastern Region of the ZOA, meeting in Miami Beach, unanimously chose Abe Berkowitz of Birmingham, Alabama, to serve a second term as regional president. Mortimer May, distinguished leader of Nashville, Tenn., and a national ZOA vice-president, was again selected as honorary president of the organization.

Other officers elected include Shepard Broad, Percy Cohen, Macey Kronsberg, Judge Emanuel Lewis, Robert A. Persky, I. L. Rosen, George Winer, vice-presidents; Alex Van Straaten, secretary; S. P. Benamy, treasurer; Max M. Cuba, auditor, and Jack M. Levy, chairman of the administrative committee.

The conference, which was attended by delegates from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana, set a quota of 15,000 members for the region for 1947, adopted a goal of \$93,750 for the Expansion Fund and launched the Brandeis Camp in the Great Smoky Mountains, for which \$175,000 will be raised. Of this sum, \$80,000 was pledged during the conference. Within the next 90 days, an amount of \$9,000 will be raised for the completion of the Ike Abelson Jewish National Fund Forest project.

Star Noted Speakers

Speakers who addressed the conference during the various sessions were Dr. Israel Goldstein of New York, former president of the ZOA; Hon. Elihu D. Stone of Boston, vice-president of the ZOA; Macey Kronsberg of Charleston, vice-president, Southeastern Region; Dr. Sidney Marks, national ZOA executive director; Dr. Shlomo Bardin, director of the American Zionist Youth Commission; I. M. Weinstein, of Atlanta; Milton Cohen of Birmingham and Miss Carolyn Eplan of Atlanta.

Among the resolutions passed at the conference were several dealing with the political situation. The delegates went on record as criticizing sharply the British administration in Palestine and calling for the opening of the doors of Palestine to unlimited Jewish immigration and an end to the illegal deportations to Cyprus. They also reaffirmed their support of the Yishuv in its heroic struggle for a Jewish Palestine and endorsed the administration of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Ed J. Singer of Miami Beach was designated general chairman of the Smoky Mountains Camp project.

Kaplan Named New Director Of Manhattan

The appointment of Nathaniel Kaplan as Director of the Manhattan Zionist Region has been announced by Dr. Sidney Marks, National Executive Director.

Mr. Kaplan, who formerly direct-



NATHANIEL KAPLAN

ed Zionist activities in the Midwest area, was graduated in 1941 from Randolph-Lincoln College. He served for three years in the Army, where he held the rank of Captain and was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Bennett Elected In Yonkers

James Bennett was installed as president of the Brandeis Zionist District of Yonkers at ceremonies held at the Lincoln Park Jewish Center of that city. He succeeds A. Arthur Pekelner, who had held office for four years, and who had raised the district membership to its present level of over 500 members.

The Hon. Irving Galt, secretary of the Metropolitan Zionist Fund, was the main speaker at the meeting.

400,000 IN 1947



Shown at a recent New Rochelle, N. Y. Zionist meeting are (l. to r.): Lester Lyons, district president; James G. McDonald, guest speaker; Theodore Zeiler and Judge Sol Rubin.

James McDonald Addresses Rally In Westchester

More than 1,000 Zionists of Westchester County attended a rally in New Rochelle to hear an address by the Hon. James G. McDonald, American member of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry.

Mr. McDonald voiced his confidence that the Jewish community

in Palestine would never surrender the special position it holds today legally and of right.

In describing his tour of the DP Camps in Europe, he declared that 99 per cent of the Jews he had seen there desire to go to Palestine.

Mr. McDonald was introduced by Lester Lyons, president of the Zionist Organization of New Rochelle, and Judge Sol Rubin, a member of the District.

Arrangements for the rally were made by Theodore Zeiler.

Southwest Region Reelects Livingston as President

The 42nd annual convention of the Southwest Zionist Region, attended by delegates from six states, reelected Julius Livingston, of Tulsa, president of the Region. Julius M. Israel, of Houston, was reelected executive director. The delegates also went on record as endorsing



RABBI MAX J. ROUTTENBERG

Routtenberg Heads Reading Zionists

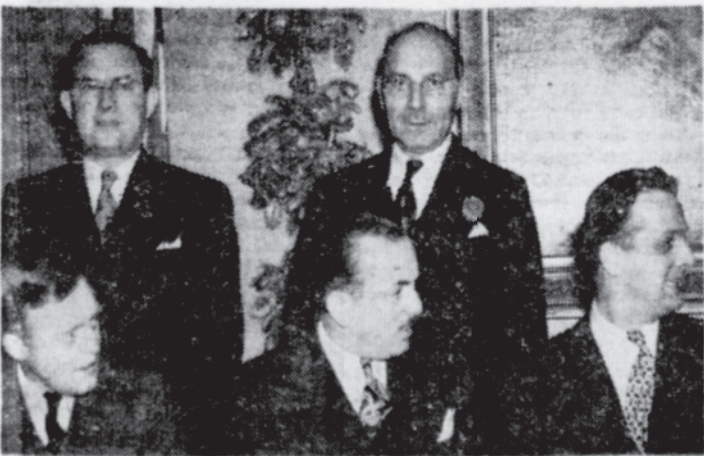
Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg, was unanimously elected as president of the Reading, Pa., Zionist district at a general membership meeting. Eli S. Skaist was chosen as vice-president; Barney Mason, financial and recording secretary, and Jacob Erkes treasurer.

The district has adopted a plan designed to double its membership and to raise its quota for the ZOA Expansion Fund for the ensuing year.

N. E. Greets World Congress

BOSTON.—New England Zionists, gathered at a huge demonstration called by the New England Zionist Region to coincide with the opening of the World Zionist Congress at Basle, Switzerland, pledged "to stand by the decisions reached by the World Zionist Congress for the continued upbuilding of a Jewish State in Palestine and for the speedy rescue of the Jewish people of Europe." A cabled message was sent from the meeting to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist organization, from the New England Zionist Region representing 50 Zionist districts and 14,000 members in New England. The message, signed by Dr. Morton J. Robbins, president of the Region and presiding chairman at the meeting, was adopted in the form of a resolution by the assembly.

Among the speakers at the meeting were Professor Carl J. Friedrich of Harvard University and Rabbi Aryeh Lev. Leon Kowal and Louis E. Brown were co-chairmen of the meeting.



At the meeting held in Boston to mark the World Zionist Congress opening. Left to right (seated): Prof. Carl J. Friedrich, Dr. Morton J. Robbins, Leon Kowal; (standing): Rabbi Aryeh Lev and Louis E. Brown.

the stand of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver for an undivided and undiminished Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine. Mr. M. M. Goldman of Ft. Worth was convention chairman.

A budget of \$31,000 for 1947, representing an increase of \$16,000 over the previous year, was adopted. The funds will be used primarily for public relations, youth education and the furtherance of Palestine immigration. The convention also adopted a resolution calling for the immediate goal of a membership of 10,000 and a membership of 30,000 by 1950.

Among the delegates assembled for this 42nd convention were four veteran Zionists who were present at the first annual convention of the Southwest Region, held in Ft. Worth 42 years ago. They were L. F. Shanblum, I. N. Mehl and Abraham Salsberg, all of Ft. Worth, and L. A. Freed of Houston. Their names will be inscribed in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund.

Stress Palestine Support

Addresses were heard by a number of prominent speakers, including Frank Gervasi, foreign editor of *Colliers* magazine; Herman L. Weisman, national chairman of the American Zionist Youth Commission; and Dr. Sidney Marks, national executive director of the ZOA. The speakers stressed the need for intensified effort in behalf of Palestine. They emphasized the urgency of public interest in furthering the aims of the ZOA, as well as the need for a better understanding of the aims and objectives of the maximal Zionist program.

Other officers elected include hon. presidents: Charles Bender, of Breckenridge and L. A. Freed, of Houston; vice-presidents: Abram L. Geller, Houston; Sidney Herold, Shreveport; Sidney Pines, Dallas; secretary, Otto Hart, Oklahoma City; treasurer, Joe Wolens, Corsicana.

The following State Chairmen were named: I. Abramson, Shreveport, La.; H. P. Taubman, Dallas, Tex.; Gershon Fenster, Tulsa, Okla.; H. L. Ginns, Wichita, Kansas; David Spector, Albuquerque, N. M.; M. T. Korenblat, Little Rock, Ark.

D. H. White of Houston is chairman of Public Relations.

Synagogue Breakfasts

A series of breakfasts in synagogues throughout Mt. Vernon has added many new members to the Zionist District in that community. Due to the tireless efforts of Herman Simberkoff, president of the District, Thomas Saltzman and Jesse Suchman, the Zionist message has been brought into every synagogue in Mt. Vernon.

At a Testimonial Breakfast to David Levine, held at the Congregation Brothers of Israel, 25 members were enrolled. A circular letter addressed to every member of the Congregation by Mr. Levine, president of the Synagogue, resulted in the enrollment of 25 additional members.

De Meiss-Teuffen On ZOA Tour

Baron Hans De Meiss-Teuffen, a noted Swiss and international press correspondent who lived in Palestine for an extended period of time, will leave on January 1 on a transcontinental speaking tour on behalf of the Zionist Organization of America.

Mr. De Meiss-Teuffen, a colorful figure, who has visited Palestine four times in the last 10 years, has extensively written and spoken on



HANS DE MEISS-TEUFFEN

life in Palestine and also broadcast over the radio in this country. On his last trip to Palestine, De Meiss-Teuffen, a non-Jew, posed as an uncertificated immigrant and reached Haifa harbor in his small sailboat. He was apprehended by the British and imprisoned. He was later released when his identity was established. For almost a year, he worked as a farm mechanic in a Kibbutz.

Whether travelling on his own or as a reporter for the United Press, De Meiss-Teuffen quickly absorbed the life and spirit of Palestine and left the country with a deep affection and admiration for what the Jews achieved there. His experiences, anecdotes and observations constitute a thrilling and seldom-told version of life today in Eretz Israel.

Stone Named Phoenix Head

Harry I. Stone was installed as president of the Phoenix, Arizona, District of the ZOA recently succeeding Dr. Jacob A. Reichert.

Other district officers include Dr. Joseph Banks, Barnett E. Marks, Philip J. Meisel and Cecil Newmark, vice presidents; Walter Reis, treasurer; Peter Davidson, recording secretary; Harry Liebhaber, corresponding secretary; Herman Levine, financial secretary and Harry Steinberg, notification secretary.

A Correction

Through a technical error, the following passage was omitted from the article "Spirit and Physical Power" by Eli A. Almi (review of the Yiddish play "The Song of the Dnieper"), which appeared in the last issue of the *New Palestine News Reporter*:

Among the actors in the mass-scenes of the old Jewish soldiers who served under Nicholas I, Leiser Voytek, is conspicuous. The part is played by Menachem Rubin with art and delicate humor. Ola Shlikko, as Mary, the fiancée, and later the wife of Noah Pandre, plays her part with a true understanding for the spirit of the people. The same may be said of Charlotte Goldstein, as Katerinushka, the peasant girl who runs after Noah. Isidore Casher, as Reb Sender, and Anna Appel, as Senerekhe, or Sender's wife, are as always, good. Jacob Reichtzeit portrays a Jewish thief in Shklov with an uncanny faithfulness to the typical mannerisms and conduct. All other members of the cast, too, deserve much praise.

Brooklyn Round-Up

Young Folks Zionist Clubs have been attracting considerable attention in Brooklyn. In these groups our young men and women can further their Zionist activities and, at the same time, make and maintain social contacts.

There are four such clubs already in existence, and a fifth is now being formed in Bensonhurst.

The established clubs are:

The Young Folks Zionist League of Borough Park 97, with headquarters at 1301-47th Street, Brooklyn. Henry Brinberg is president, and Miss Goldie Bender is membership chairman.

The Brooklyn Zionist Club 100, Prospect Park Jewish Center, 534 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn. Meets on first and third Wednesday of each month. David Romanoff is president, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Maginsky are membership co-chairmen.

The Hatikvah Zionist Club 101, 645 Sheffield Avenue, Brooklyn. Meets second and fourth Sunday of each month. President, Harry Talesnick; membership chairman, Daniel Eckstein.

District 108 is the newest club formed. Headquarters are at the H.E.S. Young People's Fellowship Building, 407 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn. Temporary officers are Harry Sklavar, president; Beatrice Gersoff, secretary. Next meeting of this group will be on Dec. 23. The speaker will be Carl Alpert, Managing Editor of *The New Palestine*.

Eastern Parkway

Top rank in paid membership in the Brooklyn Region for the past year goes to the Eastern Parkway District, which has reached a membership of almost 3,600. Out-

standing in the work of recruiting new members are Dr. Samuel T. Markoff, Bernard Isacowitz, Joseph H. Aaron and Abraham Chesler.

The District has adopted a quota of \$25,000 in the MZF campaign, and is off to a good start in achieving this aim. Campaign chairman is David Spiegel, and Bernard Isacowitz is chairman of the Executive Committee.

Williamsburg

Under the able chairmanship of Samuel Buchalter, the activities of the Williamsburg Zionist District 24—which have for some time lagged behind that of other Brooklyn Districts—are now becoming revitalized. Considerable progress is being made in membership, JNF and MZF campaigns.

The Williamsburg Zionist District recently honored one of its past presidents, Seymour Brenner, on his election to the New York State Assembly.

Flatbush

Runner-up for the title of most active district in Brooklyn is the Flatbush Zionist District.

A quota of \$35,000 toward the Metropolitan Zionist Fund has been adopted, under the co-chairmanship of Moe Katz and Sam Katz. Present indications are that this goal is well within the realm of early accomplishment.

President of the district is Phil Lassar.

The Flatbush Zionist News, a monthly publication, edited by Bernard Rosenfeld and Eugene Schwaab, is an important element in bringing to the members vital information and timely messages concerning meetings and other district activities.

Miami Beach Honors Goodman

On the eve of his departure as a delegate to the World Zionist Congress, Abraham Goodman, national ZOA treasurer, was honored by the Miami Beach Jewish community where he is a resident. The Board of Directors and Trustees of the Miami Beach Jewish Center, of which Mr. Goodman is a director, devoted the Sabbath of November 23 to honor Mr. Goodman and his wife. A considerable number of the leaders of the Jewish community greeted the guests of honor and expressed their wishes for a successful and pleasant trip to and from the Congress.

All who were present determined to increase immediately the tempo of Zionist activities in the community so that upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. Goodman will be presented with a tripled membership in both the Miami Beach Zionist District, of which Mr. Goodman is

vice-president, and the Greater Miami Senior Hadassah, of which Mrs. Goodman is president.

N. E. Conference On Youth

BOSTON.—The Fourth Annual Adult Conference on Zionist Youth, sponsored by the New England Zionist Youth Commission, met here recently and pledged in behalf of their youth to stand by Palestine in the present crisis and to intensify their Zionist activities among young people in their own communities.

Among the featured speakers at the various sessions were Herman L. Weisman, chairman of the American Zionist Youth Commission, and Harry Levine, chairman of the New England Zionist Youth Commission. Louis E. Brown was chairman of the Conference. Dr. Michael Luacer, a vice president of the New England Region of the ZOA, conveyed the greetings of the Region to the Conference.



Installation of new officers of Hollywood District at their recently-held banquet ceremonies. L. to R.: S. Sidney Schneir, new president; Louis Rubin, editor of the *Hollywood Zionist*; Dr. Monte Salvin, retiring president, and Sam Salvin, district vice-president.

Funeral In Washington Of Herzl's Only Descendant

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS REPORTER

WASHINGTON. —A few weeks ago, as delegates from all over the world began to arrive in Basle for what is probably the last Zionist Congress to be held in the Diaspora, there took place here the funeral of the only grandchild left of Theodor Herzl.

On November 26, Captain Stephen Theodore Norman, 28, threw himself down from a bridge over the Potomac. On December 2, the Jewish Agency office in Washington buried him according to Jewish rites in the cemetery of the Adath Israel Congregation. Representatives were present from the Jewish Agency, various Zionist groups in the capital, the Jewish War Veterans, and high ranking members of the British Embassy, where the deceased had served on the Scientific Commission. The coffin was covered with the blue and white, the Union Jack, the Star Spangled Banner and the colors of the Jewish War Veterans Post 58. Rabbi Solomon Metz, of the Adath Israel Congregation, and Moseh Frelichow, who knew both Herzl and his grandson, spoke at the funeral.

None Left

With the death of Captain Norman, no descendant is left of the great founder of the Zionist movement. The great Herzl now lives only in his great works.

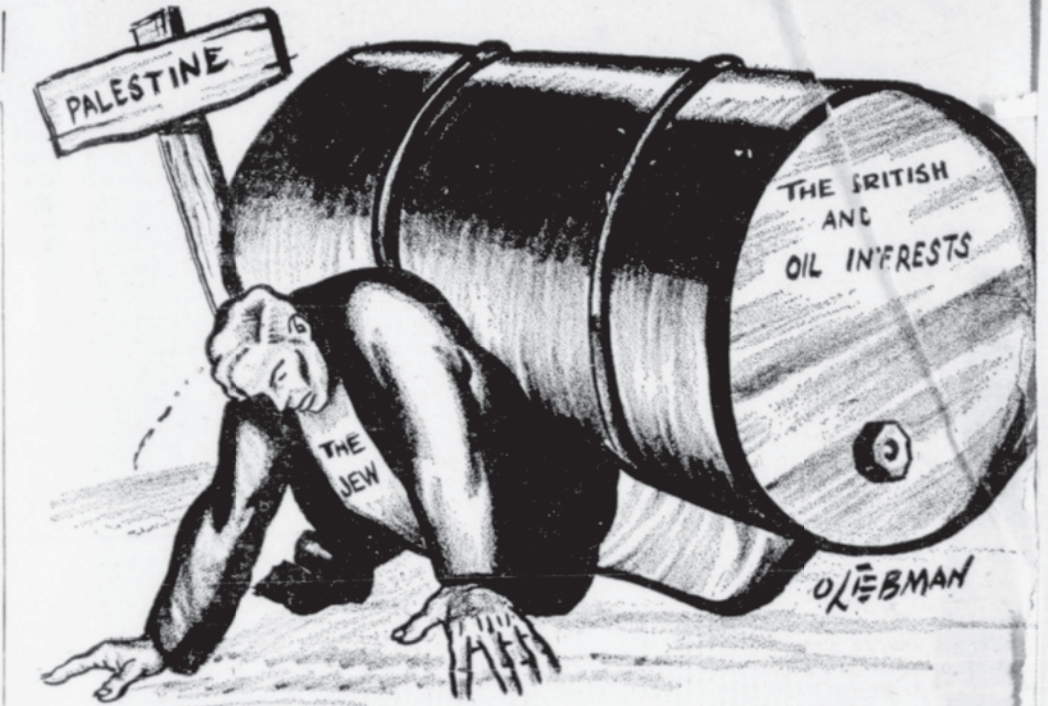
Theodor Herzl had one sister, Pauline, who died as a young girl. He remained the only son, greatly attached to his parents to his last breath. Herzl had two children,

Hans and Trude, who were as warmly attached to one another as Herzl once was to his sister Pauline. Trude married a man by the name of Neumann and bore him a son, Stephen Theodore. Hans never married. Some years ago he shocked the Jewish world by adopting Christianity. Shortly afterwards, Trude was confined to an institution for mental patients and Hans committed suicide. Trude's son, Stephen Theodore, came to England from his native Vienna in 1937 where he entered Cambridge University. There he was active in student Zionist societies. He anglicized his name to Norman. When the war broke out, he served in the British army, attaining the rank of captain. After the war, he visited Palestine and was tremendously impressed by what he saw.

Strange Behavior

Some three or four months before his death, Captain Norman was sent to Washington as a member of the Scientific Commission of the British Embassy. There he established contact with the Jewish Agency office and became friendly with some Zionist figures, especially Eliahu Epstein. He received a letter from Vienna, from his former governess, informing him that both his parents had perished in Teresienstadt. He became very depressed. A few days before he died, he asked Epstein to keep a package of papers for him in the Jewish Agency office because, as he said, he was going to England on leave. The sealed package was put away, but Norman's behavior seemed strange.

After he committed suicide, the package was opened. Among the



papers found were two articles he had written of his impressions of Palestine. They were full of Zionist enthusiasm. The Jewish Agency office contemplates their publication shortly.

Norman was a sensitive man and resented being paraded as a grandson of a great man. But he was proud of his grandfather, and when he came into the Agency office for the first time and saw Herzl's picture, he was visibly moved.

Strong family attachment, so characteristic of the Herzl family, and a certain mental tension in Herzl's children due to their consciousness of his greatness, were contributing factors to the suicide. But the direct cause was, no doubt, the tragic end of the deceased two parents. As Rabbi Metz said in his funeral oration, Captain Norman was the victim of the callousness and brutality of our age.

Brandeis Camp

Climaxing a nationwide surge of enthusiasm for Zionist youth education, Pacific Coast Zionists have announced their intention of raising \$250,000 in 1947 for a West Coast Brandeis Camp Institute in California, according to Herman L. Weisman, chairman of the American Zionist Youth Commission. Mose Sandler, of Los Angeles, was elected chairman of the Steering Committee for the new camp at the Founders meeting held in Los Angeles and Nat Halpern of Los Angeles was elected treasurer.

Palestine Exhibit

Dr. David Tannenbaum, director of the Economic Bureau of the Palestine Foundation Fund, has flown to Palestine to consummate final arrangements for the comprehensive Exhibit on Palestine which is to be presented by the Bureau. The first showing will take place in New York at the Museum of Science and Industry in Radio City in the spring of 1947. The Exhibit will be on display there for several months before being sent on tour through the major cities of the United States.

"The purpose of the Exhibit is two-fold, economic and cultural," Dr. Tannenbaum stated in announcing the New York opening. "We will tell the story of Palestine emphasizing the totality of the country, the duality of its population, its present commercial position as the hub of the Middle East and its potential future development. We plan to show dramatically that there is a good neighbor policy and good business to establish, maintain and enhance good relations between the United States and Palestine. There is to be no fund-raising in conjunction with this Exhibit."

Charles Ress, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Fund, emphasized that "this effort is an active implementation of the functions of the Economic Bureau,

JWV Reaffirms Stand For Jewish State; Elects Richman New Commander

The 51st Annual Encampment of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, held in Atlantic City, adopted a resolution reaffirming its previous stand in favor of the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish Homeland and demanding that "Great Britain relinquish its control over Palestine in favor of the United Nations."

Another resolution adopted congratulated the Haganah in Palestine "for its historic achievements for world Jewry, despite overwhelming odds" and expressed admiration for the spirit of resistance that motivates the Jewish community in Palestine as typified by the Haganah.

Colonel Milton Richman, of Hartford, was elected National Commander of the JWV, succeeding Maxwell Cohen, of Dorchester, who is now attending the sessions of the World Zionist Congress as a ZOA delegate.

Colonel Richman saw combat service with the United States Army in both world wars. He is the holder of two Bronze Stars and the Croix de Guerre with palm. Miss Tina Brill of Chicago was elected National President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the JWV.

Pledge Zionist Support

Assuring the continued aid of the JWV in the attempt to establish the Jewish National Home in Palestine and the light for the admission of the displaced Jews of Europe into the Holy Land, a message of greeting and good wishes was sent to the World Zionist Congress by National Commander Richman.

The message read: Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President World Zionist Organization Basle, Switzerland

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America sends the World Zionist Organization its greetings. Our organization stands pledged to aid in the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine and to the immediate admission of our unfortunate displaced brethren into Palestine. My personal and official contacts with them in Europe from the time of their liberation until my separation from service with the United States Army convinces me that these objectives must be attained immediately. To that end we dedicate ourselves. To you personally I send greetings and wishes for your good health and continued strength.

MILTON H. RICHMAN
National Commander,
Jewish War Veterans
of the United States

which is dedicated to facilitating and encouraging the free flow of trade and strengthen the commercial ties between the United States and Palestine."

Greet Lipsky On 70th Birthday

Louis Lipsky, on the eve of his departure for Basle, was the recipient of congratulatory messages from all parts of the world on the occasion of his 70 birthday. The anniversary was marked by the inscription of Mr. Lipsky's name in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund. Dr. Chaim Weizmann and A. K. Epstein of Chicago

Silver Greet Chilean Zionists

On the occasion of the annual convention of the Zionist Organization of Chile, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver conveyed the greetings of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States and urged renewed support of Yishuv in its struggle for national liberation.

The text of the message read: Our greetings to your annual convention. On eve of departure for Zionist Congress, we salute you on your steadfastness in struggle for Jewish historic rights in Palestine. Our united efforts imperative in support of struggle of the valiant Yishuv for national liberation. Gratifying that you are rallying all forces for progress of statehood as only solution to problem of Jewish homelessness.

Zimmer Leads Bridgeport Drive

The Bridgeport Zionist District has embarked on an intensive membership campaign and many new members are being added to ever-increasing numbers of enrolled Zionists in that city.

Emanuel Zimmer, co-chairman of the membership committee, tireless worker for the cause, singlehandedly enrolled 75 members thus far. The district is looking forward to a banner year in all fields of Zionist activity.

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The Modern Maccabeans

of Palestine are fighting the battle of our people everywhere. On this Chanukah, let us extend to them our solidarity and support in the struggle to transform Jewish need into a Jewish State.

Enroll your friends and all the adult members of your family—men and women—in the Zionist Organization of America. Make this your Chanukah gift to them.

