

Israeli Leader Dies Of Heart Attack

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REHOVOT, Israel—Dr. Chaim Weizmann, 75-year-old father of Israel, will be buried tomorrow near his home here in the Promised Land he helped build and led as its first President.

Messages of sympathy for the sorrowing young nation poured in from world leaders, including President Truman, Queen Elizabeth II and U. N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie, following Dr. Weizmann's death from a heart attack early yesterday.

The President's mansion, on the coastal plain 10 miles from Tel Aviv, was open to the public today. A solemn line of Israelites, some crying openly and some quietly chanting Hebrew prayers, passed the black-draped catafalque on which the body of world Zionism's greatest leader lay in state.

Special trains brought pilgrims to pay their last respects. Across

Israel, all places of entertainment were closed in mourning and the blue and white flag of the nation hung at half staff. Crowds gathered at crossroads and corners in the smaller settlements to hear loud-speaker bulletins on the President's death and funeral arrangements.

Premier David Ben-Gurion called his Cabinet together yesterday for a memorial session for the old statesman, who, before he became Israel's chief of government, had won renown as president of the World Zionist Organization and as a chemist and scholar.

The Cabinet decreed that all work will stop tomorrow, the day of the state funeral. Among the first to travel to Rehovot to express condolences to the President's widow, Mrs. Vera Weizmann, was acting President Joseph Sprinzak, speaker of the Israel Knesset parliament. During Weizmann's prolonged illness this past year, Sprinzak replaced him at state functions. A leading member of the Social Democrat Labor party (Mapai), he is a possible successor to the presidency.

Also mentioned as a possible nominee, when the Knesset meets within 30 days to pick a president, is Felix Rosen, former minister of justice.

Official bulletins said Weizmann suffered a severe heart attack at 1:30 a.m. yesterday and then another at 4:30 a.m. He died less than two hours later. Weizmann had been out of bed only a few times and had received only close relatives since he became seriously ill about the time he was re-elected president of Israel in November, 1951. He had become nearly blind before then but had carried on with his work.

In broadcasts today of America's tribute, the people of Israel heard President Truman's statement that "mankind has lost an able leader." Truman said Weizmann's "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."

Britain's Queen Elizabeth messaged her "deep regret," and Prime Minister Churchill said, "The world has lost a distinguished citizen and Israel a faithful son."

The homeland for the wandering Jews that Weizmann nurtured and saw grow in the Middle East was a dream of his boyhood in Russia. He was born near Pinsk, on Nov. 27, 1874, one of 12 children.

He studied in Russia and Germany and taught in European universities, among them the University of Manchester in Britain, where he became a naturalized citizen in 1910.

In Britain during World War I, the great chemist discovered a way to produce synthetic acetone for explosives.

He spearheaded the drive for a Jewish nation as a striving but moderate president of the World Zionist Organization. Soon after Israel became a reality in 1948, he was chosen its first President.

Helicopters In Planning

BALTIMORE—Helicopters may largely replace paratroop operations for the Marines, says Major Victor A. Armstrong, helicopter project officer of the Marine Corps Equipment Board at Quantico, Va.

He told a Baltimore Association of Commerce helicopter conference that the Marine Corps believes transporting men to battle areas by helicopters is superior to dropping them there by parachute. Armstrong said the big advantage in the use of the helicopter is in bringing a unit to its destination intact rather than dispersed.

Schieferstein Tops Research Anti-Commies Win Recruits

Klamath County Weed Control Supervisor Harold Schieferstein has been named chairman of the important research committee for the first annual Oregon Weed Conference slated to be held in Corvallis, Nov. 13-14.

The sessions are to be open to all interested persons, with F. L. Timmons, weed investigator for the USDA's Bureau of Plant Industry, Logan, Utah, featured as a speaker.

Practically every phase of weed control will be hit upon during the two-day affair which is chairmanned by Jack Sather, a Clatskanie farmer.

Plumber Likes View

HOLLYWOOD—It all started, actress Christine Larson told the police, when Herbert Kubowitz came to her home to repair some plumbing.

Then, she said yesterday, Kubowitz bought the house next door, moved in and offered to fix her porch, build her a garage and fix her plumbing—all for free. He was turned down.

Miss Larson, who has more than an adequate figure, added that he then cut down all the shrubbery and "he used to sit and look over here all the time. When I put up a trellis, he put up a spotlight facing my place. I made the trellis higher and then he put up a periscope."

The police informed her there is no anti-periscope ordinance here.

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Met Opens 68th Season

TURIN, Italy—A member of a pro-Communist political party Friday night declared that Turin's Red-allied Chamber of Labor has "lost tens of thousands of members" to anti-Communist trade unions in recent months.

Speaking at a general meeting of the chamber, Nazario Nazari, a member of the small pro-Communist party of Christian Unity, said:

"Something must be wrong, otherwise we wouldn't have lost tens of thousands of members. If our basic policies are not wrong, what is needed is a radical change of methods of activity."

Nazari did not elaborate and there was no comment from other chamber leaders.

Met Opens 68th Season

NEW YORK—The Metropolitan Opera Company opens its 68th season tonight with the Verdi opera "La Forza del Destino."

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