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WEIZMANN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL IN COLORFUL CEREMONY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann was re-elected President of Israel today in a brief and colorful ceremony in the Parliament.

President Weizmann's name was placed in nomination first by Itzhak Ben Zvi of the Mapai, after which representatives of the General Zionists, Progressives, Miz-rachi, Agudas Israel, Hapoel Hamizrachi and Agudah Laborites rose to state that their parties also sponsored the nomination. Two Arab deputies also ascended the dais to nominate the aged Zionist leader.

Itzhak Bar Yehuda of the Mapam declared that his party was voting for Dr. Weizmann "on personal grounds, remembering his efforts in behalf of and his contributions to the Zionist movement and the establishment of the Jewish state and despite the fact that the Mapam does not identify itself with President Weizmann's political line." Communist and Herut deputies announced that their parties were voting against Dr. Weizmann. With the exception of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Police Minister Behor Shitreet, both of whom are in Paris, the entire Cabinet participated in the Presidential vote.

The vote was the sole item on today's Knesset agenda and after its completion the body adjourned and a delegation headed by Speaker Joseph Sprinzak went to Rehovoth to inform Dr. Weizmann of his re-election. The balloting was held under the terms of the old Presidential tenure law which provides that the President shall remain in office as long as the Knesset which elected him, plus three months after the election of the new Parliament.

BRITISH-ISRAELI RELATIONS LAUDED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The present good relations between Britain and Israel were welcomed in the House of Commons today by Herbert Morrison, former Foreign Secretary in the Labor Government.

Mr. Morrison expressed the hope that this state of affairs would continue and added that good relations between Israel and the Arab states would be a "great blessing" for the whole of the Middle East and for the peace of that important part of the world. He asserted that one of the major problems facing Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is the maintenance of good relations with both Israel and the Arab states.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is busily working behind the scenes to improve Arab-Israel relations in the Middle East, it was reported here today. The report said that Secretary Eden has already met with Arab delegations at the Paris meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, and that he is scheduled to confer with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett this week. It was stated that Mr. Eden told the Arabs that he hoped to see the Palestine Arab refugee problem settled at the current Assembly session.

GERMAN PARLIAMENT TO AID VICTIMS OF NAZI "EXPERIMENTS"

BONN, Germany, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The budget committee of the West German Parliament has approved an appropriation of 500,000 Deutschmarks for the care of victims of Nazi experiments. The money is intended to assist those inmates of Nazi camps who survived "medical" experiments run by Nazi doctors.

From Frankfurt it was reported that Rabbi M. Weinberg of that city, who has been active in Jewish life in the city and has served as rabbi of Frankfurt and most of Hesse province for the past three-and-a-half years, will be leaving soon for the United States with his family to resettle there.

JEWS HELD IN SLAVE CAMPS IN RUSSIA, JEWISH COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Thousands of the estimated 2,000,000 Jews still active in the Soviet Union are prisoners in Soviet slave labor and internment camps, it was charged yesterday by the American Jewish Committee in a report on the condition of Jews in the U. S. S. R.

The report named some of the forced labor camps where Jews were imprisoned:

1. A camp for women in the Donets basin containing only Catholic nuns and Jewish women;
2. A camp for Rumanian refugee Jews in Karaganda;
3. A camp for Jewish slave laborers in Kazakstan;
4. Internment camp No. 99/2 in Karaganda where there were many Jewish families;
5. A big concentration camp in Aktiubinsk with many thousands of Jewish prisoners.

Facts garnered by the American Jewish Committee indicated that the principal charges employed against Jews imprisoned in Soviet slave camps were "unreliability" because of their Western or bourgeois origin, "cosmopolitanism," "Zionism," "Jewish nationalism," "bourgeois objectivism," "abstract scholasticism," and "reactionary ideology."

The report asserted that anti-Semitism was increasing in the Soviet Union, citing anti-Semitic outbreaks in a number of small Ukrainian towns. "There were assaults on individual Jews even in Moscow and Odessa," the report said. "Soviet officials were indifferent to Jewish complaints and took no effective steps to curb anti-Semitic incidents, although anti-Semitic propaganda was still outlawed by the Soviet constitution and criminal law."

There was no Jewish communal life, schools, cultural organizations, periodicals or Jewish institutions of any kind in the Soviet Union except for a few remaining synagogues, the Committee report charged, adding that Moscow, a city with an estimated 300,000 Jews, had three synagogues.

As evidence of the official attitude of the Soviet Government against Jews, the report stated: "Jewish rabbis are no longer seen at official Soviet functions, although it was a regular practice to invite representatives of all ethnic groups and to encourage the clergy, both Christian and Moslem, to attend in clerical garb. A new Committee for the Defense of Peace, formed in the summer of 1951, included representatives of the Orthodox, Armenian, and Lutheran churches and of the Moslem religious community, but no representatives of the Jews."

U.S. TO SPONSOR FORMATION OF SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION TO I.R.O.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Plans for the formation of a provisional inter-governmental committee on migration as successor organization to the International Refugee Organization were announced today by George L. Warren, State Department adviser on refugees.

An estimated 32 countries will participate in an American-sponsored meeting at Brussels on November 26 to hear plans for retaining 12 ships of the dissolving I.R.O. and to make arrangements for the transfer within the next year of 115,000 persons. The transfer of population will be made from Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and possibly Greece. Included in this number will be 25,000 ethnic Germans.

Warren said the United States hopes to demonstrate that the movement of the population can take place on a wholesale basis. The new organization will take over the I.R.O. ships after the first of the year. America will provide \$10,000,000, allocated in the Mutual Security Act of 1951, as our share of the \$34,000,000 it will cost to move the 115,000 people.

PROTESTANT CHURCH IN MONTREAL ACTS TO DEFEND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

MONTREAL, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A Council of Protestant Churches has been formed here for the purpose of protecting religious liberties. This move was made by leaders of the Presbyterian Church after the submission of a report which criticized the local city council for a by-law amendment under which a rabbi was recently convicted for holding a prayer meeting in a private home.

This amendment was termed "a serious restriction on religious freedom." The report also condemned a by-law amendment which enforces closing of retail stores on four Roman Catholic holidays. "It is exceedingly dangerous to enforce the laws of the church by civil penalties," says the report, and adds: "If the Roman Catholic Church has the right to have its holy days enforced, so had the Jews." The city council was asked to repeal the amendment.

A local court upheld the right of a Jewish bakery to operate on Sunday - since it customarily closes at sundown Friday in observance of the Sabbath and reopens at sundown Saturday. The bakery was charged with violation of the Lord's Day Act. This law, however, provides that in case of absolute necessity certain business establishments may be permitted to remain open Sunday. The court upheld the defense's contention that operating on Saturday is contrary to the Jewish religion.

DR. ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein was tonight elected president of the American Jewish Congress at the biennial convention of the organization. Shad Polier was elected chairman of the executive committee and Rabbi Morton Ber- man, chairman of the administrative committee.

In accepting the presidency, Dr. Goldstein declared that the American Jewish Congress will devote its energies "to make the American Jewish community conscious of its role in Jewish survival, to tie in the American Jewish community with the Jewish people the world over, to mobilize American Jewry for the strengthening of the State of Israel so as to enable it to carry out the historic task 'of ingathering of the exiles,' to make American Jews strong spiritually and culturally, to ensure an American climate of freedom and democracy in which every racial group can strike deep roots."

TORONTO UNIVERSITY GETS \$500,000 GIFT FROM JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST

TORONTO, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Sigmund Samuel, prominent 84-year-old financier and philanthropist, has given the University of Toronto \$500,000 towards the cost of a new library, it was announced here today. The gift will enable the library to go ahead with plans for a \$2,000,000 building to be called the Sigmund Samuel Library.

"Canadians owe a great debt of gratitude to this citizen who has contributed so much to the nation's culture," said Dr. Sidney Smith, president of the University. "Over the years he has made gifts of statuary and scientific instruments and has provided funds for scholarships and the publication of scholarly works."

AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY TO RAISE \$10,000,000 IN THREE YEARS

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A decision to raise a capital fund budget of \$10,000,000 during the next three years for the American Technion Society, which supports Israel's Institute of Technology in Haifa, was adopted here last night at the closing session of a two-day conference of the Society.

This sum represents one-half of a total of \$20,000,000, the remainder of which will be raised in Israel, western Europe, South Africa, and South America. The Technion, which will start a construction program on a new campus in Haifa early next year, will build additional laboratories and departments, including a new Aeronautical Engineering School, a library, a student assembly hall, and an enlarged Junior College.

Col. J. R. Elyachar, national president of the Society, announced that special quotas have been accepted by various regional groups within the organization, including a pledge of \$500,000 from the Midwest Region, which will solicit funds for a Hydraulics Laboratory at the Haifa institution; and \$500,000 from the Philadelphia Chapter, which will work toward the construction of a new physics building to be named in honor of Dr. Albert Einstein.

TEL AVIV CHIEF RABBI GREETED BY NEW YORK MAYOR AT CITY HALL

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi Isaac Jehuda Unterman of Tel Aviv was greeted today by Mayor Impellitteri at City Hall at the start of his nationwide tour on behalf of the Israel Bond drive. As a symbol of the friendship between Israel and the United States, the Chief Rabbi presented the Mayor with a bronze Chanukah menorah made by Israeli craftsmen.

Paying tribute to New York's interest in Israel, Rabbi Unterman declared that Israel was happy to welcome the Mayor recently and that its people "were greatly encouraged by your sympathetic understanding and support." He was accompanied to City Hall by a group of outstanding Orthodox Jewish leaders. During the next two months he will visit approximately 35 major cities throughout the country.

MEMORIAL FOR JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZI REGIME UNVEILED IN FLORENCE

FLORENCE, Italy, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A memorial dedicated to Jewish victims of the Nazi and Fascist regimes was unveiled here yesterday near the local synagogue in the presence of leaders of the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy and representatives of the Israeli legation. Many prominent non-Jews attended the ceremony.

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