AZF ELECTION RIFT WIDENS

NEW YORK (WNS) --The split within the American Zionist Federation widened as the United Zionist-Revisionists of America joined the Zionist Organization of America in denouncing the AZF plan to elect some of the 152 American delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress by nationwide mail ballot. Meanwhile, the Labor Zionist Movement which includes Poalei Zion, Farband, Pioneer Women, Friends of Labor Israel and its youth organizations Habonim and Dror, came out in favor of the mail ballot.

The Revisionists, like the ZOA, charged that several Zionist Organizations had entered into a "secret deal" to allocate to themselves more delegates--without a ballot -- than they were entitled to on the basis of membership rolls. Prof. Howard L. Adelson, president of the United Zionists, charged that "116 mandates or 76 percent of all American seats, were distributed without any election in clear violation of democratic procedures and the relative strength of various Zionist groups." He said his organization, as had the ZOA, was "appealing to the Executive of the World Zionist Organization and the Tribunal of the World Zionist Congress to void the decision reached by the Area Elections Committee and the secret deals which made it possible."

NEW YORK (WNS)--The 48th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel has approved a fund-raising goal of $10 million. Five million dollars will be sought for the Israel Histadrut Campaign and an additional $5 million will be sought in deferred gifts for the Israel Histadrut Foundation. The funds will be used for a variety of health, educational and welfare programs in Israel.