

Zionist Organisation of America.

FORTIETH CONVENTION.

New York.

At the opening of the fortieth convention of the Zionist Organisation of America, the Administrative Committee of the Z.O.A. announced that it had submitted a memorandum to the Palestine Royal Commission in which it petitioned for the fulfilment of the Mandate "fully and fairly."

The memorandum was signed by seven American agencies for the upbuilding of Palestine. It pointed out that American Jewry had contributed to and invested in Palestine 18,000,000 dollars since 1918.

The first session was opened here in the presence of 1,000 delegates. The decision to hold the convention in New York City, for the first time since the history of Zionist effort in America, was influenced chiefly by the necessity for a mobilisation of the sentiment of the largest Jewish community in the United States.

A resolution was adopted opposing any policy which might curtail the territory of Palestine by partition or cantonisation, or any other restriction of the upbuilding of Palestine. The resolution endorses the stand of the General Zionist Council on the question.

The resolution further calls on the American Government to use its good offices to safeguard the Jewish rights and the integrity of the Jewish National Home under the Mandate.

Rabbi Dr. Stephen S. Wise, President of the Z.O.A., in addressing the convention, stated that partition would not end the evils, but would bring graver evils in its wake. He criticised the Zionist Executive for failing to consult the American Zionists on the question of partition.

Dr. Stephen Wise Re-elected President.

Rabbi Dr. Stephen S. Wise was re-elected President of the Zionist Organisation of America by acclamation. He asked for 40,000 dollars for a special fortieth anniversary fund, particularly to create a Z.O.A. Washington Bureau for the purpose of lobbying Congress. Over 10,000 dollars was immediately pledged from the floor of the convention.

Messages were received here from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and the World Zionist Organisation, and Mr. David Ben-Gurion, President of the Jewish Agency Executive, urging Dr. Wise and his leading colleagues to come to London after the convention to "give the benefit of their advice and assistance" and to add the support of the American Jews which "may be decisive."

The convention adopted a resolution to aid the American citizens whose Palestine property has been destroyed by seeking redress through the American Government.

The convention also recommended the establishment of a private land company under the Z.O.A. to co-operate with the Palestine Land Company.

Closing Meeting.

The convention closed with a mass meeting at the Carnegie Hall, which was attended by 2,000 people.

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President Roosevelt on Jewish Achievements in Palestine.

LETTER TO Dr. STEPHEN WISE.

New York.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt has written a letter to Rabbi Dr. Stephen S. Wise, congratulating him on his re-election as President of the Zionist Organisation of America.

"For the past forty years," President Roosevelt states in his letter, "Palestine has demonstrated to the Jewish people that ideals supported by practical activity are capable of realisation. Remarkable achievements have been recorded in the ancient homeland where the Jews are trying to re-establish the culture which has sustained and nourished mankind throughout the centuries."

President Roosevelt also expresses the wish that "out of the rich heritage of Jewish culture you will have new inspiration and light to guide you to a happy solution of all the problems which press upon you for consideration."—J.T.A.

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Senator Wagner, who addressed the meeting, said that "Great Britain's obligation are not only to the Jews. She has signed a contract in the name of democracy for generations yet to come. Great Britain can maintain her faith only by honouring this obligation. America has a right to expect her to do so."

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, of New York, and Mr. Ben Zion Mossinsohn also addressed the meeting.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

BIENNIAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, 1937.

NOTICE INVITING CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS.

Attention is hereby invited to Government Notice No. 1038, dated the 5th instant, appearing in the "Union Government Gazette" No. 2454, of the 9th idem, relative to the lodging of claims to be enrolled on the Alphabetical Provisional Lists of Voters or objections to persons who are so enrolled.

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Department of the Interior,
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The Palestine Orchestra.

Dr. MALCOLM SARGENT'S IMPRESSIONS.

London.

Dr. Malcolm Sargent, the first British conductor of the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, speaking at a reception given in his honour here by the Anglo-Palestinian Club, stated that the one thing he was looking forward to, was going back to Palestine again. He had already received letters and was anxious to arrange dates. If it were possible he might go again next year and for a longer period than last time.

Dr. Sargent said he found audiences in Palestine as he had expected—very understanding, extremely appreciative and very friendly in their attitude to the visitor.

Referring to the Orchestra, Dr. Sargent said that "it was an amazing experience to come there and find oneself surrounded by artists of many nations who had played with many conductors in many foreign orchestras. They were absolutely burning to play. I have never experienced such warmth with regard to their work."

Regarding the future of the Orchestra, Dr. Sargent suggested support from outside Palestine for popularising it on the lines of the Bayreuth and Salzburg festivals, with people going out to Palestine each year "so that the whole world would flock there to hear fine music."

Tributes to Dr. Sargent were paid by Mr. Robert Meir, who presided, Dr. Israel Feldman, on behalf of the Jewish Board of Deputies, the Rev. M. L. Perlzweig, on behalf of the World Zionist Organisation, Lt. Col. Kisch and Mr. P. Horowitz.—J.T.A.

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Tuesday, 20th July, 1937.

G. LADEN, Secretary.

ZIONIST SOCIALIST PARTY.

A PUBLIC MEETING

on
"PARTITION AND THE ZIONIST
CONGRESS"

ZIONIST HALL, CAPE TOWN
Sunday, 18th July, at 8.15 p.m.

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