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## PRESIDENT BEN ZVI TAKES OATH; SOVIET BLOC BOYCOTTS CEREMONY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) — Itzhak Ben Zvi, Israel's second President, took his oath of office today in a ceremony in Parliament witnessed by Israeli dignitaries, United Nations officials, leaders of all churches and the entire diplomatic corps, except the representatives of the Soviet Union, Poland, Romania and Czechoslovakia.

The new President was sworn in on the last day of "Shushim," the thirty days of official mourning for the late President Chaim Weizmann. The ceremony started with two Rabbis blowing the shofar to announce the arrival of the President and concluded with a 21-gun salute after he took the oath. The 90-year-old father of the President was in the Presidential box together with other members of the President's family when the oath was administered by Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of Parliament.

In his inaugural address, which followed the oath, President Ben Zvi thanked Parliament for the confidence and honor bestowed upon him and emphasized that "it is not easy" to fill the chair of President Weizmann who, he said, was "unique in his generation." He spoke of the heroism and sacrifices of the Jews who gave their lives so that Israel could be established as an independent state, and of the "ingathering" of Jews from all parts of the world to Israel.

### Says Israel Is Still Far From Peace; Cites Blockade

"We are still far from peace," he continued. "We will not turn aside from the many dangers facing us. The blockade and the hatred of the countries which surround us is still in force. We will also not turn away from consideration of the great economic hardships. However, we believe deeply in our mission. The powerful will to achieve justice on earth and the hidden power which kept us for long generations and brought us to our present stand — we trust in them. They will bring us to our destination."

The President declared that the "in-gathering of the exiles still remains our central task, and we will not retreat from it even in the face of hatred and calumny." But, he emphasized, "this historic task will not be accomplished without the assistance of the entire Jewish nation, in the West and in the East. Our creation is a creation of peace and will bring peace to the world. We will bring peace near and far, to Jews and Arabs and to other communities."

"But it is necessary to protect peace and its protection is essential for us and for the entire world," the President continued. "Let us make peace at home, let all parties despite their differences stand up to protect our dearest and most sacred achievement — the state," he pleaded. "If I succeed in restoring peace, that will be my reward," he concluded.



**TRUMAN CABLES CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- President Truman today cabled a message of congratulations to Itzhak Ben Zvi, newly-elected President of Israel. Mr. Truman said:

"In the name of the American people and in my own I extend congratulations on your election and best wishes for success in your new duties. It is my fervent hope that you will exert your strength toward the lessening of tensions between your people and neighboring states to the end that peace may be obtained as early as possible."

**THOUSANDS IN NEW YORK PAY TRIBUTE TO WEIZMANN; U. S. JOINS**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Thousands of Jews here, joined by representatives of the Governments of the United States, Britain and Israel, tonight paid solemn tribute to the late President Chaim Weizmann of Israel at a public meeting in Carnegie Hall arranged by the American Zionist Council.

President Truman, in a message to the meeting said, : "Mankind has lost an able leader in the death of Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President. His devotion to the establishment of a homeland for Jewish people, both before its realization and as the head of the new government has brought him the respect and gratitude of millions. "He was a man of wisdom and I was honored to know him."

Principal speakers at the meeting included: Abba S. Eban, Israel's Ambassador to the United States; Sir Gladwyn Jebb, permanent representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations; Ambassador Benjamin V. Cohen, member of the U.S. mission to the United Nations; Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency; Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; and Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, vice chairman of the Zionist Council.

Ambassador Cohen paid tribute to Dr. Weizmann's "immortal accomplishments" for his people and for mankind. "So completely did he identify himself with his people that the statesmen of the world came to regard his voice as the very voice of Israel," Ambassador Cohen said. "In him they saw the tragedies, the travails, the strivings, the hope and the promise of the Jewish people."

Sir Gladwyn spoke of England's pride in the fact that Dr. Weizmann had worked there for many years and referred to Dr. Weizmann's "great services" for the British, in particular his World War I discovery of a new process for producing acetone. He recalled that Dr. Weizmann's younger son died on active service in the RAF during World War II.

Ambassador Eban declared: "In every moral and spiritual sense, Chaim Weizmann represented Israel as if it were a world power, and behold, the world took him seriously and responded to that representation. We shall serve the Hebrew tradition worthily and we shall show comprehension of the meaning of this life which has now passed if we represent the State of Israel as a great power, in every moral and spiritual sense which are the true essences of power."

Mr. Lipsky described Dr. Weizmann's relationship to the American Zionist movement and spoke of his visit to this country in 1921. Dr. Weizmann raised the



prestige of the Zionist cause in American life and made Zionism "an ideal sympathetic to men of intellect and liberal ways of life," Mr. Lipsky said.

Mr. Warburg said that Dr. Weizmann was "the real Foreign Minister" for all Zionists and the Zionist movement. "He was not only their leader; he was their representative to the outside world, and he was the one who convinced not only the already convinced, but those who stood skeptically aside."

Dr. Goldmann called Dr. Weizmann the symbol of "the full concept of Zionism, not merely as a political, but also as a moral and creative movement. He wanted Israel not only as a State for and of the Jews but as a Jewish State, as an instrument for the implementation of the eternal ideal of Jewish civilization," Dr. Goldmann pointed out.

### U. N. APPEAL FOR DIRECT ISRAEL-ARAB TALKS REVISED AGAIN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The already revised resolution of the eight neutral powers calling for direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states for a Palestine peace settlement was again revised today in the United Nations Special Political Committee. At the same time, the Arab states which yesterday indicated a desire to kill the entire Palestine debate by withdrawing their item from the U. N. agenda, appeared today to have given up this project without a formal battle.

David Johnson of Canada announced the latest revision to meet the objections raised by the Mexican delegate yesterday, who asked for a resolution which could be accepted by both parties to the dispute. Mr. Johnson said that the operative paragraph calling for direct negotiations would include the phrase "bearing in mind the resolutions" as well as "the principal objectives" of the United Nations on the Palestine question, including the religious interests of third parties.

The Arabs immediately announced that they were opposed to the resolution which had been revised once again in an attempt to meet their demands. The Yemenite delegate said that the eight-power resolution instead of bringing peace in Palestine would "aggravate the already serious situation in the Middle East." He also described the resolution as "unfair, unrealistic and impractical." The Lebanese delegate warned of the "disastrous" effect the resolution might have. He announced he would vote against it.

Dr. Fadhil el Jamali of Iraq was "violently opposed" to the resolution. He said it displayed "new trends in power politics and Zionist machinations."

It is understood here that the Israeli delegation will support this latest revision of the eight power appeal. So far Israel has supported the originally eight power resolution and the earlier revision, although it has pointed out that the fewer the encumbrances the better the chances for success of peace negotiations.

In the Political Committee of the Assembly today, Israel abstained on a resolution asking the Bey of Tunis to send a representative to the committee to participate in a discussion of the Tunisian issue. The motion was defeated. Israel voted against a second resolution to censure France for boycotting the Tunisian debate. This resolution also lost.



## ISRAEL TO REJECT POLISH DEMAND FOR RECALL OF MINISTER

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will reject the Polish Government's note declaring Dr. Ariele Kubovi, Israel Minister to Warsaw and Prague, persona non grata and demanding his recall, it was predicted today in political circles here.

In these same circles the belief was expressed that the Israel Government would not nominate a successor to Dr. Kubovi in either the Prague or Warsaw post. The Warsaw note followed similar action by the Czechoslovak Government last week.

## U. S. IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL HOLD CONVENTION; PLAN HOUSING

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Plans for the construction of a housing project containing 400 units for immigrants in Israel from the United States and other English-speaking countries, were announced here last night by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency economic department.

Addressing the second annual convention of the Association of American Immigrants in Israel at ZOA House, Dr. Neumann said that the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency would provide the cost of building the project, estimated at 1,800,000 pounds. He also revealed that the Agency was planning to build five hostels in various parts of the country to provide 300 rooms for temporary living quarters for immigrants waiting to enter permanent homes in the project.

Opening the convention, Joseph Sugarman, executive director of the organization, revealed that its membership rolls now stand at 1,500. Dr. C. M. Pomerantz, chairman of the association, stressed the need for adequate preparation of prospective immigrants in the United States as one means of cutting down the number of immigrants who return to the United States after a short, disappointing stay in Israel. He also urged that the organization more actively help in the integration of newly arrived immigrants, and suggested that a special committee be set up by the Jewish Agency, the Israel Government and other interested parties to coordinate such integration activities.

## BRITAIN WARNED ON POSSIBLE DECLINE OF TRADE WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The continuing drop in Israel's purchasing power in the sterling bloc countries and the expected influx of German goods as a result of the West German-Israel reparations pact must further reduce British-Israel trade unless Britain takes immediate action to reverse this trend, the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce pointed out in a memorandum to the British and Israel Governments which was made public here today.

The memorandum reveals that British firms have already lost some business in the Israeli market because of a shortage of sterling in Israel. It warns that further losses are "certain" if Israel finds itself unable to sell many of its traditional exports in Britain or other sterling countries. If this development continues the memorandum says, Israel will be forced to find other outlets for reciprocal trade.

The only solution for safeguarding present British-Israeli trade relations is a reciprocal trade agreement, the memorandum recommends. With this as insurance for a longterm relationship, the memorandum advises that Britain increase its purchases from the Jewish State in order to give Israel enough sterling currency at this time to continue importing British goods.



## GERMANS TO PAY \$18,000,000 BULK SETTLEMENT TO JEWISH GROUP

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish Restitution Successor Organization will receive some \$18,000,000 as a result of bulk settlements negotiated with the U. S. States Zone of Germany, as well as in settlement of claims against individual Germans, it was reported here today at the fifth annual meeting of the J. R. S. O. As a result of these agreements, more than 85 percent of all claims pressed by the J. R. S. O. for heirless or unclaimed property have now been successfully settled.

Benjamin B. Ferencz, director general in Germany of the J. R. S. O., told the session that "the relatively few claims remaining in the U. S. Zone should be disposed of during 1953. Our success in assigning these individual claims in bulk to the State of Hesse, Bremen, Wuerttemberg-Baden and Bavaria, in return for reasonable compensation, marks the satisfactory culmination of the major phase of J. R. S. O. activities."

The annual meeting of the J. R. S. O., formed in 1947 by a group of leading Jewish organizations in the U. S., Great Britain, France and Germany to press Jewish restitution claims against Germany, elected Dr. Israel Goldstein president for 1952-53, succeeding Monroe Goldwater. Mr. Goldwater was chosen chairman of the executive committee. Other officers elected included: vice-presidents, Jacob Blaustein, Frederic Borchardt, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Dr. Isaac Lewin, Dr. Joachim Prinz, and Edward M. M. Warburg; co-treasurers, Dr. Hermann Gray and Shad Polier; and secretary, Saul Kagan.

Funds already recovered by J. R. S. O. representing heirless or otherwise unclaimed property, are now being used to support relief activities on behalf of needy Jewish victims of Nazism both in and outside Germany, through the two "operating agencies" of the J. R. S. O. -- the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency.

## DR. SELMAN WAKSMAN RECEIVES 1952 NOBEL PRIZE FOR MEDICINE

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Selman A. Waksman, discoverer of streptomycin, today received the 1952 Nobel Prize for physiology and medicine. Tomorrow he will deliver his prize lecture at the Swedish National Museum.

Before leaving the United States for the trip to Sweden, Dr. Waksman revealed the isolation of two new antibiotics. The first, called candicidin, attacks fungus growths while the second, unnamed as yet, makes body tissues more resistant to viruses. Dr. Waksman said it was too early to come to definite conclusions about the new drugs.

## SCIENTIST FINDS NEW EVIDENCE SUPPORTING EINSTEIN'S THEORY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The National Geographic Society yesterday reported new evidence to support a theory by Prof. Albert Einstein that gravity can bend light rays. Dr. Einstein's theory, offered nearly 50 years ago as one of the proofs of his theory of relativity, explained the apparent bending of stars' light passing near the sun on the basis of gravitational pull.

The National Geographic Society sent Dr. George van Biesbroeck, noted astronomer of the University of Chicago to Khartoum, in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, twice this year to photograph the heavens and measure the bending of star's rays. Dr. Biesbroeck's computations checked with Dr. Einstein's predictions to within three percent. Dr. Einstein refused to comment on Dr. Biesbroeck's findings until he had examined the astronomer's reports on his trips.



**PRESIDENT TRUMAN URGES AMERICANS TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- President Truman called upon the American people to observe United Nations Human Rights Day today and "to defend and further the rights and freedoms of all people" as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In so doing, the President stated, the American people would renew their determination "that here, in our own land, the great guarantees in our Bill of Rights shall not be lost, or weakened, or curtailed."

Meanwhile, a statement was released by Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith, urging the Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention on Genocide and Human Rights. Ratification of the Convention has been opposed by a large number of Senators. A resolution against it was introduced by Republican Senator John W. Bricker of Ohio.

**U.N. Issues Proclamation on Human Rights Day**

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 10. (JTA) -- A proclamation calling upon the people of the world to rededicate themselves, each in his own country, to the wider application of the principles of equal human brotherhood, was issued today by U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, in observance of the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations four years ago today.

Mr. Lie pointed out that unlike the United Nations Charter, which established a law of conduct for the nations, the Declaration of Human Rights is not a law. "Nevertheless it has established standards of human rights which nations and peoples can -- and would -- seek to apply," he stated.

"There have been other declarations in the long history of mankind's struggle to achieve a wider observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms. Over the course of the centuries these other documents have exerted a great influence for good in certain cultures and areas of the world. But never before has mankind produced a declaration with such universal meaning for all mankind," the U. N. Secretary-General emphasized.

**UNITED NATIONS BODY GRANTS OSE CONSULTATIVE STATUS**

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The OSE World Union, Jewish health organization, has been granted membership in the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, it was announced here today.

Through the consultative status which it thus received, the OSE will gain the opportunity of bringing to the attention of U. N. I. C. E. F. the specific requirements of Jewish children in various countries. Dr. L. Wulman, executive director of the American Committee of OSE, will represent the organization as its permanent delegate. An OSE delegation, headed by Dr. E. Minkowski, is now participating in the Conference on Education and Mental Health of Children in Europe, sponsored by the U. N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

**ISRAEL OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN U. S. TO PROMOTE TOURISM**

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Amos Iron, director general of the Department of Tourism of the Israel Ministry of Trade and Industry, arrived in New York on a short visit to promote tourism to Israel during 1953. Mr. Iron told reporters that during his stay in the United States he will discuss problems confronting prospective American tourists to Israel and will assist travel agents and organizations in the planning of their 1953 tours.