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## WEIZMANN'S HEART WEAKENING; ISSUES CALL FOR UNITY FROM SICKBED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The condition of President Chaim Weizmann remained of grave concern today as the 77-year-old chief executive fought against pneumonia. A medical bulletin issued this evening said the symptoms of acute inflammation of the respiratory tract were passing but that the general state of weakness connected with the functioning of his heart and blood circulation continues. A communique issued from the President's office said there was no change in his condition but that the heart was weakening. The statement expressed thanks to all those throughout the world who had sent messages expressing wishes for the president's recovery and said:

"From his sickbed, the President continues his efforts for stabilization of the State and calls on all to abandon their temporary disagreements and divergencies to work for the further development and stabilization of the State."

Hundreds of messages are being received here by wire and telephone wishing Dr. Weizmann speedy recovery. Today, a group of children from a nearby school visited his home to present 18 trees to be planted in the President's grove in the Keren Kayemeth Forest. The number 18 signifies "life" in Hebrew letters.

## LEFTISTS PROVOKE DISORDER IN KNESSET OVER SEAMEN'S STRIKE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Considerable disorder occurred in the Israel Parliament last night when Mapam and Communist deputies demanded that the Knesset consider the question of the seamen's strike before it discussed any other matter.

The Mapam-Communist demand was turned down by Deputy Speaker M. Shefer who insisted that the Parliament hear an announcement by Police Minister Shitreet on the case of detained religious dissidents involved in the bombing of the Knesset earlier this year. The Mapam and Communist deputies inside Parliament jumped to their feet and began shouting at the Speaker. At the same time, a demonstration of striking seamen and Mapam and Communist representatives outside the building demanded that a strikers' delegation be received by the praesidium of the Parliament.

The disorder lasted for half-an-hour until Speaker Shefer announced that the Police Minister would read his announcement and then the Knesset would adjourn to permit its House Committee to work on the agenda. The deputies calmed down and Minister Shitreet announced that the government had instructed the Inspector General of Police to indict any policeman who broke the regulations. Also, the announcement said that there are no grounds for acting against any of the policemen involved in detaining the religious underground members, who had charged police cruelty during their incarceration. Later, when the Knesset praesidium promised to receive a delegation of striking seamen, the demonstrators dispersed.

COMMONS HEARS REPORT ON ISRAELIS AND ARABS TRAINED IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today revealed in the House of Commons that 35 members of Israel's armed forces and 134 members of the armed forces of the Arab states are receiving military training in Britain. He expressed the opinion that Britain should continue to give this training.

In the House of Lords, Lord Strabolgi today asked why Israel is not a member of the sterling bloc. He pointed out that Palestine, under the mandate, had been a member. Viscount Swinton, replying for the government, said: "This arrangement was brought to an end shortly before the termination of the mandate in May, 1948. No occasion has yet arisen to consider the question of admitting Israel to the sterling area."

Lord Strabolgi then said: "May I ask when this matter will receive attention of the government in view of the economic situation and its importance not only to Israel and the East generally, but to our own interests as well?" To this Viscount Swinton replied: "It certainly will receive consideration when it arises. As long as sterling balances are held in Israel, there is consultation."

Lord Strabolgi also wanted to know whether Egypt has given any indication of its intention to comply with the U. N. Security Council's resolution ordering unhampered passage of Israel-bound ships through the Suez Canal. Marquess Reading, replying for the government, said that no such indication was given. To the question as to whether the British Government will tolerate "this breach of international use of the Suez Canal indefinitely," Marquess Reading said that Britain does not wish at the present "to extend the area of dispute" with the Egyptian Government.

ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS REVIEWED BY FINANCE MINISTER IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Declaring that Israel's economic situation has become worse during the last eight months, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan told the Parliament today that foreign aid will help to overcome the difficulties, but the country also needs a balanced budget.

The Government, he reported, has already decided ~~not~~ to issue any additional banknotes. "Our first aim is that taxes should not only cover the ordinary budget, but also part of the development budget," he added. He disclosed that the 38,000,000 pounds allotted for security in the general budget submitted by the government to the Parliament cover the biggest part of the entire security budget.

Mr. Kaplan announced that the government plans a new internal loan at three-and-a-half percent interest, exempt from income tax. He also revealed that the government is preparing three different rates for foreign currency. He concluded by outlining the major allocations of the American \$65,000,000 grant-in-aid and emphasized that these allocations have been worked out in consultation with American authorities.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT AND POTASH COMPANY TO FORM JOINT CORPORATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- An agreement between the Israel Government and the Palestine Potash Company which provides for the establishment of a joint corporation was initialed today. The text of the agreement will be submitted to the Cabinet and to the shareholders of the company for final approval.

An announcement to this effect was made in the Parliament by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan. The Minister also announced that representatives of the Palestine Electric Company will arrive early next month in Israel to start negotiations regarding the future activities of the company and its relations with the government.

SHARETT EXPLAINS WHY ISRAEL VOTED AT U. N. AGAINST GERMANY

PARIS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- "The fact that we voted with the Soviet Union against inviting German representatives to appear before the United Nations has no significance and does not constitute a trend," Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared here today to representatives of the press.

"It is our sacred duty to remind the world of what Germany was and what it did, and to keep it aware of the potential danger to world peace that a re-armed Germany would be," Mr. Sharett stated.

Last night Mr. Sharett was the guest of honor at a reception tendered by the Zionist Federation of France. Over 600 Jewish leaders from France and elsewhere attended.

DR. SCHMORAK NO LONGER JEWISH AGENCY COMPTROLLER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Emil Schmorak has ceased to be comptroller of the Jewish Agency and the office of the comptroller has virtually ceased to function since December 1. Dr. Schmorak today told a press conference here. He pointed out that his term of office was originally set until December 1 and that since he was not re-elected to the post he is now "a private person."

The former comptroller explained his "non-cooperation" with a Jewish Agency committee which he said attempted to eliminate entire chapters of his report and to completely change others. To this, he said, he could not agree as a "matter of conscience as well as a matter of principle of independent control." He also stated that the Agency's treasurer refused to submit documents to the comptroller's office, although all other departments "cooperated fully." Dr. Schmorak announced that he had written the praesidium of the World Zionist Organization to explain his position.

(In London, a Jewish Agency spokesman today said that Dr. Schmorak presented only one side of the case. He added that a committee of three is working on the parts of the report which Dr. Schmorak claims to have been deleted and that the committee is seeking additional information.)

DR. GOLDMANN PROCEEDING TO GERMANY TO CONFER WITH MCCLOY

LONDON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, announced here today that he would proceed to Germany to confer with United States High Commissioner John J. McCloy on problems concerning the Jewish Restitution Successors Organization and problems arising out of the recent conference on Jewish claims against Germany held in New York. He will be accompanied by Benjamin Ferenc, head of the J.R.S.O.

An Israeli spokesman today denied reports appearing in Hamburg newspapers that Israeli and German representatives in London were intensively preparing for a meeting between West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who is now visiting here, and Israeli representatives.

The luncheon to be given on Friday by the Foreign Press Association to Dr. Adenauer has caused a split among the association's Jewish members. A number of them have announced their intention to boycott the affair.

## ISRAEL ADVOCATES RIGHTS OF GROUPS TO APPEAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS

PARIS, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly was called on today to give help in the way of directives to the Social and Economic Commission which is working on the International Covenant of Human Rights.

Emile Najar, Israeli representative, speaking in the Third (Social) Committee of the General Assembly, which is discussing a draft of the covenant, said the objective of the covenant was to lead to legislative action in the individual states. Implementation of certain points in the covenant, he said, was possible only by means of "a major economic effort."

He deplored the fact that under the present draft, only states could bring charges before the proposed Human Rights Commission of violation of the covenant by other states. He urged recognition of the right of petition by selected non-governmental organizations.

## MIAMI POLICE MAPS PLANS TO PREVENT BOMBING OF JEWISH INSTITUTIONS

MIAMI, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Plans to prevent future bombings of Jewish and Negro institutions were mapped out here today at a secret meeting of city officials, while the police were searching for clues that may lead to finding the terrorists who dynamited a synagogue and a Negro apartment unit this week.

No details of the meeting were announced, except that it was conducted with the participation of the Chief of Police and state officials. It is understood that an appeal will be issued to the population to assist in the plan to track down the terrorists.

## DR. NEUMANN LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO RESUME WORK IN JEWISH AGENCY

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive, Jerusalem section, leaves for Israel tomorrow to reorganize the Agency's economic department in Jerusalem and to confer with Israel Government leaders on plans for further stimulating the flow of private investment capital into Israel.

Two weeks ago Dr. Neumann and Mrs. Rose Halprin, member of the executive in New York, were named co-chairman of the economic department and charged with joint direction of the work of the department's offices in New York and Jerusalem and with increasing its over-all services to potential private investors in Israel's economy.

"Maximum efficiency calls for integration of the department's work in Jerusalem and in New York," Dr. Neumann said here today, "and closest coordination of this work with that of Israel Government departments working in the same field. One of my primary objectives in Israel will be to promote such coordination.

"Additionally, we will examine possibilities for extending the work of the economic department to Europe and other areas of the world and we plan to confer with government officials on further methods for attracting private foreign capital into Israel's growing economy. I intend also to look into the question of facilitating technical and professional immigration into Israel, insofar as this question involves economic problems."

U.S. REFUSAL OF VISA TO JEWISH SCIENTIST CONFIRMED BY STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The State Department today confirmed a report that an American visa was denied to Dr. Ernst B. Chain, Nobel prize winner for his co-discovery of penicillin, who was scheduled to be one of the principal speakers at the Weizmann Institute dinner in New York last week given in honor of the 77th birthday of the President of Israel.

Under Secretary of State James E. Webb emphasized that the denial of the visa was based on existing laws. Visa issuance, he declared, is covered by laws enacted by Congress and visas cannot be issued or denied at the discretion of the Secretary of State. Mr. Webb indicated that he could not put any further light on the case.

Another State Department spokesman stated that it is the policy of the Department not to give the reasons for barring a person but only to say that he is "inadmissible." It was indicated that Dr. Chain, the Jewish scientist who was born in Russia but left the country in his early youth and lived in Germany until the Nazis came to power, was barred under the terms of the Internal Security Act, the so-called McCarran Act which was vigorously opposed by Senator Herbert H. Lehman and other liberals.

Records of the State Department show that Dr. Chain was denied a U.S. visa earlier this year when he sought to come from Rome to a meeting of the United Nations World Health Organization in New York. Dr. Chain, who is chairman of the World Health Organization's five-man expert committee on antibiotics, was to discuss penicillin production and to call on institutions to promote standardization and availability of penicillin strains.

Dr. Chain Puzzled by State Department's Action

A letter of protest by Dr. Chain was made public today, with his permission, by Meyer Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Weizmann Institute. In his letter, Dr. Chain emphasized that he never had any contact with politics and pointed out that the State Department's refusal to give specific reasons for the denial of the visa represents a threat to civil liberties.

"It is of course too ludicrous for words that I, who have largely been responsible for the creation and development of one of the most prosperous branches of the pharmaceutical industry of the United States, should be excluded from a visit to that country for 'security' reasons," Dr. Chain wrote. "It is a very sorry sign of these affairs in which we find ourselves at present."

Pointing out that he has "nothing whatever to hide," the Jewish scientist continued: "I cannot believe that any personal reasons can be involved unless someone has made some slanderous statement to the F. B. I. Over such possibilities we have no control."

Dr. Chain, who is a British subject, shared the Nobel Prize with Sir Alexander Fleming and Sir Howard Walter Florey for the penicillin discovery in 1945. He has been director of the biochemistry department at the Instituto Superiore di Sanita, Rome, a research institute of the Italian government, since about 1947.

## JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS LAUD TRUMAN'S ACT TO FIGHT BIAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations today termed "a step in the right direction," the creation of the Committee on Government Contract Compliance by Executive Order of President Truman, which is to prevent discrimination in employment in defense work.

Regretting the fact that the President had not created an equivalent of the World War II F.E.P.C., the organizations expressed their hope that "the composition of the Committee and the machinery it will set up will be such as to insure fullest realization of the potential of the Executive Order."

Joining in the statement were the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, together with the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which is the coordinating body for these six national organizations and for 27 local Jewish councils throughout the country. Also joining was the National Council of Jewish Women.

## EDITOR ATTACKS AMERICAN ZIONISTS FOR SEEKING U.S. AID FOR ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Declaring that the Middle East is today "the most dangerous spot on earth," Dr. Paul Hutchinson, editor of The Christian Century, strongly attacked American Zionists for their "unremitting pressure" on the U.S. Government for aid to Israel. He spoke at the annual meeting of Chicago chapter of the American Council for Judaism.

"We cannot hold the confidence and support in world affairs of the Arabs, and hence of the Moslem lands, if they become convinced that the United States is a pro-Zionist partisan," Dr. Hutchinson said. "Yet that is the very thing of which the Zionist pressure on our government is trying to convince them!"

"Some American Zionists may not themselves realize what they are doing," he continued. "It is time they did realize. By their unremitting pressure on our government for loans, gifts and other forms of extraordinary help for Israel, in a measure far beyond that offered any of her neighbors, they are spreading the idea in the Middle East that the United States will offer the Israeli Government the guarantee of our power that Israel's future shall be made secure and her ambitions satisfied no matter what effect the policies of the Israeli Government may have on the rest of the Middle East."

Lauding the American Council for Judaism, for resisting "the folly of this policy," Dr. Hutchinson observed that "the tide seemed to be turning toward the Council's viewpoint as far as the effectiveness of Zionist propaganda was concerned."

## NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS HADASSAH WEEK TO START ON SUNDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri yesterday proclaimed the week of December 9-16 as Hadassah Week, starting a membership drive by the organization. The proclamation was presented by the Mayor to Mrs. Samuel Halprin, Hadassah president, in a ceremony at City Hall.

## MACCABI DEFEATS SWEDISH FOOTBALL TEAM IN TEL AVIV GAME

TEL AVIV, Dec. 5. (JTA) -- The Maccabi today defeated the Swedish football team, Malmo, 3 - 2. This is the first Swedish football team defeat in Israel.