

HADASSAH DEPLORES ZOA ELECTION TACTICS

NEW YORK -- The president of Hadassah, the largest Zionist bloc in the world, took issue with the Zionist Organization of America for distributing misleading campaign literature in the election race for U.S. delegates to the 28th World Zionist Congress. Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, said that, "The ZOA's tactics are destructive to the Zionist movement and have forced all of us to spend unnecessary money and effort in rebuttal."

She continued, "We have been forced to send out mailings to our members and take ads in newspapers to correct the distortions spread by the ZOA." "At a time when we should be proud to participate in the first such election since 1946 and the first election to be carried on in every

NOTE: WE ARE PREPARING AN ARTICLE IN REBUTTAL OF ORTHODOX JEWS DIS-CREDITING HADASSAH ON THE AUTOPSY ISSUE.)

Jewish community and student group in the country, we are instead distracted by inter-necine quarrels," Mrs. Schenk continued.

Hadassah, B'nai Zion and the American Jewish league for Israel organized for the election as the United Non-Party Zionists, Slate #5, is the "only Zionist grouping in the U.S. not affiliated with any political party in Israel," she said.

The ZOA appealed to the Tribunal of the World Zionist Congress and protested the election procedures adopted by the Area Election Committee of the American Zionist Federation. "After the Tribunal upheld the AZF voting procedures the ZOA continued to bombard the press and deluge the homes of

Zionists with mail carrying MISLEADING statements about our position as Non-Party Zionists," Mrs. Schenk explained.

Mrs. Schenk continued:

"The Fact Is: That we are the only Zionist grouping in the U.S. composed of Diaspora Zionists only and not affiliated with any political party in Israel.

"The ZOA is circulating misleading interpretations of the Congress Tribunal decisions on election procedures as adopted by the Area Election Committee of the American Zionist Federation. "After the Tribunal upheld the AZF voting procedures the ZOA continued to bombard the press and deluge the homes of

"The Fact Is: The ZOA protested postal elections. The Congress Tribunal upheld mail ballots saying: 'Indeed, when carried out properly, this system even has advantages over the ballot box.'

"The ZOA protested the decision that 45% of the U.S. delegation be allocated on the basis of organizational membership, and 55% be popularly elected.

"The Fact Is: The Congress Tribunal

upheld this procedure. The relevant ruling reads: 'In the United States the American Zionist Federation is based on cooperation between organizations. There is nothing wrong with reflecting this structure in the system for Congress elections.'

"The ZOA protested what it calls a 'secret inter-party agreement' on the distribution of the 45 per cent.

"The Fact Is: The Congress Tribunal upheld this procedure, ruling: 'There is nothing to prevent parties from making agreements among themselves without participation of all parties.'

"The Tribunal requested that there be a redistribution of the 45%. A new distribution has been agreed on by more than 80% of the organizations in the American Zionist Federation.

"FINALLY - The Congress Tribunal requests that 'from now on the appellants refrain from making public accusations liable to harm the entire Zionist Movement.' The ZOA has broken this injunction of the Tribunal."

Mrs. Schenk continued: "for sixty years the name Hadassah has been synonymous with medicine, child rescue, land reclamation and education on behalf of the people of Israel; and with Jewish education for adults and youth, public information and

the strengthening of Zionism in the United States."

B'nai Zion is the oldest fraternal organization in America. It sponsors projects in Israel and promotes American-Israel friendship and education programs on U.S. campuses.

The American Jewish League for Israel was founded in 1957 by Jewish leaders because they opposed affiliation with an Israeli political party. Members include leaders in UJA, Israel Bonds, the Weizmann Institute, Hebrew University.

The combined strength of the three

organizations represents more than half of the registered Zionists in the United States.

Mrs. Schenk concluded: "A vote for Slate #5 is a vote for the Hadassah program and the platform of the United Non-Party Zionists."

WALDHEIM NEUTRAL

JERUSALEM (WNS) --There was no official comment on the appointment of Kurt Waldheim of Austria as the new Secretary General of the United Nations to succeed U Thant of Burma effective Jan. 1.

Sources here said that Waldheim was expected to be "neutral".

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