

Zionist Interest and Revisionist Discipline.

REFLECTIONS ON THE PRAGUE REVISIONIST CONVENTION.

"In as much as the speech of the Revisionist leader is indicative of the future policy of the N.Z.O., it is necessary to record that the whole object of the so-called Prague 'Convention' was lost sight of," states the "Haint" (Warsaw) of February 2nd.

"Prague should have given a reply to the question which has been fermenting for a considerable time in Revisionist ranks—the question of re-entry into the Zionist Organisation. And in as much as that answer should have been in accordance with the spirit which reigns in those quarters, and to a very definite extent also amongst many of the most prominent workers of the Movement, that answer should have been a positive one.

"The Revisionist following is clearly tired of the 'side-show' in the Zionist camp and of its motif of an heroic pose against the 'old' Zionist Organisation, as the Revisionists call it. Almost four years have passed and those four years must have opened the eyes of even the blindest amongst them, and shown them that the break with the Organisation was a senseless step.

"The N.Z.O. has not, even in barest minimum, fulfilled the fond hopes which its disciples reposed in it. Not only has it not managed to tie new bonds with the outside world; not only have its efforts failed to strengthen, even minutely, the Zionist position in international affairs, but internally, on the Jewish scene, the hopes to 'liquidate' the 'old' Zionist Organisation have remained illusory, and the 'old' Zionist Organisation has remained, in the eyes of the Jewish world, its only legitimate representative, and the only vehicle of the Zionist idea.

"It was impossible for the Revisionists to remain oblivious to this, and therefore

a change of mind became more and more general in connection with the secession from the Organisation. It was intended to give expression to this spirit at Prague, and, more than that, adopt definite resolutions, but in his speech Mr. Jabotinsky forestalled the penitents. If the Prague Convention will give precedence to the question of loyalty to the leader (which may be prophesied) the old order will remain. Beautiful speeches will be delivered once again about 'Ten-Year Plans' and 'both sides of the Jordan,' about 'obligatory National arbitration'—and meanwhile the ground under our feet will be afire, and our horizon will again be darkened by storm clouds and cloudlets, which will spread fright and hopelessness.

"But how long can this continue? How long can discipline predominate over the 'best thing' (for the Jewish people)? It seems that Mr. Jabotinsky, with all due respect to him, to the Revisionists, and to his undoubted capacity for leadership, can yet live to encounter bitter experiences.

"It is an undeniable fact, that splits and schisms are becoming more and more abhorred in Zionist ranks. The unprecedented fateful moment in Jewish History which we have before us to-day, strengthens in every individual Zionist, the sense of responsibility for the future, and such a feeling can only urge people in one direction—in the direction of unity and co-operation. The fact that even the Left Poalei Zion have returned to the Zionist Organisation proves this characteristic change of attitude in Zionist ranks, and it is not possible, that just the Revisionists, who are after all good Zionists, should attempt to avoid this change.

"Sooner or later, Zionist interests will have to prevail over Revisionist discipline."

Two Important Pamphlets.

The Propaganda and Organisation Department of the S.A. Zionist Federation have just issued two very important pamphlets dealing with the leading Zionist political issues of the day.

"Questions and Answers."

This form has been adopted to give information in regard to issues which every Zionist is thinking about. In the course of ten the questions such important matters as Partition, the Secession of the Revisionists from the World Zionist Organisation, the Shekel, and Jewish self-defence in Palestine are dealt with in a brief and comprehensive manner.

The Revisionist Issue.

Under the title "The Truth about Jabotinsky and the Revisionists" an extremely clear and concise exposition of the history of the Revisionist secession from the Zionist Organisation is given.

Not only is this pamphlet essential for all students of Zionism, but the rank and

file of Jewry will find it useful and important.

All Zionist societies, senior and youth, have been supplied with copies of "Questions and Answers," which may be obtained from local secretaries throughout the Union and Rhodesia. A limited number is also available upon application to the Secretary, Propaganda and Organisation Department, P.O. Box 18, Johannesburg.

A limited number of the pamphlet "The Truth about Jabotinsky and the Revisionists" is similarly available.

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The Fair Corporation, Mr. Whalen said, "is indeed happy to welcome a Palestine exhibit, and the presentation it will make of the remarkable progress of that country which, though far distant from us here, is close to the hearts of millions of our population."

PREPARE FOR SHEKEL DAY:
SUNDAY, MARCH 20th.

New York World's Fair.

PALESTINE PAVILION PLANNED.

New York.

A project for a Palestine exhibit at the New York World's Fair in 1939, to be financed by a 250,000 dollar fund raised by the Jews of America, and which would demonstrate the economic and cultural advancement of the Holy Land, was announced here.

The plan was announced following a luncheon conference in the Fair's Administration Building, Flushing Meadow Park, at which Mr. Harold Jacobi and Mr. George Backer, co-chairman of the American committee for the pavilion, outlined the project to Mr. Grover Whalen, president, and other officers of the Fair. Dr. Stephen S. Wise was among the other speakers.

The British Government is expected to accept officially the invitation to the Palestine Government to participate in the Fair, permitting the American committee to proceed with its plans. A provisional governing board, having the co-operation of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, was announced.

The Board, which has headquarters in the Empire State Building, includes Mr. Backer, Mr. Israel Brodie, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mr. Jacobi, Mr. Louis Lipsky, with Mr. Samuel Blitz as Secretary and Mr. Meyer M. Weisgal as Executive Director.

The 250,000 dollars fund is to be raised through individual contributions, organisation participation and community gifts.

Plans for the exhibits within the pavilion so far formulated include presentation of Palestine products, with booths planned for the sale of Palestine wines and other agricultural yields, jewellery, silverware, leather goods and luggage articles, woodwork, walking sticks, furniture and similar manufactures the country has begun to produce.

A section called "Streets of Jerusalem" is contemplated, in which, in the form of bazaars, the ancient city is to be reconstructed. In addition, it has been suggested to make a large representation of Tel-Aviv, with characteristic booths and stores for display of saleable merchandise.

Cultural Side of Palestine.

Presentation of the cultural side of Palestine is contemplated in a series of concerts by the Palestine Symphony Orchestra, with an invitation to Toscanini to conduct at least one of its performances. In this field, it is planned to bring to New York during the Fair the Habimah Repertory Theatre, the Ohel Theatre and other dramatic and musical groups. Exhibit of the work of Palestine painters is under consideration to complete the desired picture of Palestine life.

A planned auditorium within the pavilion would seat an audience of between 800 and 1,000, with a stage of such size as to permit the offering of plays, historic pageants, notable speakers and similar attractions. During the luncheon conference there was a suggestion of a "Palestine Day" or "Palestine Week" coinciding with the opening of the pavilion as a means both of focusing attention upon the pavilion and aiding to defray a substantial part if not the entire cost of the structure.

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