

**THE ZIONIST CONGRESS (continued).****The Importance of Zionist Discipline***Prague, September 3rd.*

**B**Y 152 votes against 13, with the Revisionists abstaining as a protest, Congress adopted at the Saturday all-night session after a stormy debate and repeated negotiations lasting for nearly twelve hours in an attempt to reach an agreed compromise, a resolution on the question of Zionist discipline.

This lays it down that separate groups and individuals within the Zionist Organisation have no right to conduct foreign politics with Governments or the League of Nations, unless they have the sanction of the Executive, or to engage in any activities of a political nature which infringe on the prerogatives of the Executive.

All those who break these provisions, or in any way infringe the discipline of the Zionist Organisation will be tried before a special tribunal to be set up, which must hand down its verdict within six months. Pending the verdict the Executive can suspend the offending person or Party. The special tribunal is empowered to order the expulsion of the person or Party from the Zionist Organisation.

**Relaxation of Immigration Regulations Demanded***Prague, September 3rd.*

**A** RESOLUTION demanding the relaxation of the Palestine immigration ordinances and expressing resentment at the deportation of Jews who had entered Palestine illegally, has been adopted by Congress.

This Congress declares, it says, that the present immigration regulations are in contradiction to the Palestine Mandate, which places the Mandatory Power in accordance with Article 6 of the Mandate under the obligation of facilitating the immigration and close settlement of Jews. Furthermore, the regulations are not in accordance with the economic absorptive capacity of the country, on which the immigration regulations are supposed to be based. These regulations merely serve as an instrument for limiting Jewish immigration.

This Congress further protests against a system which permanently limits Jewish immigration and which is felt with particular acuteness at the present time when the Jewish masses find themselves confronted by a political and economic crisis in which German Jewry is being ruined, while Palestine holds possibilities of capital and work created by Jews themselves for absorbing larger Jewish numbers, and increasing the tempo of the Jewish upbuilding work.

This Congress demands the abolition of the immigration restrictions, and instructs the Executive to demand that in accordance with Mandate it should be entrusted with the control of immigration. Congress further demands that the immigration regulations should now be relaxed, particularly those Paragraphs which make immigration exceedingly difficult.

The quota of labour certificates, it continues, should be fixed in accordance with the actual labour possibilities and the Jewish efforts to create new work. The limitation of labour immigration to people under the age of 35 should be abolished, as well as the limitation upon the immigration of women, which is disproportionate to the share of the women in the Palestine upbuilding work, and which further makes family life difficult.

The sum of £1,000 demanded from those entering Palestine under the capitalist category should be reduced to £500 in view of the present economic conditions and the cheap cost of living in Palestine.

In addition, those entering under the capitalist category should receive their visa from the British Consul in the places where they are resident, without having to wait for the application to be first sent to Jerusalem to decide the question.

The Congress vigorously protests, the resolution says, against the deportation of Jews who have entered Palestine illegally, and demands from the Government that it should recognise the right of every Jew to remain in Palestine irrespective of how he entered.

A heated debate took place on this resolution, particularly in connection with a minority resolution which demanded that there should be no preference given to immigrants belonging to the Labour Party; but this was defeated, and the resolution as it stands, was adopted by 146 votes against 76, the Mizrahi and the Revisionists voting in the opposition.

**Arlosoroff Colony in Palestine***Prague, September 3rd.*

Congress has unanimously resolved to start a campaign for funds to establish an Arlosoroff Colony in Palestine, to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Chaim Arlosoroff, one of the leaders of the Palestine Labour movement and member of the Jewish Agency Executive, who was murdered in Palestine in June.

**Desire of Jews to Live in Peace with Arabs***Prague, September 3rd.*

**I**N its further political resolutions, Congress confirms the decision of the Actions Committee with regard to the French Report and approves the attitude of the Executive as expressed in the memorandum submitted to the British Government commenting on the recommendations contained in the French Report.

Congress urges on the British Government, in the resolution, that the conclusions with regard to Palestine development are in contradiction to the letter of authoritative interpretation addressed by the Prime Minister (Mr. Ramsay MacDonald) to Dr. Weizmann, and Congress, it proceeds, instructs the Executive to renew the efforts with the British Government to ensure equal benefits for Jews and Arabs in connection with the plans of urban and agricultural development to be provided for out of the Palestine loan on the basis of parity.

This Congress again proclaims, it says, the desire of the Jews to live in peace with and co-operate with the Arabs in Palestine. There is no contradiction between the strivings of the Jewish people and the vital interests of Arab masses. On the contrary, Jewish development and colonisation are in the interests of the entire Palestine population, and the Arab population benefits from it, as can be proved by contrasting the position of the Arabs in Palestine with that of the Arabs in Transjordan.

This Congress hopes, it says, with the aid of the Mandatory Power, to find a way of enabling Jewish colonisation to be carried on in Transjordan, and instructs the Executive to continue its efforts towards mutual understanding between Jews and Arabs in Transjordan.

This Congress, it adds, emphasises the right of Palestine Jewry to obtain Government subsidies for purposes of education and health work. While taking note of the increased contributions, this Congress finds them inadequate, however, in comparison with the Jewish contributions to Government revenue.

**Jewish Agency Negotiations for Reduction of 50-50 Proportion***Prague, September 3rd.*

**T**HE negotiations with the non-Zionists for the reform of the Jewish Agency and the reduction of the 50-50 representation of non-Zionists in the Jewish Agency bodies must be concluded within the year, according to a resolution which has been adopted by the Zionist Congress.

Another resolution provides for official notice to be given to the non-Zionist members of the Jewish Agency that the 50-50 agreement will not be renewed next term, if the non-Zionists do not meanwhile voluntarily reduce their representation on the Jewish Agency Executive.

**T**HE Executive has been authorised by Congress to initiate negotiations with the non-Zionists along these lines.

**Zionism in Russia.**

**C**ONGRESS unanimously resolved this afternoon to instruct the Executive to pay more attention to the organised relief work on behalf of the persecuted Zionists in Soviet Russia, and to support the Magen, the organisation that exists for this purpose.

This is the only resolution so far adopted by this Congress unanimously.

Mr. Leo Motzkin, the President of the Congress, addressed an S.O.S. call from the platform to the Jews of the whole world to help the Executive to collect annually the necessary funds for the activities of the Magen on behalf of the Zionists in Russia.

**Jabotinsky's Demands Rejected**

Congress also voted down Mr. Jabotinsky's demand that the evidence and material upon which the Enquiry Commission had based its resolution as adopted by the Actions Committee and now by Congress should be submitted to the Congress.

A third demand by Mr. Jabotinsky that he should be permitted to make a declaration from the Congress tribune after the adoption of the majority resolution, was rejected by the Presidium.

This led to an uproar by the Revisionists, who cried "Lie!" "Judicial murder!"

Mr. Jabotinsky shouted, "Our Tel Hai sends greetings to our innocently arrested comrades!"

The tumult created by the Revisionists lasted a full quarter of an hour, and finally the session was closed until ten o'clock to-night.

**"Hatikvah" Official Zionist Hymn.***Prague, September 3rd.*

Towards the closing hours of the Congress a delegate submitted a motion, signed by 77 other delegates, demanding official recognition of the blue-white flag as the Zionist flag, and of the *Hatikvah* as the official Zionist hymn.

Many of the delegates, feeling that both are sufficiently established by usage, and that there is no need to make a special statement with regard to it, abstained from voting, but the resolution was adopted.