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WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS SET TO OPEN TONIGHT; 8 POINT PROGRAM MAPPED

GENEVA, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- An eight-point program for defense of Jewish rights and a battle against anti-Semitism was formulated today by the executive of the World Jewish Congress for action at the plenary sessions, beginning tomorrow night.

As 230 delegates representing 32 countries gathered for the opening session, Dr. Stephen S. Wise, head of the executive, assailed the German Jews for opposing the parley.

At a press conference today the New York Jewish leader sounded the keynote of the congress:

"Judea awake!"

Discussing its aims, he said:

"I must make clear that the congress is not a parliament nor an attempt at a parliament. It is nothing more than an assembly of representatives of those Jewries which choose to associate themselves in defense of Jewish rights. The congress will not be wholly representative until all Jews choose to be represented by it."

The purpose of the conclave, he declared, was "not primarily an appeal to the non-Jewish world, but a summons to the Jewish world to awaken, to which end the representatives of many lands have foregathered to consider the problems affecting the status of the Jews with a view to find the solution to the great Jewish problem existing today."

Dr. Wise said the congress represents one-third of the total Jewish population in 32 countries.

The agenda which the delegates will be called on to adopt follows:

- 1- Establishment of a permanent agency to represent the various Jewish communities for the defense of Jewish rights.
- 2- Defense of civil, political and economic rights of Jewish minorities wherever minority rights are recognized.
- 3- Defense against anti-Semitic propaganda.
- 4- Regulation of Jewish migration by establishment of a central bureau for coordinating and directing migration activities.
- 5- Defense of Jewish interests against the destructive policies of the Nazi Reich.
- 6- Coordination under public control of Jewish relief efforts receiving support through public appeals.
- 7- Reconstruction and rehabilitation of the economic life of those unable to emigrate.
- 8- Facilitation of immigration into Palestine with the cooperation of the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

After announcing the program, a preliminary meeting of the executive adjourned until tomorrow evening without reaching a decision on a proposal to change the body's name from World Jewish Congress to World Congress of Jewish Organizations.

A delegation comprising Dr. Wise, Judge Julian W. Mack, Louis Lipsky and Abraham Goldberg, all of New York, was appointed to dissuade 40 American, Polish and Palestinian laborite delegates who were insisting on the latter name on the ground elections to the congress were not democratic.

The executive also deferred a decision on the seating of five delegates from American radical organizations barred by the American Jewish Congress from representation at the world parley. The five delegates claim to represent 500,000 American Jews.

2 JEWS, 5 ARABS KILLED IN NEW DISORDERS; ARABS DARED TO FIGHT OPENLY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Five Arabs were killed today and eighteen others wounded in an engagement with British land and air forces north of Nablus.

The rebels ambushed a convoy en route to Jerusalem, wounding the commanding officer. While the escort engaged the attackers, estimated at 20 to 30 strong, reinforcements were called to the scene.

Troops cooperating with army planes killed five Arabs, captured two and seized rifles and ammunition. Later, the planes, carrying on independent operations, inflicted casualties on eighteen more bandits.

An English archaeologist named Allen^{WR} Pow, visiting Acre, was stabbed and slightly wounded by two Arab youths.

The Arabs were dared by Tel Aviv's vice-mayor to fight the Jews openly after two more deaths had raised the toll of Jews dead to 54 in sixteen weeks of disorders.

In a eulogy at services for Reuben Levi, 27, Turkish immigrant, who was killed in a midnight attack on the Hatikvah quarter of the all-Jewish city, Israel Rokach figuratively addressed the Arabs:

"You are showing your heroism from ambush. Let us see your courage. Fight us openly!"

The eulogies were held at the cemetery after services outside Tel Aviv's city hall had been prohibited.

Zev Lindenfeld, 45, of Poland was found slain last night midway between the new Jewish colony of Tagla and Hedera. Ben Yaacob, a watchman at the Kiriat Anavim colony, was seriously wounded in a midnight attack.

Other Arab attacks occurred during the night, especially at Mikveh Israel and Mount Canaan. A spirits factory near Tel Aviv was the target of snipers. No casualties were reported.

The Government today won its first important victory in the fight to enforce emergency measures decreed to cope with terrorism. The Court of Appeals allowed the Attorney General's appeal from district courts' sentences under the decreed minimum in cases of persons found guilty of possessing arms. The Appeals Court imposed the full five-year terms.

ORTHODOX LABOR GROUPS UNITE AGAINST HISTADRUTH

MARIENBAD, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A split in the ranks of Palestine Jewish labor was foreshadowed today when two orthodox labor groups moved toward an alignment against the Socialistic Histadruth, Jewish general federation of labor in Palestine.

It was decided to form a labor exchange jointly sponsored by the Poel Aguda, orthodox Jewish labor organization, and the Poel Hamizrachi, orthodox Jewish labor organization, and the Poel Hamizrachi, orthodox Zionist labor group. The first body is not Zionist.

A resolution for creation of the exchange was adopted yesterday at the closing session of the international convention of the Agudath Israel, extreme orthodox organization, which is the parent body of the Poel Aguda.

The decision is subject to the approval of the Agudath Israel's world council.

BENES PLEDGES AID TO PALESTINE JEWS BEFORE LEAGUE

PRAHA, Czechoslovakia, August 7. (JTA) -- President Edouard Benes at a reception today to Jewish leaders promised to defend Palestine Jewish rights before the League of Nations on the basis of the Balfour Declaration, Great Britain's pledge to facilitate establishment of a Jewish national home in the Holy Land.

Among the leaders received were Jacob Rosenheim, president of the Agudath Israel, world Jewish orthodox organization which just concluded its international convention at Marienbad, and Rabbi Horowitz, president of the Palestine branch of the Aguda.

Speaking on behalf of orthodox Jewry, the leaders thanked President Benes for the maintenance of equal rights for minorities in Czechoslovakia.

PETITION TO LEAGUE WINS BACKING OF NOTABLES

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Several political, liberal and labor leaders were on record today in support of the petition of Jewish and Christian organizations to the League of Nations to intercede in behalf of persecuted groups in Germany.

Sol M. Stroock, chairman of the American Jewish Committee, said in a radio address last night the document had been endorsed by ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith, Lillian D. Wald, social worker; Norman Thomas, Socialist candidate for president; Dr. Alvin Johnson, Miss Carrie Chapman Catt, Miss Josephine Schain, Miss Rose Schneiderman and Miss Dorothy Detzer.

Samuel Goldstein, acting Grand Master of the Independent Order Brith Abraham, in a statement made public today, while praising the purposes of the petition, criticized its authors for not widening its scope to include other countries and for not securing the cooperation of the American Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Congress in its sponsorship.

J.D.C. GRANTS \$48,000 FOR CHILD CARE IN POLAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has granted \$48,000 to Jewish child care organizations in Poland in the first six months of 1936 and will continue to subvention these activities for the remainder of the year, Joseph C. Hyman, executive director, said today.

He said part of the grant was made to TOZ, the association for preservation of health among Jews in Poland, which recently declared 25,000 Jewish school children would have to be fed during the Winter. A substantial amount of the grant was earmarked for child-feeding, he pointed out.