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WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS MEETS

By Rudolf Samisch

The most important Jewish event during the past weeks was the Zionist World Congress in Prague. This gathering of the most popular leaders in Jewish functions as the parliament of the Jewish nation with respect to its great common task, the rebuilding of Palestine. Its delegates are elected in democratic elections. This year half a million ballots were cast. Like any other parliament it consists of definite parties, the labor party, the bourgeois general Zionists, the religious Misrachi, and the fascist Revisionists.

It lies in the nature of any popular representation such as the Zionist congress, that its activities are conducted along two lines. The plenary sessions, filled with oratory, are directed toward the public and usually exhibit the programmatic party differences. The committees do the actual work, which can be judged only by the laws and resolutions, which they introduce in the plenum.

Only if this Zionist congress is evaluated in that way, its work will be fully appreciated. The majority clearly decided that national interests should prevail over private ones — national land-ownership should prevent speculation, Jewish self-labor was upheld against exploitation of Arabs, immigration of pioneer youth is to be preferred to unproductive elements.

Resolution Passed By Congress

In its external policies the congress adopted a declaration of friendship towards the Arabs and protested against the persecutions in Germany. It introduced measures to help the German Jews by calling upon the League of Nations to launch an international loan for their settlement in Palestine, by asking the English government to open wider the doors of Palestine and finally by calling upon its most able leader, Weizmann, to direct the settlement of German Jews in Erez Israel.

Finally the congress strengthened the Zionist organization by increasing its discipline and electing a homogeneous executive. The majority of the executive is closely allied with the cause of labor Zionism, which promises a period of constructive work for Palestine.

SUCCOTH FESTIVAL PLANNED FOR SUNDAY NIGHT

Sunday evening, October 8th, has been set aside for the annual celebration of the Festival of Booths at the Hillel Foundation. As in the past years a Booth will be erected in the Hillel rooms. It will be decorated with the autumn fruits, flowers and branches. Cantor Arcady Kaufman of the Temple Sinai will sing the traditional melodies for the setting up of the Booth. And the refreshments characteristic of the Festival will be dispensed. Preparations are being made for a gala evening.

Through the kindness of the California Alliance of Jewish Women an orchestra will be provided and following the services, dancing will be the order of the evening. The Hillel House promises to register its record attendance for the annual Succoth celebration.

NOTICE

Because of the restricted quarters at Hillel, and because of the great popularity enjoyed by its social affairs, the Student Council finds it necessary again this year to restrict attendance to those showing university registration cards.

OAKLAND LODGE ANNOUNCES ANNUAL HILLEL NIGHT

The lodges of the B'nai B'rith in the Bay District are manifesting an ever increasing interest in the Berkeley Hillel Foundation. They are geographically the nearest members of the parent organization. They feel closest to it in spirit. The Oakland Lodge of the B'nai B'rith reserves one evening in the yearly programme for a special Hillel Night. It has set aside Tuesday evening, November 21st, for this year's Hillel programme. The Foundation welcomes these opportunities to "do its stuff." And an interesting programme of talks, music and stunts is being prepared for presentation Tuesday evening, November 21st. Before the scholastic year is over, the Foundation hopes to make contacts with many lodges in and out of the Bay District.

Rabbi Merritt Officiates At Sinai Temple, Oakland

Rabbi M. J. Merritt, Director of the Hillel Foundation officiated as rabbi for the congregation of Temple Sinai for the New Year services. The Jewish students of the University of California were the special guests of the Temple. Rabbi Merritt was assisted by Cantor Arcady Kaufman and the Cantor led a splendid choir of veteran singers. Rabbi Merritt took as his New Year theme, "A Happy New Year." He analyzed the elements that make for happiness in the life of the individual, the community and the nation. He laid particular stress on the wider promise for happiness that the successful fulfillment of the NRA holds in store for the rank and file of the nation.

"The Dream of the NRA" he said "and the honest effort to fulfill it, promises to the country a happiness that it has never known before and it is for that that the president asks us to make our sacrifices and to pledge our hands and hearts." On the New Year's morning, Rabbi Merritt took as his theme "Names", and dealt with the three names that the rabbis in olden days gave to the New Year — the Day of Memory, the Day of Judgement and the Day of the Blowing of the Trumpet.

DEBATERS TO REPORT

Resuming its old policy, the Hillel Foundation will organize a debating team. There is opportunity for all those interested in public speaking to participate. A schedule will be arranged, including debates before the lodges of the B'nai B'rith in various parts of California. All those interested and qualified will report to Sanford Goldner in the Hillel Office.

MUSICIANS, ATTENTION!

Hillel is attempting to form its own orchestra. Some progress has been made toward the development of an instrumental unit, but more players are wanted at once. Report to the office, or get in touch with the Foundation in some manner or other.

Hillel Forum Presents**Professor Goodman**

With Don Breyer acting as chairman, the second Hillel Open Forum session of the season will be held on Wednesday, October 18, at Hillel House. The speaker of the evening will be Professor Michael Goodman of the Department of Architecture of U. C.

Professor Goodman has only recently returned from an extended trip to Europe and Palestine. He visited Italy in a semi-official capacity and brings back an enthusiastic report of the tremendous building activities being carried on in Fascist Italy. Professor Goodman also spent several weeks in Palestine and he confesses that his eyes were opened by the immense advance that Palestine has made in these last few years. He expresses himself as extremely pleased at the spirit manifested by the youth of Palestine and he expects much from the creative forces that he sees at work there.

He will speak to the Forum on "Impressions of Palestine — 1933".

**STUDENT COUNCIL HOLDS
REGULAR MEETING**

Hillel Student Council held its regular meeting on September 24. Jay DeRoy, president of the council, was absent because of illness, so Sylvia Dietz, vice-president, conducted the proceedings. The entire meeting was devoted to routine committee reports.

Dramatics Committee reported an unavoidable postponement of the one-act play "Leap Year Bride" from October 1st to some later date. Plans for the Succoth celebration on October 8th were discussed. The chair entertained a motion for adjournment to end the meeting.

**TOURNAMENTS GET UNDER WAY
AT HILLEL**

Latest reports from the House Committee reveal that both the ping-pong and contract-bridge tournaments are well under way. The various matches are being played off as quickly as possible. Closing date for all first-round matches has been set at October 15th. All those participants who have not completed their initial match by that time will be dropped from the tournament.

Tuesday afternoon and Sunday evening socials have shown a more than gratifying appeal as evidenced by the large attendances which have characterized all of Hillel's social functions thus far this year. This year bids fair to be one of the best in the life of the Berkeley Foundation.

Among the pledges to Phi Beta Kappa announced recently are: Mervin Goldman, Max Kahn, Julius Lewis, Daniel Popper, Rita Breslauer, Sidney Ancker, Maurice Moonitz and Joseph Gale.

**CALENDAR FOR
OCTOBER**

- Oct. 8th, Sunday, 8:30 p. m.—Succoth Celebration of the Succah.
Dance — Orchestra furnished by the California Alliance of Jewish Women.
- Oct. 9th, Monday, 4:30 p. m.—Student Council Meeting.
- Oct. 10th, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House.
- Oct. 13th, Friday, 8 p. m.—Religious Service, Temple Sinai, Oakland.
Theme — "Friday the Thirteenth" — Rabbi M. J. Merritt.
- Oct. 15th, Sunday — One-act play — "A Leap Year Bride."
- Oct. 17th, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House.
- Oct. 18, Wednesday — Hillel Open Forum, 8 p. m.
Speaker — Prof Michael Goodman, Dept. of Architecture.
Theme — "Impressions of Palestine — 1933."
- Oct. 20th, Friday, 8 p. m.—Religious Service, Temple Sinai, Oakland.
- Oct. 22nd, Sunday, 8:30 p. m.—Open Forum and Palestine League.
Speaker—Prof. Ewald Grether — Dept. of Economics.
Theme—"Personal Impressions of Hitler's Germany."
- Oct. 23rd, Monday, 4:30 p. m.—Student Council Meeting.
- Oct. 24th, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House.
- Oct. 27th, Friday, 8 p. m.—Religious Service, Temple Sinai, Oakland.
- Oct. 29th, 8:30 p. m.—Sunday Evening Social.
- Oct. 31st, Tuesday, 4 to 6 p. m.—Open House and Halloween Dance — Orchestra.

**HILLEL PLAYERS CHANGE DATE
OF "LEAP YEAR BRIDE"**

Hillel productions in the past have won no little commendation for their splendid staging and acting under facilities available to them. "A Leap Year Bride", to be staged by Gertrude Chemnick on Oct. 15, promises to even surpass past performances.

Due to an unforeseen change in the personnel of the cast, the original date, Oct. 8, at which time the play was scheduled to go on, has been changed to October 15, when there is every indication that the young thespians will give a splendid performance.

The cast at present is headed by Betty Chemnick in the female lead, and includes the finest in Hillel dramatic talent.

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**PROF. GREETHER TO ADDRESS
HILLEL FORUM AND
PALESTINE LEAGUE**

Under the Joint Auspices of the Hillel Open Forum and the Palestine League, Professor E. Grether of the Department of Economics of U. C. will speak at Hillel House on "Personal Impressions of Hitler's Germany" on Sunday Evening, October 22 at 8:30.

Professor Grether has just returned to the university after spending his "Sabbatical Year" traveling around the world. He arrived in Germany just after Hitler assumed power in March and was an eye-witness to many of the revolutionary events that shook Germany and the rest of the world. He had unusual opportunities to survey the Jewish situation, as he had contacts with a number of Jewish professors in his own field.

Don't forget — Sunday Evening, October 22 at 8:30, at Hillel House. The title of the talk, "Personal Impressions of Hitler's Germany," given by an observer who has penetrated beneath the surface — Professor Grether.

Two distinguished Dutch Jewish statesmen, Privy Councillor Dr. J. Limburg, and Professor Moresco, vice-president of the Dutch East Indies Council, will be included in the delegation which will represent Holland at the forthcoming meeting of the League of Nations Council.

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MID-SEMESTER ACTIVITIES REVEALED BY LOCAL HOUSES

Zeta Beta Tau recently held a very successful Father's Night. Dr. Max Radin and Professor Arnold Perstein spoke to the group. Sidney Rudy addressed the fraternity and guests on behalf of the alumni.

Phi Beta Delta Fraternity favored their pledges at a dance recently. Jimmy Popper was in charge of the affair.

Alpha Epsilon Phi also entertained the aged males recently, with a Father's Dinner. Among their future affairs are an Open House for the U. S. C. game, a dinner honoring Rabbi and Mrs. Merritt, and a formal dance to be given November 11. Aileen Haines, president of the local chapter, was recently elected Hammer and Coffin.

Extensive plans for an Open House on October 8th have been laid by Phi Sigma Sigma. The pledges to be presented are: Claire Anker, Barbara Fleisig, Thelma Kahn, and Selma Zimman. They will also be honored at a formal dinner-dance to be given on October 14th at the Oakland Athens Club.

HILLELITES PROMINENT IN CAMPUS FORENSICS

Among those chosen by Coach Gerald Marsh for his Varsity Debating squad are Max Kahn and Daniel Freudenthal. These two will take part in one or more of the Varsity debates this semester.

Announcements of elections to Forensics Council reveal the names of Vera Shimoff, secretary of Philorthian, and Dorothy Goldeen, president of Parliament. Philorthian also announces the election of Thelma Samuely and Pauline Rapoport to membership for the current year.

BOAT HALL ACTIVITIES CLAIM EAGER PARTICIPANTS

From Boat Hall comes news of many events of interest to the campus public at large, and to Hillelites in particular. The student editor-in-chief of the California Law Review this year is Maurice Harkand, '31. He is assisted by Morris Lowenthal, who is book review editor, and Juliet Blumcnfeld, a staff member.

Boat Hall students have arranged a tennis tournament restricted to embryo jurists on the University of California campus. Adrian Kragen, Maurice Harband, Morris Lowenthal, and Larry Mendelson have submitted their names, and all hope to land somewhere in the upper brackets.

From Montreal comes the news that John M. Vechaler, the only Jewish trade commissioner in the service of the Canadian government, has been appointed trade representative of the Dominion in the Republic of Panama.

Personals

Reuben Sabsay, impresario, and Beatrice Raskin, costumer and general assistant, were responsible for the novel program that took the place of a play at the Sunday social of September 17. The puppet show, the last feature of the program, is to be given again for the Oakland Lodge of the B'nai B'rith on Hillel Night. Juliet Rubin and Irving Moss will portray their original roles.

"Best Butter", a new satirical journal, made its first appearance last month, and went over fairly satisfactorily, (financially speaking). Artistically, of course, "Best Butter" was ne plus ultra, and why not? since Mary Rosenberg and Zelig Aarons were responsible for it.

On September 13th last, Sanford Goldner was a joint guest of honor with Ruth Lubin at a birthday dinner given for them by Janice Oppenheimer. Isabel Louissou, who was home from New York on a vacation from Social Service School, and Maurice Moonitz were also present at the festivities.

Jack Silver, ex-editor of this family journal, has finally made the grade. J. C. L. A. gave him his B. A. at the end of a hectic summer of concentrated work. Jack was in Berkeley for a visit, recuperating from his noble efforts.

Junior committee announcements revealed the presence of the following among the appointees: Harriet Tieburg, Henrietta Heiman, and Doris Simmons. Dorothy Lesser and Vera Shimoff have been given places on committees for the Senior Informal.

Speaking parts in the Junior Farce have been won by Henrietta Heiman, Doris Simmons, and Hortense Fried. All of Phi Sigma Sigma, and by Josephine Wein of Alpha Epsilon Phi.

The leading Creeler on the U. C. campus is none other than Don Breyer, Z. B. T.'s rather busy prexy. The Flying Squadron, captained by Breyer, made a very effective presentation of the NRA program to the students at Cal.

On the Daily Californian staff, we find Al Weiler as the overworked managing editor, and Hilda Kessler as one of the Junior editors. Thelma Kahn, of the Cal staff, also helps out the Daily Cal.

The following volumes were added to the library through the courtesy of the San Francisco Auxiliary of the B'nai B'rith.

The Zohar — vols. 1, 2, 3.
Jewish Liturgy — Idelson.
Union Square — Albert Holper.
History and Destiny of the Jews — Joseph Kastein.
History of Modern Literature — Klausner.
Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences — vols. 9 and 10.
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Aryan Superiority --A Hitler Postulate

The wonder is that Mr. Hitler can maintain any measure of respect from even his most enthusiastic supporters on those aspects of his system that touch the Jews. There is a childishness about his propaganda that is sadly ineffectual after experience with foreign variety; the atavistic burning of books is too tragically pathetic for even the disinterested Aldous Huxley to laugh at; but for our own purposes the greatest ridiculousness exists in the unwavering postulation of Aryan superiority.

This could easily become a panegyric on the superiority of the Jews, except that it would expose us to a disdain similar to that which we practice upon Mr. Hitler. In a system that numbers into the billions of bipeds with few distinguishing characteristics, the intelligibility of evaluating certain groups of these becomes obscure.

BUT — leaving intelligence to psychologists, who can well use it, there is a species of development called culture by which we may determine the progress of a group if not its inherent ability. Thus, that propensity to study while other people war — and work — observed by such brilliant adding — machines as Brisbane; while it does not entitle us to a greater per capita percentage of grey matter, does allow us a boast or two for the excellent ways we have learned to make use of it.

So when a campus honor society called Phi Beta Kappa elects its members, it is never a surprise to notice a bigish quota of Jewish names. They are more than clever, these Jews; they have a way of learning, backed by a genuine desire to learn; this, I suppose, is what the ministers of Sir Hitler object to when they brand books non-German.

I do not agree with a word that you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.
—Voltaire

Hillel's Loan Fund Drive

Coming events cast their shadows before. The time approaches for the annual appeal to the Jewish student body on this campus, to swell the capital resources of the Hillel Student Loan Fund. We do not wish to boast but it may be stated without qualification that no fund on the Campus has been more democratically administered or performed a more significant service for hard pressed men and women in these years of hardship and distress. It has met the needs of the students foreign and home-born. It has stepped into the breach in scores of emergencies, to relieve immediate and pressing needs of students who knew of no other source to which to turn.

This slender fund of little more than a thousand dollars has been turned over again and again and has been kept steadily revolving that a wider circle of beneficiaries might be served. The larger the capital of the fund, the more good it will be able to accomplish. That is a commonplace. Think over it in these weeks that precede the annual campaign.

WE COLLEGE STUDENTS GO TO TEMPLE

The attendance of the Jewish student body of the University of California this year at the New Year service held at Temple Sinai was in the highest degree gratifying. From the Dean's office comes the statement that more permissions were granted for absence on the New Year's day than in any previous year of the university's history. That is an evidence that Jewish students are willing to be labeled and anxious to take advantage of the privilege that the university extends. And the arrangement with Temple Sinai by which the Jewish student body attended the services as the special guests of the congregation, was most satisfying. . . . Advantage was taken of that invitation in unprecedented numbers.

The spectacle of young and old joining together in worship on Israel's great historic day was such as to create a glow of satisfaction. We have heard a great deal about the revolt of Jewish youth. We have been told repeatedly that Jewish youth of this college generation cares less than nothing for the traditions, the customs and the spiritual appeal of the old faith. The response of the Jewish student body to the call of the New Year goes far to disprove these jeremiads.

TO THOSE WHO MAKE THIS PAPER POSSIBLE

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