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## De Gaulle's Embargo On Israel Denounced By Backers Of Pompidou And Poher

PARIS, May 14 (JTA) -- The secretary-general of the Independent Republican Party, a group which is supporting the Gaullist candidate, former Premier Georges Pompidou, for the French Presidency, called yesterday on all the Presidential candidates to declare themselves publicly on the embargo on arms and military supplies for Israel imposed by former President Charles de Gaulle.

Michel Poniatowsky, the Independent Republican leader, sharply attacked the embargo in a speech at a commemoration of Israel's 21st anniversary organized by the France-Israel Alliance. He said that to enforce an embargo against "an ally which is also an outpost of Europe in the Mediterranean is both unjust and dangerous." He said that such a measure "undermines the moral credit of France and the country's economy."

M. Poniatowsky's attack on the de Gaulle embargo was echoed by Jean Lecanuet, president of the Democratic Center, a principal supporter of Acting President Alain Poher's candidacy. M. Lecanuet, speaking at the same function, asserted that "for millions of Frenchmen, friendship for Israel is still very much alive. We all hope that the embargo will be lifted after June 15th." The second and final round of the Presidential elections will be held on that date and the new President of France named then.

A new protest was registered today by Pierre Bloch, president of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, over the alleged failure of the Foreign Ministry to investigate reports that the French envoy to the United Nations, Ambassador Armand Berard, had made anti-Semitic statements in comments on the defeat of President de Gaulle in the French referendum last month.

### Israelis Gratified By Poher's Decision To Seek Presidency

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA) -- There was no official comment in Jerusalem today on the announcement that France's Interim President Alain Poher would seek election as successor to President Charles de Gaulle, but Israelis familiar with French affairs expressed gratification.

A highly placed Israeli official said that the election of M. Poher would mean that ties between France and Israel would become even closer than they were before June, 1967 when France was the chief source of arms for Israel and there was an intense scientific, cultural and industrial cooperation between the two nations.

### Israelis Await Invitation To France's Annual Air Show

TEL AVIV, May 14 (JTA) -- Israelis were waiting today for one of the first signs of a Franco-Israeli thaw in the wake of President Charles de Gaulle's resignation. The question was: Will Israel be invited to France's annual air show after all?

Retired Gen. Maurice Perdrizet, former French Air Force commander and a leader in the French aircraft industry, arrived yesterday as a guest of Israel's aircraft industry. Reliable circles said he brought invitations to Army officers for the show, to which Israel had not been invited this year for the first time since the show's inception.

Invitations to other countries had gone out to "Salon Aeronautique," an event organized by the Defense Ministry to display the latest advances in France's aviation industry. A communique issued by the air show authorities recently said that none of the combatants in the 1967 war had been invited, including Egypt, Jordan and Syria. The decision not to invite Israel, whose Air Force was formerly the French aircraft industry's major foreign customer, apparently had been made by the former President.

Official Israeli circles hinted yesterday that even if Gen. Perdrizet brought invitations, only a symbolic Israeli mission would be sent instead of the large one which used to go. The show is slated for next month. The three Arab states who had not received invitations this year, observers pointed out, were never French aircraft customers and never took an active role in the show as Israel had done.

## Eban Reiterates Opposition To Four Power Talks, Fears Israel Cannot Benefit

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban reiterated in Israel's Parliament today his lack of faith in the Four Power talks currently proceeding at the United Nations in New York and his fear that they will produce a settlement proposal harmful to Israel. Replying to a question in the Knesset, Mr. Eban said that whatever the Four Powers decided could not be for the good of Israel since the talks had been initiated by the Soviet Union, the major supporter of the Arabs.

Foreign Ministry officials said tonight that they had no knowledge confirming press reports that the Four Powers were on the verge of drawing up new terms of reference for Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations special envoy for the Middle East. Dr. Jarring's efforts to get the Arab

states and Israel to negotiate a settlement were temporarily shelved when the Big Four began their talks. According to press reports, the representatives of the Big Four had failed to reach agreement on the basic issues and were therefore drafting new recommendations for Dr. Jarring which would leave resolution of the major issues to the countries of the region.

Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin was expected to return from Washington shortly for consultations, it was learned today. Moshe Bitan, assistant director-general of the Foreign Ministry, who has been in the United States for some weeks, was expected to return with him.

(In Washington, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey told a United Jewish Appeal yesterday that he was "amazed at Israel's restraint" in limiting its reprisals for Arab provocations. He said that Israel had greater need today for help than in June, 1967. He said he would not oppose the Four Power talks on a Mideast peace but warned that "an imposed peace is no peace." Mr. Humphrey called for Mideast arms control, as well as guaranteed Israeli sovereignty, an equitable boundary settlement and Israeli navigational rights in international waters..

(In Montreal, Lester B. Pearson, former Canadian Prime Minister and a Nobel Peace Prize winner, said yesterday that direct Arab-Israel negotiations constituted the best path toward peace. But this procedure, he said, seems "quite impossible" today and the next best approach to direct talks is mediation by UN envoy Jarring and Big Four support of his efforts. Mr. Pearson was honored by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute at a dinner at which it was announced that a chair in protein science at the Institute in Rehovot had been named for him.

(A peace settlement, Mr. Pearson said, must give Israel security within acceptable boundaries and contain an explicit and formal recognition of her existence as a sovereign state. "Until her right to exist is recognized by her neighbors, there can be no peace that means anything more than an uneasy truce--and perhaps not even that," he said. Mr. Pearson is now chairman of the International Commission on Development of the World Bank. He won the Nobel Prize in 1957 for his efforts to bring peace to the Mideast, including establishment of the UN Emergency Force, following the Sinai War..

(In New York, Rep. John B. Anderson, Illinois Republican, who is chairman of the House Republican Conference Committee, expressed opposition to an imposed Mideast settlement by the Big Four, declaring that their talks merely provided the Arabs with an excuse to avoid direct talks with Israel for peace. He also told the annual New York Metropolitan Assembly of the Zionist Organization of America that a lasting peace requires full U.S. support for "a contractual peace settlement freely and sincerely entered into by both the Arabs and Israelis."

(Rep. Anderson, who is also second ranking member of the House Rules Committee, said neither the parties involved nor the world could "afford a continuation of the fragile and explosive arrangement that has brought us to the brink of World War III in the past 20 years." He described as "not negotiable" the central issue of "unreserved recognition by the Arabs of Israel's sovereignty and territory.")

### Israeli Jets Hit Saboteur Base; 3 Soldiers Die, 4 Wounded In Fighting At Canal

TEL AVIV, May 14 (JTA) -- Israeli Air Force planes attacked tonight a saboteur base about a mile east of the Jordan River opposite Kfar Ruppim in the Beisan Valley. Officials said the action lasted 15 minutes and all planes returned safely to bases.

On Israel's other main front, two Israeli soldiers were mortally wounded in an Egyptian mortar attack in the Qantar area in the Suez Canal zone. Another soldier was wounded in a virtual day-long artillery duel today across the Canal. An Israeli soldier was killed yesterday when his vehicle was hit north of Qantara by an Egyptian anti-tank shell. Three other soldiers were wounded in an artillery duel yesterday.. Israel blamed Egypt for starting the exchange.

One saboteur was killed last night when he tried to blow up a field shed in the Golan Heights. Four mines, hand grenades and a Soviet-made rifle were found on his body. Previously Israel had reported that three guerrillas were killed yesterday north of the Damiya bridge in the Jordan Valley, after they were observed fording the Jordan River. No Israeli casualties were reported in that encounter. A curfew was imposed last night in Jenin on the West Bank after two Israelis were injured by bullets fired at them as they rode Jenin's main road.

Reports from the Egyptian port of Suez indicated today that the Egyptians were dismantling the two large refineries in the area which were severely damaged in recent artillery duels along the Canal. The two refineries, El Nassar and Suez, reportedly had been refining 80 percent of Egypt's oil consumption. Officials said that it appeared the Egyptians had decided to move the refineries farther inside Egypt and out of range of Israeli artillery. Sources here said that the action may indicate a belief among Egyptian officials that the current war-no war situation along the Suez Canal will last indefinitely.

### Begin Celebrations Marking 2nd Anniversary Of Reunification Of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA) -- Celebrations to mark the second anniversary (on the Hebrew calendar) of the unification of Jerusalem began today with the naming of a main road leading through a new housing project there for the late Premier Levi Eshkol.

## Newark Police Arrest Man, Seek Second, In Alleged Panther Plot Aimed At Dr. Prinz

NEWARK, May 14 (JTA) -- Police yesterday announced the arrest of one man and a continued search for a second who allegedly were involved in a Black Panther plot to extort \$5,000 from Dr. Joachim Prinz, former president of the American Jewish Congress and a leading civil rights advocate. According to police, the money was being sought to pay for legal aid for "a brother" identified as "the enforcer." His identity was not disclosed.

The alleged plotters did not reach Dr. Prinz, 67, who is rabbi of Temple B'nai Abraham here. Two men abducted Alfred Whittiers, 32, custodian of the synagogue, in his car on Friday, at gunpoint. Police said they demanded Dr. Prinz' address in Orange, N.J., a suburb, under threat to kill the custodian. But the custodian refused to give in and he was released unharmed an hour later some distance from the synagogue. Dr. Prinz called the custodian "a real hero" who gave the alleged abductors neither the rabbi's address or telephone number.

The police said Ralph Cobb, 20, Jersey City, was arrested there yesterday on a Newark warrant charging him with threatening to kill and kidnapping. Police said Cobb's car was full of Black Panther literature and posters. Dr. Prinz said he did not know the motives of the two men.

## Students In Los Angeles Form Activist Unit, Oppose Anti-Zionist Radicalism

LOS ANGELES, May 14 (JTA) -- Four students at Los Angeles City College and California State College of Los Angeles have announced formation of "Concerned Jewish Youth" as an activist force in the interest of the Jewish community but rejecting any affiliation with the organized Jewish community. An announcement of the organization's establishment said its immediate objective was "the building up of Jewish pride and a Jewish identity, based on our culture, history and heritage which are rooted in Israel and the diaspora." The announcement expressed concern that "many efforts of Jewish youth have been misspent on movements which will in the end be directed against us as Jews."

In its first public declaration, the organization criticized young Jews who support radical movements that condemn Israel as "imperialistic and genocidal" and encourage Israel's enemies. It said it was "hard to understand how Jews can still support radical movements and not raise their voices against anti-Zionist (really synonymous with anti-Jewish) statements as came out of the National Conference for New Politics." It asked how Jews could "support a movement that demands as one of its goals ethnic quota systems in all the institutions of American society." The declaration asserts that "the Jewish radical should show that he is in a middle position and that he is being used. Anti-Semitism has been used in countless societies in which there has been social change and upheaval and revolution."

## Chicago Council Asked To Seek State Legal Ban On Recorded Racist Telephone Messages

CHICAGO, May 14 (JTA) -- Two aldermen have asked the Chicago City Council to investigate means by which state laws could be used to make the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. refuse racist recorded messages after one such message was banned at the request of a United States Attorney.

The Sentinel, an English-Jewish weekly, raised the issue over a message which the weekly charged openly called for extinction of Negroes and Jews. It purportedly had been arranged by the National Socialist White People's Party, successor to the defunct American Nazi Party of the late George Lincoln Rockwell. Donald Sharp, vice-president and general counsel of the telephone firm, told the City Council committee on utilities that "we cannot dictate or censor the contents of any message." The recording was then banned at the request of U.S. Attorney Thomas A. Foran. Alderman Paul T. Wigoda and Ralph H. Metcalfe, in asking for the probe by the council's committee on utilities, indicated that there should be specific legal means to bar such messages.

## New York, Canadian Youth Take Top Prizes In 10th National Bible Contest

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA) -- Two New York young people and one Canadian took top prizes in three categories in the 10th National Bible Contest here under auspices of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Jewish Bible Society. Officials said 120 teenagers from 73 communities in the United States and Canada took part.

Debbie Lander, 14, a student at the Dov Revel Yeshiva in Forest Hills, N.Y. was the winner among 56 finalists in the advanced Hebrew division. Leonard Ouslander, 16, a student at the Tri-County Hebrew School in Metuchen, N.J. won first prize among 21 finalists in the intermediate Hebrew division. Jeff Cooper, 15, a student at Beth Am Hebrew School in Downsview, Ontario, won first prize among 21 finalists in the comprehensive English division. Each won a trip to Israel. Rabbi Emanuel Rackman of New York, chairman of the department's advisory committee, presented each participant with a certificate and a volume of "Views of the Biblical World."

## News In Brief

JERUSALEM, May 14 (JTA) -- Nearly 4,000 tourists from Eastern Europe visited Israel during 1968 and about 40 percent of them were from countries which had broken off diplomatic relations with Israel, the Ministry of Tourism reported. The Ministry said that 113 Russian nationals had visited Israel as tourists as well as 480 Polish nationals, 380 Yugoslav nationals, 245 Hungarians, 600 Czechoslovaks and 2,157 Rumanians. Rumania was the one Eastern European country which did not sever relations with Israel after the Six-Day War.

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LONDON, May 14 (JTA) -- The number of Jewish marriages in Britain failed in 1968 for the third straight year to keep pace with the rising number of marriages in the general population.

## Nixon Administration Is Reviewing Position On Human Rights Treaties, Says Mrs. Hauser

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA) -- The Nixon Administration is reviewing its stand on a series of international human rights treaties, including the United Nations Genocide Convention, which has been tabled by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for a number of years. This was revealed in a speech today by Mrs. Rita E. Hauser, U.S. permanent representative to the UN Human Rights Commission, to the American Jewish Committee, which began its 63rd annual meeting here.

Mrs. Hauser noted that the U.S. had acceded to only two minor treaties among the many human rights convention developed by the Commission and other UN bodies and called the U.S. position "anomalous," "most distressing" and "illustrative of a roadblock to international human rights in countries where political power is decentralized and local prerogatives treasured."

Citing a convention on elimination of all forms of racial discrimination which, while signed by the U.S., has never been submitted to the Senate, Mrs. Hauser said there were constitutional difficulties involved because it required a signatory nation to declare illegal the dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority or hatred, and to prohibit organizations or propaganda activities that promote or incite racial discrimination.

"I firmly believe and have urged within the Administration the view, shared by many, that these difficulties can be overcome by an appropriate reservation to the Convention which we are free to make when ratifying," Mrs. Hauser said. She asserted that some Senators "including very prestigious men on the Foreign Relations Committee," have resisted ratification and added that she believed their reasons to be "totally wrong."

## Will Appeal Decision Denying Orthodox Woman Additional Welfare For Kosher Food

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA) -- An appeal will be filed shortly against a decision by the Kings County (Brooklyn) Supreme Court denying an Orthodox Jewess an additional welfare allowance to buy kosher food, the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA) said today, asserting that constitutional issues were involved.

Mrs. Sonia Stark of Brooklyn and her six-year-old son, who are receiving welfare benefits under the Aid to Dependent Children Federal program, applied initially to the State Social Services Department for the additional allowance. She was represented by Harvey Schwartz, chairman of the committee on social services of COLPA, an organization formed to protect the legal rights of Orthodox Jews. The state agency rejected the request last October, though finding that kosher food can be more costly than non-kosher food and that Mrs. Stark's welfare allowance was insufficient to buy an adequate amount of kosher food.

Kings County Supreme Court Justice Carmine Ventiera heard the case on appeal by COLPA from the state social services department's ruling in the first such test case. Justice Ventiera ruled that the rejection by the state agency was not "arbitrary, erroneous or contrary to law." He said he was "sympathetic to the petitioner's plight" and suggested Mrs. Stark could ask for help from a number of Jewish organizations.

Mr. Schwartz, in announcing plans to appeal to the Appellate Division, said that Justice Ventiera "failed" to give even token consideration to "grave constitutional questions" which COLPA raised. He said that the social services department gives additional aid to recipients with special medical needs and to pregnant women, as well as a special "restaurant allowance" to welfare recipients who are unable to prepare meals at home. He added that no evidence was introduced at the hearing before Justice Ventiera "that any major Jewish organizations are willing to assist Orthodox Jews" in such situations and that, in any event, "it is the responsibility of the state to provide adequate welfare benefits to its citizens."

Mr. Schwartz said one element of the appeal is the COLPA contention that the statute on welfare should be construed in such a way as to meet that responsibility for Mrs. Stark. He added that two constitutional issues are involved. One involves the First Amendment on free exercise of religion, and the other the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

## Adolph Held Dies At 84, Served On 'Forward,' In Labor Posts And Organizations

NEW YORK, May 14 (JTA) -- Adolph Held, long identified with the Jewish Daily Forward and for more than 30 years national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, died today at 84. He had served the Jewish community in many capacities.

Mr. Held, who came to the United States in 1892, had served as city editor of the Forward, a Yiddish-language daily newspaper, from 1908 to 1912, and was general manager twice, from 1912 to 1920 and from 1962 until his retirement at the end of 1967. He also served as the paper's business manager and was president of the Forward Association. Mr. Held also had been chairman of radio station WEVD here.

He had a second career in banking and labor. He served as president of the Amalgamated Bank from 1925 to 1945 and was for many years director of the health and welfare department of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, a post to which he had been invited by former president David Dubinsky. Mr. Held was a director of Hias (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) in Europe from 1920 to 1925, helping many thousands of Jews to emigrate to the United States after World War I. He served as a member of the presidium of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, and was a vice chairman of the World ORT Federation. He also served the Joint Distribution Committee. Mr. Held died at the Workman's Circle Home and Hospital for the Aged in the Bronx. Services were being arranged today.