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WEIZMANN SHOWS "SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT"; CONDITION CONSIDERED SERIOUS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Weizmann, who was yesterday officially described as gravely ill, today showed "slight improvement," according to an official announcement by physicians attending him.

This evening's bulletin, signed by Drs. S. Zondek and M. Joel, said that the President had passed the night "in a satisfactory manner" with fewer signs of inflammation and a decline in temperature.

The first public announcement of the President's serious condition was broadcast over the government radio. It said that he was confined to bed by an inflammation of the respiratory system with heart complications.

ISRAEL SUBMITS REQUEST FOR NEW GRANT-IN-AID TO U.S. GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Israel has submitted to the United States its requirements for assistance during the fiscal year 1953. This was made known during the week-end following a visit by Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban to the State Department for a discussion with Undersecretary of State James E. Webb which followed up the meeting of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in Paris with Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

Mr. Eban said after talking with Mr. Webb that arrangements for an American foreign aid program for the fiscal year of 1953 are already under study and that "our views on what our needs might be have been conveyed to the United States." He emphasized that a "one-year injection" would not heal Israel's economic illness. The second installment of aid, he said, would coincide with the second year of Israel's three-year recovery program.

The Israel Ambassador said he had nothing to add on the topic of the Middle East Command but repeated to Mr. Webb the gist of Mr. Sharett's discussion with Secretary Acheson.

In addition to the discussion of economic aid and the Middle East Command, Mr. Eban talked with Mr. Webb about Israel's claim for compensation from Germany. The Israel Ambassador expressed the hope that whatever the attitude of the German Federal Government at Bonn might be, Israel hopes that the occupying powers will take an interest in the matter. Mr. Eban said the occupying powers were "trustees of civilized conscience" and cannot fail to have a clear view on such a vast moral and political problem. He added that the statement on compensation by German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer did not disengage the Allied powers from responsibility.

C.J.F.W.F. VOTES ON MACIVER REPORT; REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- A resolution approving the measures voted last week by the National Community Relations Advisory Council with regard to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the MacIver Report was unanimously adopted here today by the 20th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The resolution said that the basic principles adopted by the N.C.R.A.C. have established a framework for the implementation of the MacIver recommendations. It calls for regular reporting to the communities on the progress being made, so that the communities may budget more effectively in 1952 for community relations work.

In another resolution, the Assembly reaffirmed its support of the four-point program for Israel, stressed the need for the "fullest co-operative planning, both nationally and locally, to assure the most effective use of manpower and resources as well as co-operative arrangements for timing, publicity and other relationships." The resolution urged extension of co-operative planning and co-ordination procedures on local and national levels.

A third resolution emphasized the need for cash collections on welfare fund pledges in view of the crisis in Israel and the pressing needs overseas and at home, and called on all communities for all efforts to secure maximum cash collections from now to the end of the year. The Assembly also voted an expression of gratitude to the President and Congress for aid granted Israel through a grant-in-aid and a further Export-Import Bank loan, the technical assistance program and through the sale and gift of surplus commodities.

Another resolution noted that although the Jewish National Fund will not be a direct partner in the United Palestine Appeal in 1952, it will, nevertheless, continue to receive support from the U.J.A. and the welfare funds will consequently require its continuing co-operation in community campaigns.

The importance of local and national service agencies in the development of a sound American Jewish life was pointed out in another resolution adopted by the Assembly. Maximum co-operation between local Jewish welfare funds and national and overseas agencies was urged in a resolution which also urged continued action to eliminate unnecessary fund-raising appeals.

Grave View Presented of Israel's Economic Situation

The Jewish federations and welfare funds throughout the country were urged to work toward greater central planning and the budgeting of "free dollars" for Israel's greatest priority needs. One of the resolutions emphasized the importance of continued efforts to strengthen the programs essential in meeting Israel's most imperative problems.

A grave view of Israel's economic situation was presented to the Assembly today by Harold Glaser, director of the Council's Institute on Overseas Studies. He warned that the present food shortage indicates the transition from one economic stage to another--from a stage in which foreign assistance plus local production was adequate to maintain the basic standards of living despite the high rate of immigration to a new stage in which foreign assistance plus the current levels of local production will be inadequate to maintain an acceptable minimum standard of living even if there is no large-scale immigration."

In addition, foreign aid will not provide a solution to this, Mr. Glaser stated, asserting that the "only adequate permanent answer is to raise current levels of

local production. " He declared that Israel has the potentiality of self-support for a population of 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 persons, but he warned that a large number must be farmers or the people will be ill-fed, ill-housed and ill-clothed. The great majority of Jews never have been farmers and do not want to be farmers, he stressed.

Emphasizing the need for increased Israel production, Mr. Glasser warned that "there is unlikely to be enough foreign assistance even in 1952 to give the people an acceptable standard of living and therefore there is no alternative to increased local production but economic failure and economic misery. " He asserted that the first task must be the production of more food and agriculture must be given priority over industry. He said the economic crisis can be resolved only through an increase in agricultural production.

U. J. A. Most Important Source of Cash Aid to Israel

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, addressing the delegates, said that the 1951 United Jewish Appeal has already received more than \$75,000,000 in cash and that by the year's end it will have received considerably in excess of that amount. Over 73 percent, or \$55,000,000, has already been made available for aid to Israel, he reported. "The U.J.A. at this moment stands as the most important source of cash assistance collected for and furnished to Israel from outside sources in 1951," he emphasized.

Describing this achievement as a "tribute to the American Jewish community," Dr. Schwartz declared that changed conditions and changed problems face the U.J.A. agencies in 1952, particularly in Israel. "But the need for help has lost none of its urgency," he added. "The work that must be done is still dominated by an atmosphere of emergency." He warned the American Jews that they must have maturity to realize "that in 1952 there will be no 'normalcy' about problems which face U.J.A. agencies anymore than there will be a 'normalcy' for the world at large."

The work of the U. J. A. agencies, particularly in Israel, will strike out in new directions in 1952, Dr. Schwartz forecast, stressing that the period of "homecoming" will be followed by a period of "homemaking" and the integration of recent immigrants, in addition to enabling the rescue of vast numbers of Jews through their immigration to Israel and aid to hundreds of thousands of distressed in other areas.

Israel to Get \$300,000,000 from U.S. in 1951

On a conservative estimate Israel can anticipate about \$300,000,000 from all sources in the United States for 1951, of which \$140,000,000 will be raised by the welfare funds from over 1,300,000 contributors, according to a report of the National Local Relations Committee to the Assembly. Of this, \$87,000,000 will be allocated to the U.J.A. by the communities. The report noted that co-ordination committees set up throughout the country on fund and Israel bond campaigns "brought about orderly community action and good results."

American Jewish community organizations raised over \$1,000,000,000 in the past decade to meet philanthropic needs in Israel, overseas and at home, Julian Freeman, president of the C.J.F.W.F., said last night addressing the Assembly. "The magnificent achievements of American Jewry in these trying times would have been utterly impossible without the development of central year-round community organization," he declared.

The Assembly honored Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, a founder and president of the Council from 1932 to 1939, by the presentation of a scroll and a cash gift from his associates to the Sidney Hollander Foundation.

HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL IN GERMANY "DISTRESSED" BY GERMAN ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Benjamin Battenwieser, retiring Assistant United States High Commissioner for Germany, feels that a "distressing" number of anti-Semitic incidents and utterances are still observable in Germany, it was reported here today by the New York Times on the basis of an interview given a Times correspondent in Bonn.

Mr. Battenwieser added that the percentage of Germans who want to do the "right thing" is "disappointingly small." Asked to comment on the German scene as "an American of the Jewish faith," Mr. Battenwieser said he had been disappointed at what he called the failure of the Germans to co-operate as much as they might have done to make it agreeable for Jews to live in Germany.

"I would have thought that the Germans, in general, would have had such a feeling of revulsion over the nightmare of the past that they would have gone more out of their way to help German Jews make a comeback," he said. "These observations are limited, of course, because there are so few Jews, but in individual cases there is a distressing number of anti-Semitic utterances and actions."

The official German attitude on the question of restitutions and indemnifications has been "conceived in a noble spirit" but, the test will have to come in the implementation and so far progress along that line has been "slow and meager," Mr. Battenwieser stressed.

In May of 1950 the Anti-Defamation League cancelled, at the last minute, an invitation to Mr. Battenwieser to address its national conference on the grounds that the "general tenor" of his speech was "an apologia for the limited job that has been done to denazify Germany." The A.D.L. also stated that the speech would have given "aid and encouragement to those vicious elements in the 'new German nationalism' which Mr. Battenwieser himself admits are re-emerging today."

SHIPPING COMPANY AND ISRAELI SEAMEN'S UNION SIGN AGREEMENT

HAIFA, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The first break in the more than three-week-old strike of Israeli seamen came today when the union and the Dizengoff Shipping Company signed an agreement for operating the S.S. Meir Dizengoff with its regular crew. The agreement was concluded without the intervention of the Histadrut.

The S.S. Negba left Haifa this morning with a "volunteer" crew provided by the Histadrut. The S.S. Kedma, first vessel to sail from Israel with such a crew returned from Marseilles earlier. A mass meeting was held yesterday at which representatives of the striking maritime workers explained their stand.

MORGENTHAU, MONTOR ATTEND ISRAEL CABINET MEETING; RECEIVE THANKS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Henry Morgenthau and Henry Montor, leaders of the Israel Bond Drive in America, were today thanked by Premier David Ben Gurion for their efforts and "devoted work" in behalf of the bond sales campaign. The Premier's thanks were expressed at a meeting of the Israel Cabinet at which the bond drive leaders were present.

Z.O.A. PRESIDENT TAKES ISSUE WITH AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today issued a statement taking issue with the American Jewish Committee's views on the right of Zionist groups in the United States "to affiliate or disaffiliate" themselves with groups in Israel.

"After recently instructing the State of Israel, by resolution, what to do and what not to do in its relations with World Jewry in general and the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency in particular, the American Jewish Committee presumes to direct the Zionist Organization of America as to what line of policy American Zionism is to follow," Mr. Browdy says in his statement. "The American Jewish Committee, I note, does not like a certain resolution which the Zionist Organization of America adopted at its 54th Convention at Atlantic City, and the American Jewish Committee has no hesitancy in advising us as to the error of our ways.

"As far as we are aware, nothing in any resolution passed by the Zionist Organization of America was ever intended to bind the members of the American Jewish Committee. Why the leaders of the American Jewish Committee should now take it upon themselves to interfere in our own affairs concerning our affiliation or disaffiliation with Israel groups, is beyond rational comprehension. We Zionists can resolve our own differences without outside aid," the Z.O.A. president declares.

J.D.C. GIVES AID TO VICTIMS OF FLOOD IN NORTHERN ITALY

ROME, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has turned over from its own supplies in Italy more than four tons of food, clothing and other material to victims of the floods in Northern Italy, it was reported here today by Milton Steinberg, representative of the American Jewish relief organization.

"We hope that in some small measure this token will be accepted as an expression of the deepest appreciation and gratitude of J.D.C. and its staff for the kindness and generosity and the sympathetic understanding which the Italian people have always accorded Jewish refugees," Mr. Steinberg said. The J.D.C. is still providing medical, welfare and other assistance to some 3,000 Jewish refugees in Italy, in addition to the aid given to Italian Jewish communities.

JEWISH PARENTS TO BRING COURT ACTION AGAINST SCHOOL AUTHORITIES

MONTREAL, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Jewish parents in Hampstead, a Montreal suburb- an municipality, have decided to take court action if their children are prevented from attending the local Protestant schools. A meeting of the parents held recently unanimously decided that the attitude of the school commissioners regarding the admission of Jewish children was discriminatory.

About 400 Jewish families live in Hampstead and they are forced to send their children to schools outside the municipality, because all who have applied for admittance to Hampstead schools have been refused. The local newspaper has published an editorial stressing that bias persists and "that the problem presented by the adamant attitude of the Hampstead Protestant school board is not a nice one."

PARENTS PROTEST RECOMMENDATION FOR PRAYERS IN NEW YORK SCHOOLS

ALBANY, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Protests were received here today from parent groups throughout the state opposing the State Board of Regents' recommendation this week-end that every school day begin with a non-denominational prayers. A spokesman for the State Education Department stressed that the Regents' recommendation in no way could be considered a mandate upon the schools and left the final decision in the hands of local school boards.

CANADIAN ORT DECIDES TO LAUNCH DRIVE FOR TOOLS AND MACHINERY

MONTREAL, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- A drive for tools and machinery required in ORT institutions will be launched in Canada, it was decided here today at the first meeting of the board of directors of the newly constituted Canadian ORT Federation. The decision was taken following a report made by Dr. H. Sonnabend, special envoy of the World ORT Union.

One of the projects decided upon at today's meeting was to equip an ORT training school in Israel. A committee composed of prominent persons connected with the industrial and commercial life of Canada will assist in the campaign. The ORT board here is composed of leading personalities associated with the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Zionist Organization and other Jewish groups. Leon D. Crestohl, member of parliament, is president of the ORT Federation and Lazarus Philipps is honorary president.

ORT VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL OPENED IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- An ORT vocational training school was opened here today at ceremonies attended by a large number of dignitaries, including Jacob Saslavsky, honorary president of the Argentine ORT, and M. Avenburg, ORT president. Speakers included: David Schweitzer, special ORT envoy; Dr. Moises Goldmann, president of the Kehilla; Boris Surovich and M. Vengrover.

FOUR AUTHORS GET AWARDS FOR YIDDISH AND HEBREW WORKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Four Louis LaMed prizes for Yiddish and Hebrew literary awards for 1950 were officially presented here last night at a special ceremony held at the New School for Social Research. The awards were given to: Itzhak Barshewits for his Yiddish novel "The Family Muscat;" Yechiel Stern for his Yiddish treatise on Jewish education in pre-war Eastern Europe; Menachem Ribalow for his book of Hebrew essays entitled "The Pitcher to the Well;" and Dr. Sholom Spiegel for his study in Hebrew of the Biblical legends concerning the offering of the Patriarch Isaac as a sacrifice.

ISRAEL LAND EXPERT RECEIVED BY ARGENTINE AGRICULTURAL MINISTER

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Weitz, director of the land department of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, who is now here on an Israel Government mission, was received by the Argentine Minister of Agriculture with whom he discussed agricultural problems. During his stay in this country, Dr. Weitz will study Argentine plants with a view toward the feasibility of having some of them transplanted to Israel.

MAX LAZERSON, NOTED LABOR ZIONIST, EDUCATOR, DIES AT 64

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Max Lazerson, prominent Labor Zionist, lecturer at Columbia University and author of books in Yiddish and English, who died here Thursday at the age of 64.

Dr. Lazerson, who served as a member of the Latvian Parliament before he left that country to come to the United States in 1939, also worked for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace during the same time that he lectured on political and legal philosophy at Columbia. A native of Russia, who taught in universities at Petrograd, Riga, Berlin and Heidelberg, he wrote several books on Russia including "The American Impact on Russia, 1784-1917" and "Poland and Russia, 1919-1945," which he authored together with James T. Shotwell.