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## DE GAULLE REPORTED MULLING FORMATION OF 'PALESTINIAN FEDERATION'

CASABLANCA, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- General Charles de Gaulle, president of France, was reported here today allegedly planning to suggest the formation of a "Palestinian Federation" as a solution to the current Arab-Israeli conflict. The report was printed here today by Maroc Information, a French-language daily newspaper.

Agence France Presse, the official French news agency, declared here in commenting on this report: "The relationship between Arab countries and Israel is one of the basic problems being considered both by the French Government and by Gen. de Gaulle himself. Paris thinks that, if geopolitical errors occurred when the State of Israel was created - one must now consider the situation a fait accompli, and try to find a solution within the framework of the problem as it stands now."

Asking what kind of "Palestinian Federation" could be created, the agency continues in its comment: "Such a federation seems an impossibility in the near future. Yet one must mention that many Arab representatives unofficially describe the situation as an evil that cannot be cured by a war limited to the Middle East-- any such war would go much further than that."

## ISRAEL PRIME MINISTER EULOGIZES CHURCHILL IN KNESSET ADDRESS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol eulogized Sir Winston Churchill in an address before the Knesset (Parliament) today.

"From the start of his political life," Mr. Eshkol told Parliament, "Churchill backed the struggle for Jewish rights and the right of the Jews to rebuild their own Homeland. Throughout his long career, he remained faithful to his basic, unshakable friendship. As long ago as 60 years ago, he fought against the Aliens Act, which smacked of anti-Jewish discrimination. He drew his opposition to Nazism and anti-Semitism from the depths of his religious and humanitarian concepts."

The Premier noted that Winston Churchill supported Zionism "since the beginning of the century." Mrs. Beba Idelson, acting Speaker of the Knesset, also eulogized Sir Winston in the Parliament. Kol Israel, the government operated radio, devoted special programs to depicting Churchill's life and friendliness to Jews in general and to Zionism specifically. The same tone was taken by the entire press in editorials and special articles, and virtually all the people of Israel joined in showing grief over Churchill's passing.

Plans for Israel's official participation in the obsequies for Churchill were being made today, with a decision expected Wednesday. Under consideration now is an Israeli delegation to consist of President Zalman Shazar; former Premier David Ben-Gurion; and two deputy-directors of the Foreign Ministry, Gen. Y. Herzog and E. Avriel.

Bar-Ilan University, at Ramat Gan, repeated today an announcement made recently that it will establish a Churchill Chair in International Relations. The decision for the establishment of that faculty was taken by the university, after it had received authorization from Sir Winston to use his name for the new Chair. Funds for that faculty will be contributed by the British Friends of Bar-Ilan University.

## LAVON OUSTED FROM HISTADRUT EXECUTIVE; LOSES SEAT FOR QUITTING MAPAI

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Former Histadrut General Secretary Pinhas Lavon -- who was ousted from that post in the Israel Federation of Labor in 1960 -- was removed by the organization's General Council today from membership on that executive body. The vote was 137 in favor of this second ouster, against 99. Approving the motion to remove Mr. Lavon and all of his followers from the Histadrut executive were the members belonging to Mapai and the religious parties.

The removal of Mr. Lavon from the executive was ordered due to the fact that he had recently quit the Mapai Party, forming his own political faction, Min Hayesod. The General Council stated in its resolution today that any member of the executive who quits his party relinquishes, thereby, his post in Histadrut's governing body. Mr. Lavon who, in 1955, lost his seat as Defense Minister on charges that he had been responsible for a "security mishap," and found himself ousted from the Histadrut leadership in 1960, remained, nevertheless, a member of the executive until now.

## LEADERS OF SPANISH JEWRY RECEIVED BY FRANCO; LEGAL RIGHTS DISCUSSED

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish communities in Madrid and Barcelona were received by Generalissimo Francisco Franco, and asked him to grant legal recognition to Jewish communities in Spain, the New York Times reported today from Madrid.

The audience, which was not publicized, took place last Wednesday at the Prado Palace, General Franco's residence. The Jewish community of Madrid was represented by its president, Max Mazin. The Barcelona Jewish community was represented by Alberto Levi. There are today about 5,000 Jews in Spain, most of whom live in Barcelona. Less than 2,000 live in Madrid. They worship under a "statement of tolerance" enacted in 1945, but their places of worship are not marked as synagogues. Legal recognition by the state would enable the Jewish communities to own property, to be parties in legal proceedings and to enjoy broader rights.

General Franco, the report from Madrid said, promised to examine the request of the two Jewish community leaders. It was the first time in 473 years that a head of Spain had officially received representatives of Spanish Jewry. In 1492 Rabbi Isaac Abravanel, the Jewish scholar who had served King Ferdinand as an aide, pleaded with the King unsuccessfully for the revocation of the decree expelling the Jews from Spain.

Mr. Mazin told the Times correspondent that the audience was cordial and that the Jewish community leaders who presented their request to General Franco are now waiting for a reply. Under the present law, Jews can act only as individuals in regard to communal property and legal affairs. In this respect the situation of the Jews is not much different than the status of other non-Catholic religions in the country. However, some steps have already been taken to recognize the Protestant religion officially.

A high Spanish Government official was quoted as saying: "There is no anti-Semitism and no Jewish problem in Spain. We respect and like the Jews." He also revealed that negotiations are now being conducted with the West German Government for payment of reparations to Sephardic Jews who lost their property in Salonika, during the Nazi regime. Those negotiations, nearing completion, are being conducted by Foreign Minister Fernando Maria Castiella y Maiz, an advocate of interfaith harmony in Spain. The Spanish Government has recently shown interest in Sephardic communities in other countries, because it considers the Sephardim as descendants of the Jews from Spain.

## BERLIN MAYOR ADVOCATES CONTINUED PROSECUTION OF NAZI CRIMINALS

BONN, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt, one of the leaders of the Social Democratic Party, said in a statement in the German press today that the Government must find ways for prosecuting Nazi war criminals beyond the May 8 cut-off date, when the present statute of limitations for such trials goes into effect.

"The Federal Government," he stated, "must take a stand which would be morally, politically and legally unobjectionable. The Germans are dutybound to take seriously the concern expressed on this subject outside Germany. There are still areas where murders were committed and which have not been looked into. Others can help us here. But no one can take the task from us. It is also doubtful whether all this work can be dealt with before May 8."

### Jews in Poland Appeal to Fight Germany's Ending of Nazi Prosecutions

LONDON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- An appeal to Jews everywhere to fight with "the utmost determination" the application on May 8 in West Germany of the statute of limitations on prosecution of German war criminals has been issued by the executive council of the Jewish Social and Cultural Association in Poland, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

The statement said there was not much time left and that if nothing was done within the next three months, thousands of "brutal war criminals will go scot free." Noting that many had already made protests, including Israel's Parliament, the appeal added: "There must be no let-up. Jews must mobilize all democratic and progressive forces in the world to defeat this attempt to absolve war criminals of their guilt."

### Belgian Jews Demand Extension by Germany of Statute of Limitations

BRUSSELS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Union of Resistance of Belgian Jews presented today to the West German Ambassador in Belgium a resolution strongly protesting the refusal of the West German Government to extend the effective date of the statute of limitations for murder past May 8.

The resolution, addressed to the West German Government, said Belgian Jews were deeply shocked at the prospect of Nazi criminals escaping prosecution, asserting that the crimes of the Nazis could not be equated with common law crimes. It stressed that for moral, political and legal reasons, the application of the statute was "unthinkable." Copies of the protest were sent to Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak and to leaders of the principal political parties in Belgium.

### 68 U. S. CONGRESSMEN PETITION GERMANY TO EXTEND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A petition signed by 68 members of the House of Representatives asking the West German Parliament to extend the statute of limitations for Nazi war criminals beyond the May 8 cut-off date has been sent to Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the Bundestag, and to Dr. George Diedericks, Bundesrat president. It was announced here today by Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. The bodies are, respectively, the lower and upper houses of West Germany's Parliament, at Bonn.

The petition, which was signed by members of both parties, warned that Nazi criminals might return to West Germany if the statute were allowed to take effect and that international repercussions might follow. Noting that the appeal was unusual, the petition said that the solemnity of the matter dictated the action.

### CATHOLIC-JEWISH FRICTION OVER CHURCH-STATE PROBLEMS FORESEEN

LATROBE, Pa., Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A Catholic priest-editor tonight appealed to his fellow Christians "to dissipate the multitudinous misconceptions and lying fables that Christians have often used in the past to justify their harsh treatment of Jews. The Rev. John Sheerin, editor of the Catholic World, declared that "there is unquestionably a latent anti-Semitism in many Catholic circles in the U. S.," and called for a "wide-ranging study" of its origin.

Father Sheerin spoke at the opening session of a four-day closed-door Jewish Catholic Colloquy at St. Vincent Benedictine Archabbey, sponsored jointly by the American Benedictine Academy and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He declared that, for Catholics, the recent Ecumenical Council's statement on the Jews "is an act of contrition."

Father Sheerin warned against a "new breeding-ground of anti-Semitism" in the continuing opposition between Catholics and Jews over Church-State matters. "When (the Jew) looks with suspicion on governmental aid to religion," he explained, "it is not that he fears religion in public life, but that he fears that religion will take the form of Christian religion. He remembers what official Christianity has done to him in the past."

The Catholic editor conceded that "the argument advanced by many Jews for taking religion out of public life is a cogent one." He urged Catholics "to keep our eyes fixed on the freedom of the Jewish conscience." He warned that "the prospect is that there will be constant friction between Catholics and Jews in the future over these Church-State problems." But he saw hope that "if we have mutual respect for each other's freedom of conscience, these conflicts can become creative and constructive."

#### Catholics and Jews Discuss Misunderstandings in Religions

DOBBS FERRY, N. Y., Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The charge that parts of the New Testament had "fostered anti-Semitism among believing Christians throughout the centuries," was voiced here yesterday at an all-day meeting of 150 Catholic and Jewish leaders at Mercy College, called to discuss differences and misunderstandings between the Christian and Jewish religions.

The charge was made by Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, of Cleveland. He said that the Gospels were "polemical in character" and that the Gospel of John inspired anti-Semitism. The principal Catholic speaker, James V. O'Gara, managing editor of Commonweal magazine, did not attempt to minimize Christian responsibility for anti-Semitism, but maintained that the real cause of anti-Semitism was the "perversion" of true Christian doctrine, rather than the doctrine itself.

### FEDERAL PROSECUTION OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY DEMANDED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Rep. Charles Joelson, New Jersey Democrat, today demanded Federal prosecution of the American Nazi Party for conspiracy to breach the peace. The Congressman sent a detailed letter to United States Attorney David Acheson, listing 17 flagrant instances of "violence, disorder, or incitement to riot" committed by the American Nazi Party in the District of Columbia.

Declaring that "such things do not just happen," the Congressman said Nazi provocations reflected "a systematic design or pattern of the American Nazi Party through its leader, George Lincoln Rockwell." It has been the contention of Rep. Joelson that District of Columbia authorities have been lax and soft in their handling of the small but militant Nazi group.

### CANADIAN TELEVISION STATION PICKETED FOR INTERVIEWING NEO NAZIS

TORONTO, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- While 50 pickets marched outside the studios of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. here, carrying placards warning against the perils of neo-Nazism, two local, self-proclaimed neo-Nazi leaders were interviewed on the CBC television network here this weekend. The men are David Stanley and John Ross Taylor. Both men were subjected to severe criticisms of their points of view by former victims of Nazism who also appeared on the program.

### JEWISH AGENCY ANNOUNCES 50 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR A YEAR'S STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency announced today that 50 scholarships are again available this year to qualified American Jewish young men and women between the ages of 18 and 25, for a year's study in Israel in the fields of Judaica and Hebraica at the Hayim Greenberg Study Institute. The scholarships, which are sponsored by the Agency's Department of Education and Culture, include tuition and full maintenance in Israel. The students are expected to pay their own transportation to and from Israel.

The program is open to young persons involved or interested in Jewish education and community work. Named in honor of the late American Zionist leader, Hayim Greenberg, the Institute also accommodates an additional 50 students annually from other parts of the world, mainly from Latin American countries.

The Institute has also been added to the Israel Study Program of the Student Zionist Organization, along with the Hebrew University, the Bezalel School of Art and the Rubin Academy of Music. Students in this program may choose seven months of study at one of the schools or work in his professional field of interest in the cities or development areas.

### N. Y. COLLEGES GET \$475,000 FROM JEWISH FUND FOR GRANTS TO STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Two bequests totaling \$475,000 were presented today to Hunter and City Colleges in New York from the estate of the late Max Richter, a Jewish industrialist who died in 1945, to provide grants and loans for deserving students. The gifts, \$237,500 each, will be administered through a Max and Reba Richter Fund at each college. Buell G. Gallagher, president of City College, said that the fund "will provide many gifted students with an opportunity to stay in school in spite of financial need."

Mr. Richter was born in Germany in 1859 and came to the United States at the age of 10. In 1889 he attended classes at City College for three days but had to leave for financial reasons and could not afford to continue. He later became a manufacturer of hosiery and motion picture theater owner. The gifts were transmitted to the colleges by Charles Segal, the executor of Mr. Richter's estate. Mr. Segal is a member of the class of 1919 at City College.

### MONROE GOLDWATER, SAMUEL HAUSMAN RE-ELECTED TO HEAD NEW YORK U. J. A.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Monroe Goldwater and Samuel Hausman were re-elected president and chairman respectively, of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York this weekend. The two leaders were installed by Mayor Robert F. Wagner. Also elected to head the 1965 campaign were the following general chairmen: Sol Cantor, Gustave L. Levy, Albert Parker, Lawrence Schacht and Theodore H. Silber.

### CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUES TO CONVENE ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH EDUCATORS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Problems in religious school curriculums dealing with instruction in customs, ceremonies, prayers and observances will be dealt with at the 13th annual convention of the Educators Assembly of the Conservative United Synagogue to be held March 28-31 in Kiamesha Lake, N. Y.

Educators from synagogues throughout the country will attend the convention which will feature addresses by Rabbi Bernard Segal, executive director of the United Synagogue; Zvi Scharfstein, professor emeritus of education at the Teachers Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary; and Dr. Morton Siegel, head of the department of education of the United Synagogue.

### DOMINICAN-ISRAELI CULTURAL INSTITUTE INAUGURATED IN SANTO DOMINGO

SANTO DOMINGO, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Dominican-Israeli Cultural Institute was inaugurated here with the participation of the President of the Republic, government ministers and the Diplomatic Corps. In his address, the President, Dr. Donald Reid Cabral, referred to his visit to Israel of 1963.

"Ours was not a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, he said, "we wanted to see the modern State of Israel. We were attracted by its small size. The success stories of the great nations are frequently a consequence of their vastness. We wanted to visit the country which among the small nations has a reputation of being the most advanced." He praised the work done by Israeli experts in the reclamation of the Azua region.

Israel Ambassador Beniamin Varon paid tribute to the vice-president of the Institute, Dr. Max Henriquez Urena, who as Dominican ambassador had voted for the partition resolution in 1947, and the Institute's president, Dr. Enrique Marchena, who as Dominican Ambassador to the United Nations, was among the very few who did not vote in favor of the resolution demanding that Israel withdraw its troops from the Sinai Peninsula.