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DR. WEIZMANN REPORTED "SLIGHTLY IMPROVED;" LOSING STRENGTH

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- President Weizmann's condition was reported today "slightly improved" but that he nevertheless continues to lose strength.

Last night the President conversed with relatives who visited him. He spent a restful night. The doctor's bulletin issued this morning said that after a quiet night the President felt better, but that there was no change in his general condition.

Reports from London, Johannesburg and other world capitals state that the chief rabbis there have called on all synagogues to offer special prayers for Dr. Weizmann's recovery. Policemen on duty at the President's home in Rehovot daily turn away many visitors who come to express their good wishes.

ISRAEL WILL RECEIVE AID FROM U.S. WITHIN "FEW DAYS," EBAN INDICATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban said today that "we hope within the next few days we may receive beneficial impact from the first stages" of the implementation of the aid to Israel extended under terms of the Mutual Security Act of 1951. The Ambassador indicated that the Technical Cooperation Administration was expediting the extension of assistance to Israel because of the urgency of the situation in the Jewish State.

Mr. Eban told reporters today, after he emerged from a meeting at the State Department with John D. Hickerson, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, that "whatever the T.C.A. will do will help alleviate the situation." He said that his discussion with Hickerson covered various questions now before the U.N. General Assembly, including Near Eastern problems.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE IN ISRAEL APPROACHING CRITICAL STAGE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The seamen's strike approached a new stage today when a minority of the strikers appealed to the Histadrut to form a new maritime union to replace the association which is conducting the present strike.

Although the Histadrut today claimed that the "adventure"--as it dubbed the strike--was over, a majority of the sailors are apparently ready to continue the strike. It was learned that the fate of the entire tie-up will rest upon the decision of the crews of the vessels Tel Aviv and Rimon, which are expected to dock here this week-end. If these two crews decide to strike, the tie-up will continue, but if they decide to throw in with the present minority they will be able to end the strike.

BILL FOR SECURING LEGAL STATUS FOR JEWISH AGENCY BEING DRAFTED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Maurice Boukstein, attorney for the Jewish Agency in New York, who is now here, has begun to draft a bill outlining the Jewish Agency's legal status in Israel for eventual submission to the Knesset, it was learned here today. Pinhas Rosen, legal adviser to the World Zionist Organization, will assist him.

An Agency spokesman today said that there is no intention of liquidating the office of Agency comptroller. He made this statement in refutation of a statement several days ago by Dr. Emil Shmorak that the office of comptroller was moribund. He also insisted that the Agency's treasury department has given whatever documents were necessary and will supply any others that may be necessary for Dr. Shmorak to complete his report on the Agency set-up. Any new comptroller coming into the office will have available to him all the documents that have been accumulating from the time of the last World Zionist Congress to the present, the spokesman added.

HUNGARIAN OFFICIAL IN ISRAEL RESIGNS POST, ASKS POLITICAL ASYLUM

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Albert Liebermann, a Hungarian Legation official here, has resigned his post and appealed to the Israel Government for asylum, it was reported here today by the Tel Aviv press. The Israel Foreign Ministry refused any comment on the reports.

According to the newspapers Liebermann, son of a Jewish author, and first Hungarian representative sent to Tel Aviv after the establishment of diplomatic relations between Hungary and the Jewish State, resigned his post of commercial attache but refused to return to Budapest when ordered to do so. He has moved from his official residence to a hotel at Ramath Gan. The press, which reports this as the first case of a foreign diplomat assigned to Israel refusing to return to his home, says that Liebermann spent years in Russian labor camps and that he has helped Jews in Hungary.

COMMUNIST JEWS IN RUMANIA CONTINUE THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL

VIENNA, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Viata Noua, official publication of the Communist controlled Jewish Democratic Committee of Rumania, is continuing its anti-Zionist campaign.

The current issue, which has just arrived here from Bucharest, carries an editorial, several articles and many letters from Rumanian Jews who have not left for Israel and from some who did migrate to the Jewish state--all attacking Zionism or Israel. This issue has a full page devoted to re-prints and facsimiles of letters received from Rumanian Jews who are unhappy in Israel.

ARAB REFUSAL TO CO-OPERATE WITH ISRAEL HAMPERS U. N. ACTIVITIES

PARIS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The regional activities of United Nations agencies are hampered by the refusal of the Arab states either to attend meetings not on Arab soil to which Israel has been invited or to allow Israeli delegates to enter Arab countries for the purpose of attending meetings, Mrs. Zena Harman, Israeli delegate, today declared in the U. N. Economic and Social Council.

The representatives of Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt replied that the political tension prevailing between Israel and the Arab states has made such co-operation impossible. The Iraqi representative, who said that the State of Israel was "artificial," insisted that "we have no common problems capable of common solutions."

JEWISH GROUP REPORTS ON RESULTS OF CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The American Federation of Jews from Central Europe, which is assisting Jews in the Western Hemisphere in their claims against Germany, today reported that according to official figures 55 percent of the individual restitution cases in the U.S. zone of Germany have been settled up till August 31, 1951.

These cases, the Federation said, represent 627,071,000 German marks, or approximately $150,000,000. Of this amount, 170,000,000 marks have been repaid in cash, and the balance in kind. Claimants living in the United States received 292,000,000 marks; about 61,000,000 were paid to claimants residing in England; some 27,000,000 went to claimants in Israel; about 108,000,000 remained in Germany with claimants living there. The balance was paid to claimants living in various other countries.

With regard to indemnification claims, the Federation said that, according to official sources, 260,219 applications have been submitted in the U.S. zone of Germany; 174,980 in Bavaria; about 36,000 in Hesse; about 37,000 in Wuerttemberg-Baden and less than 12,000 in Bremen. Of this total, 120,000 came from applicants not living in Germany. An amount of 116,587,396 marks was paid in cash or certificates to 53,178 applicants. Only a few indemnification claims of claimants outside of Germany have been settled so far. In Berlin, which will receive applications until February 8, 1952, about 29,000--4,000 from abroad--have been registered up to now. In a few emergency cases 485,000 marks have been paid.

Commenting on these figures, the Federation declared: "We are looking forward to 1952 as the year during which the major part of the still pending restitution claims should be settled, and during which great strides should be made toward the realization of the indemnification claims." The Federation, commemorating its 10th anniversary in the near future, has in its files more than 5,000 restitution cases and over 10,000 indemnification cases.

NEW INTERNATIONAL BODY FORMED TO SUCCEED I.R.O.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- A Provisional Intergovernmental Committee for the Movement of Migrants from Europe started work here today and will take over the activities of the International Refugee Organization early in 1952.

The new organization came into being as a result of a resolution adopted here yesterday at the migration conference attended by representatives of 23 nations. The International Labor Organization will be associated with the work of the new body.

Among the terms of reference of the new agency is assumption of responsibility for chartering "such ships operated under the auspices of the I.R.O. as may be required." About 15,000 displaced Jews still in Europe may come within the purview of the new agency. The cost of their transportation from Europe to overseas destinations, including Israel, would be covered by this agency, should it interpret its functions to include the liquidation of the DP problem.

(The I.R.O. announced in Geneva today that one of its vessels had picked up 61 "hard-core" cases and their families for resettlement in France. Among the refugees are Jews from Central Europe who fled to China in the period of 1933-39 to escape Nazi persecution.)

CONGRESS MAY BE ASKED FOR LAW AGAINST VANDALISM IN SYNAGOGUES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Rep. Louis S. Heller, of New York, today notified Attorney General J. Howard McGrath that unless Federal action is taken in connection with the bombing of a synagogue in the Miami area, he will introduce a bill as soon as the next session of Congress convenes to provide the most severe penalties for vandalism against places of religious worship.

Rep. Heller was the author of the "Bill against Desecration" which was passed by the State of New York while he was a State Senator during World War II. At that time a wave of desecration in New York was terminated when the penalties for such vandalism was increased by the Heller Bill.

The Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice has not yet made any recommendation on its investigation of whether or not to call on the F.B.I. in the bombing of a synagogue in the Miami area, it was learned today. It is expected, however, that action will be taken by the end of the week.

ARGENTINE JEWS ASK PERON TO ACT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, today presented a petition to General Peron asking for measures against anti-Jewish elements in the city of Resistencia, in the province of Chaco.

The petition emphasized the fact that tar bombs have been thrown into the buildings of two Jewish organizations in Resistencia and that the Jewish cemetery there has been desecrated. Also that anti-Jewish inscriptions appeared on the walls of Jewish houses. The petition was signed by Dr. Ricardo Dubrovsky, president, and Benjamin Rinsky, secretary of the DAIA.

JEWISH DEPUTY URGES SCREENING OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- German diplomats and officials assigned to Canada, as well as immigrants from Germany, should be carefully screened to make sure they are not, and were not Nazis, said Leon Crestohl, Jewish deputy for a Montreal division, during a Parliamentary debate on immigration.

Many of the German consular officials recently accredited to various countries "are suspected of being men indoctrinated with the Nazi and totalitarian philosophy, and men who were formerly connected with the Nazi Party in Germany," Mr. Crestohl stated. Citing news reports, he said that some of the men in the German diplomatic corps "formerly worked with American anti-Semites to promote Nazi propaganda," and that last January of the 252 members in the diplomatic service, 151 had served under Von Ribbentrop, 130 of them having been members of the Nazi Party.

"The greatest caution should be taken to safeguard this country from the influences which may penetrate from the Fascist right as well as from the Communistic left," the Montreal Jewish deputy declared. "We want neither of these evil influences to impede or interfere with the development of our country upon its democratic foundations, on which it has flourished and will continue to flourish, making it one of the greatest democracies in the world."

U.J.A. RAISED $750,000,000 DURING THIRTEEN YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- More than $750,000,000 has been raised by the United Jewish Appeal during the 13 years of its existence, it was revealed here today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman.

Dr. Schwartz made this announcement in connection with the forthcoming annual National Conference of the U.J.A. which is to open on December 14 in Atlantic City. More than 1,500 Jewish leaders from all parts of the country are expected to attend the conference at which plans will be mapped for the 1952 U.J.A. campaign.

Z.O.A. WILL REDEEM 5,000 DUNAMS IN HULEH THROUGH J.N.F.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Immediate steps will be taken to implement the resolution adopted by the Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America to redeem, through the Jewish National Fund, 5,000 dunams in the Huleh region as a "living testimony of the Z.O.A.'s historic connection with Israel," it was announced here today by Fred Monosson, national treasurer of the organization.

Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, in a statement issued here today, hailed the Z.O.A. decision. He also expressed the hope that other Jewish bodies in the United States will emulate the Z.O.A. example, in redeeming parts of the Huleh Region, " thus making possible the success of the vast operations which the Jewish National Fund is now carrying forward in Northern Galilee to drain the Huleh Lake, thus turning the 60,000 dunams of malarial swamps into agricultural land with an estimated agricultural yield of $10,000,000 per year.'

TEACHERS IN ARGENTINA LEAVE FOR TRAINING COURSE IN ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- A group of 26 teachers left for Israel today to participate in the winter seminary arranged by the education department of the Jewish Agency.

A campaign for the planting of 400,000 trees in Israel, in the "Grove of Jewish Martyrs" was launched here last night at a mass meeting addressed by Dr. Joseph Weitz, official of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, and Isaac Kaplan, president of the J.N.F. in Argentina.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN BRAZIL RATIFY AFFILIATION WITH W.J.C.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The affiliation of the newly-formed Confederation of Brazilian Jewry, representing the second largest Jewish community in Latin-America, to the World Jewish Congress has been formalized by ratification of the Confederation's action by its three major branches, it was announced here today. The Federations of Jews in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Porte Allegro, the three largest Brazilian cities and the principal Jewish centers in the nation, have ratified the resolution in unanimous votes, the W.J.C. announcement said.

NEW ROCHELLE SHELVES RESOLUTION ON USING PRAYER IN SCHOOLS

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (JTA) -- A resolution ordering teachers in the public schools of this city to open the day in class with a "brief, non-denominational prayer,' was shelved this week by the Board of Education after a member had questioned the constitutionality of the measure.

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