

TIDBITS FROM EVERYWHERE

**Strictly Confidential**

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**The Real Difference . . .**

Dr. Chaim Weizmann unquestionably is the most realistic leader in Zionism today . . . It's an open secret that he is prepared to accept an increase in the immigration quota for Palestine even if it should mean "to forego debate for some time regarding future statehood" . . . The quotes are from a recent letter from Weizmann to Prof. Chaim E. Chernowitz . . . In other words, Weizmann is primarily concerned about saving the DP's stagnating in concentration camps.

**The Jewish Aspect . . .**

The Garsson brothers and ex-Congressman May were found guilty—and rightly so—on charges of graft in their work for the government during the war . . . The Garsson case, however, was a minor matter in comparison with the war-profiteering scandals in the billion-dollar class . . . Now the Garsson brothers were Jews, and as such were resented, because Jews are not supposed to break into the big munitions game . . . There is a similarity between the Garsson case and the case against Bernard J. Marcus of the Bank of the United States some fifteen years ago . . . Marcus was sentenced to jail and his bank closed, although the receivers were able to reimburse the depositors to the extent of well over 90 per cent of their so-called losses . . . But there too a definite Jewish angle came into play . . . Jews are far from welcome in the big banking game . . . It will always remain a mystery why a Jewish banker and a Jewish munitions maker were selected as the targets when non-Jewish culprits had much more to answer for . . . Not that we condone the actions of the Garssons at all . . . They deserved their punishment . . . But where are the other culprits? What about Senator Bilbo's entanglements in big war contract deals, to mention just one instance? . . . President Roosevelt, while still Governor of New York, admitted to us in a private interview that there was a Jewish aspect in the Marcus case . . . Well, there was a big Jewish angle in the Garsson case, and we still are waiting for the bigger offenders to be brought to the bar of justice.

**Showdown Required . . .**

Some time ago the American Jewish Committee asked the House un-American Activities Committee to investigate the activities of George W. Armstrong of Natchez, Miss., and Ft. Worth, Texas . . . Armstrong is a very rich oil operator who has established the Armstrong Foundation, which is spreading prejudice against Negroes and Jews . . . Armstrong is a great admirer of Representative John E. Rankin, and apparently has no fear of any investigation . . . But Jewish and non-Jewish pro-democratic organizations should back the American Jewish Committee's request for a showdown on Armstrong.

**Miscellany . . .**

Joseph Brainin, newly elected chairman of the administrative board of the Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists, is readying a novel for publication next spring . . . Paul Muni will appear on Broadway in 1948 in an Ibsen play . . . Marc Chagall is seriously considering residence in the USSR for at least one year . . . Rubin Saltzman, general secretary of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, is leaving for Palestine in September, in connection with a new donation to the Hadassah hospital . . . Albert Einstein has been ordered to take a complete rest—not even letter-writing is permitted him—during the summer . . . Arthur Koestler, author of "Thieves in the Night," will be visiting America in the coming winter . . . The Rev. Richard E. Evans, dynamic fighter against prejudice, has fully recovered, we understand, after being knocked down by a Fifth ave. bus a few weeks ago.

**Flash!**

If the United Nations commission decides against a Jewish state, look for a dramatic political-military coup by the Irgun in Palestine . . . Blueprints are ready for taking over the government—unless, of course, the Jewish Agency succeeds in preventing the coup.

**68 Organizations Get VA Authority On Veterans' Claims**

Sixty-eight organizations are authorized to represent veterans in the presentation and prosecution of claims against Veterans Administration, according to the latest VA list.

They have been recognized by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs under section 200, Public Law 844, 74th Congress, for the presentation of veterans' claims in connection with the statutes administered by VA.

VA is now authorized, in general, to recognize only state or governmental services, or organizations granted a charter or recognition by an act of Congress.

Organizations included in the list which have local representatives in Miami or Florida, are:

American Legion; American Red Cross; AMVETS (American Veterans of World War II); AVC (American Veterans committee); JWV (Jewish War Veterans); National Jewish Welfare board (YMHA), and the Florida State Veterans commission.

**Schwartz Is Featured On WINZ Yiddish Hour**

Maurice Schwartz, leading actor, producer and director of the Yiddish stage, will be the featured performer this Sunday at noon on the "Yiddish Classical Hour," weekly broadcast of traditional Yiddish and Hebrew songs and recitations over Station WINZ.

M. Nasatir, director of the program, has announced that he will present a recording by Schwartz of "A Chazn A Shiker," well-known humorous monologue. Also featured will be a recording, made in Tel Aviv by the Palestinian quartet "Hazomer," of a traditional Chassidic dance.

Other numbers to be aired will include renditions by Aaron Lebedeff, Seymour Reichtzeit and Menashe Oppenheim.

**Pioneer Women Hail Musical Evening Success**

More than 200 persons were guests of the Pioneer Women's club No. 2, of Miami, at a dinner and musical evening held last Sunday night, July 13, at the Workmen's Circle lyceum, 25 Washington ave., according to Mrs. Lena Mintzes, chairlady of the event.

Jacob Schechter, director of the WBAY Jewish Radio Hour, acted as master of ceremonies for a program which included Mrs. Albert Naness, soprano, and Mrs. E. Cameron, pianist.

**Morris Alpert Is Injured In Automobile Collision**

Morris Alpert, 3930 N. Meridian ave., Miami Beach, was taken to Alton Road hospital Tuesday morning, July 15, with a possible fracture, as the result of a head-on collision on Lake Pancoast dr.

Alpert is a building contractor and a member of the firm of Kahn and Alpert, 420 Lincoln rd.

**NBC Radio Show Will Broadcast Herzl Vignette**

In tribute to Theodor Herzl, founder and guiding spirit of the modern Zionist movement, the Eternal Light program will present "Herzl and the Minstrel," by Arnold Perl, on Sunday, July 20, over Station WIOD at 10:30 a.m., to commemorate the 43rd anniversary of Herzl's death.

The Eternal Light, a coast-to-coast radio program presented under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, is a public service presentation of the National Broadcasting Co. Dr. Moshe Davis is program editor.

Although Theodor Herzl stud-

ied for a legal career, the world of letters captured him so completely that within a year he withdrew from legal practise. An appointment as Paris correspondent for the Neue Freie Press, the most distinguished newspaper in the Austro-Hungarian empire, climaxed his journalistic career in 1892. In Paris, his ideas on the dilemma of world Jewry developed and found expression.

"Herzl and the Minstrel" tells of the impact of Herzl's personality upon the Austrian town of Alt Austee where he spent some time.

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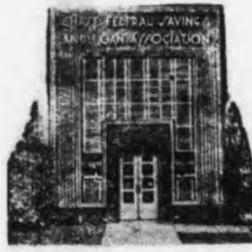
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