

BRANDEIS HEAD OF ZIONIST MEETING

Supreme Court Justice Elected President of International Conference.

PALESTINE PROGRAMME

Public Ownership of Land Favored to Prevent Monopoly of Increasing Values.

LONDON, July 7.—Louis D. Brandeis, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was elected president of the International Zionist Conference which convened to-day as the first Zionist gathering in seven years to formulate a political programme which will be urged for Palestine. Dr. Max Nordau of London was chosen honorary president.

"The great opportunity has come to the Jewish people," said Justice Brandeis in addressing the conference. "The nations of the world have publicly recognized the Jewish homeland in Palestine. They can do no more. The rest lies with us. We must create executive and administrative machinery adapted to the work in hand. There is no time for day dreaming. Every Jew must bear his part. Let us proceed, for the need is urgent."

Expects 50,000 Immigrants.
Forty-two American and four Canadian delegates were present among the 250 representatives of every civilized country. Dr. Nahum Sokoloff of Berlin in his opening speech as chairman said the conference must consider the question of immigration and finance. He declared: "Although for the many massacres in the Ukraine, not heaven nor the mercy of the angels could find palliation, the

Jews do not cry for vengeance, but will face the task of restoration soberly and unflinchingly.

"Compared with these murderers," Dr. Sokoloff said, "Nebuchadnezzar was a nobleman." During his denunciation the entire audience arose solemnly as an endorsement of his views. He urged a policy of mutual help and solidarity toward the Arab and Christian communities in Palestine.

Prof. Chajim Weizmann, the noted Zionist, made an eloquent appeal to Jews throughout the world to cooperate with the Zionists in the reestablishment of Palestine. Prof. Weizmann stated that a Jewish colonization organization already had been formed, open to private initiative, from which much might be expected. He emphasized the fact that all work in Palestine would be effected in strict cooperation with the Arabs. The professor declared that at least 50,000 Jewish immigrants would be settled in Palestine during the next twelve months.

M. Uashshin, who headed the Zionist Commission in Palestine during the last few months, stated that not less than \$20,000,000 would be required for the Zionist effort in Palestine during the first twelve months of the new administration.

The American Zionists will make united effort to have the programme adopted in Pittsburgh in 1918 accepted by the conference as the guiding principles for Palestine.

Equal Rights for All.

This programme includes public ownership of land, a cooperative Commonwealth and equal rights for all in every phase of life in Palestine. It may be summarized as follows:

1. Public ownership of land.
2. The cooperative Commonwealth.
3. Equal rights.

The first is expressed in the phrase that the land of Palestine shall be owned or controlled for the benefit of the people of Palestine as a whole. The Zionists of America have resolved that the benefits which come through increasing land values will not go into the pockets of land speculators but will always remain 'community values,' which will go into the public treasury.

The second principle indicates that the Zionists of America are resolved to encourage cooperative enterprise to the largest extent possible, so that a cooperative Commonwealth may be gradually evolved, without, however, crushing individual initiative. There is no simple formula by which the cooperative

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The third principle is one with which all Americans are familiar—at least in theory, though we may fall short in actual practice. Whereas we confine our programme of 'equal rights' to the narrow field of politics, the Zionists of America would apply it to all of Palestinean life—to politics and economics, to law and industry, to man and woman, to every sect and every creed.

Michigan Elks Win in Drill.

CHICAGO, July 7.—The Jackson, Mich., Zouaves won first place to-day in the drill competition held in connection with

the Elks national convention. The Philadelphia Patrol was second. Other teams entered were: Milwaukee Lodge Number 45, Antlers Drill Team of Rochester, N. Y., Detroit Zouaves, and the Erie, Pa., White Squadron.

Horizontal Tax Involved.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 7.—The Indiana Supreme Court to-day affirmed the decision of the Marion Superior Court, in which it held that the State Board of Tax Commissioners exceeded its authority last fall when it issued horizontal tax assessment orders. The horizontal tax added to the original assessments on property amounted to about \$150,000,000, and these are nullified by the court's decision.

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the country for that population would be seized by the Bolsheviks and converted to their use.

Board Amends Regulations.

Coincident with the State Department's announcement of the removal of most of the restrictions on trade with Russia the War Trade Board section of the Department issued a series of rulings amending its previous trade regulations. Under these rulings individual export licenses still will be necessary for the shipment to Hungary, Austria, Bulgaria or Turkey of any materials susceptible of immediate use for war purposes. Such materials include locomotives, railroad rolling stock and motor cars.

It also is provided that materials imported into this country may be exported to Russia or any other country without individual license when they are conveyed in transit through the territory of or via any port of the United States. The same exceptions are made as to the shipment of war materials to Russia and the four other countries as is made with respect to such materials originating in the United States.

The board also amended its general trade license so as to authorize all persons in the United States to trade and communicate with all persons with whom trade and communication is prohibited by the trading with the enemy act, subject, however, to the limitations to the trading in war materials and any property which has been seized by the Alien Property Custodian or which has been reported to him as enemy property.

TCHITCHERIN TO URGE TRADE WITH RUSSIA

Foreign Minister Will Go to London, Says Report.

COPENHAGEN, July 7.—A rumor is current in diplomatic circles to-day that M. Tchitcherine, the Bolshevik Foreign

Minister, will go to London to resume the negotiations for the reopening of trade between Russia and the allied countries, for which it is considered that M. Krasins, the Bolshevik Minister of Trade and Commerce, lacks the necessary political and diplomatic ability. M. Litvinoff, according to the report, will act as the Soviet Foreign Minister in the absence of Tchitcherine.

OIL REFINERS DEFEY NAVY.

Wait for Supply Officer to Seize Cheap Fuel.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—Officials of the Union Oil Company were awaiting action by the Navy to-day following the announcement of Capt. J. J. Chestnam, Navy supply officer here, that he would send a destroyer to seize a consignment of three hundred barrels of engine oil from the company's plant at Oleum, near here, as the result of differences over the price.

The Navy refuses to pay more than \$1.60 a barrel for the oil while the commercial price is \$2.60.

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