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Israelis Hope Election Of Pompidou As French President Will Herald Resumption of 'Dialogue'

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- Israeli diplomatic circles expressed the hope today that the election of Georges Pompidou as President of France would herald the resumption of the Franco-Israeli "dialogue" which was cut off by former President Charles de Gaulle after the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Their hope was based on the expectation that M. Pompidou, although a Gaullist, will be able to follow a more independent line by virtue of his landslide victory and the belief that he is more inclined to listen to Israel's side than was his predecessor and is personally more favorably disposed toward Israel than Gen. de Gaulle.

The subjects that would constitute a hoped-for Franco-Israeli "dialogue" are, according to diplomats here, the approaches of both countries towards peace in the Middle East; the de Gaulle embargo on military equipment and spare parts to Israel, especially the 50 Mirage V jets which Israel has paid for but remain undelivered; and the question of Israel's application for associate membership in the European Common Market which France has opposed for the past two years.

It was learned that Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban has been holding preliminary talks with French Ambassador Francis Hure for the past two weeks as a first step toward warming up Franco-Israeli diplomatic activity which has been frozen since June, 1967. According to Israeli officials Mr. Eban is exploring ways of getting the "dialogue" re-started in his talks with the French envoy. He has expressed the hope that relations between the two countries would begin with a new approach, not weighed down by events of the past two years.

The resumption of normal relations with France, it is believed here, would involve a visit to Paris by Premier Golda Meir and one by Mr. Eban as soon as President-elect Pompidou appoints his new Prime Minister and his Cabinet.

But Israel's attempts to edge France away from the Mideast stance taken by Gen. de Gaulle are likely to be prolonged and difficult, knowledgeable diplomats said. It is already abundantly clear that the new French President will depend for some time on the orthodox Gaullist members of his party and on the good-will of the General, despite his electoral majority, they said. Israel's chances of success will depend in large measure on the men whom M. Pompidou names to his Cabinet, particularly the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Minister of Defense. France's current Foreign Minister, Michael Debre, declared before the election that "France's foreign policy will continue along the lines laid down by Gen. de Gaulle." It is not known whether M. Debre will retain his post in the new Government. Another factor influencing Israel's chances to improve relations with France will be the general direction of French policy on such questions as Europe and the Atlantic Alliance. One of Israel's objectives is to shift France to a more neutral attitude on the Middle East at the United Nations and as a participant in the current Four Power talks.

Landslide Victory Seen As Sign Of Favor For Broad de Gaulle Policies

PARIS, June 16 (JTA) -- The landslide victory of M. Pompidou in the run-off election indicated to political observers here that French voters still favor the broad policies of former President Charles de Gaulle but without the arbitrariness and inflexibility of the 78-year-old general on such issues as the Middle East, Britain's entry into the European Common Market and France's relations with NATO.

M. Pompidou won nearly 58 percent of the vote to defeat interim President Alain Poher and succeed Gen. de Gaulle as President of the Fifth Republic for the next seven years.

On the Middle East, the consensus of informed opinion here is that the new President will edge away from the openly pro-Arab stance taken by Gen. de Gaulle and move closer to true neutrality in the Arab-Israel conflict. These sources say that French public opinion favors Israel and M. Pompidou is far less willing than Gen. de Gaulle to scorn the polls. They also point out that the period of M. Pompidou's Premiership in the de Gaulle Government was one in which Franco-Israeli relations were never better.

But most knowledgeable informants do not see any immediate, concrete moves by President-elect Pompidou such as lifting the embargo on aircraft, military equipment and spare parts which his predecessor imposed against Israel and, ostensibly, against the Arab belligerents in the June, 1967 Six-Day War.

Pro-Israel circles here hope that M. Pompidou may ease the embargo sufficiently to permit the delivery of Mirage V jets which Israel bought and paid for in full over a year ago but are still being held in a French warehouse. Those hopes appeared to have been dashed last week when M. Pompidou, on the eve of the elections, said he favored a general arms embargo on all the belligerents in the June, 1967 war and thought that no country should supply war materials or equipment to either side.

That statement, in an interview published in the newspaper L'Aurore, was M. Pompidou's most

explicit on the Middle East during the campaign. He specifically exempted Lebanon from any arms embargo on the grounds that that country was not a belligerent and was "out of the fight." But he left the door open to ease the embargo on Israel when he said that France would reconsider its embargo policy if it turned out that either of the two sides had received arms from France while the ban was in effect. M. Pompidou said he would study the files to make sure that the embargo was being administered fairly because "there can be no double standard for the parties concerned."

Observers here also believe that M. Pompidou will continue to support the Big Four Middle East talks. Bitterly opposed by Israel, the idea of Four Power mediation efforts in the Middle East conflict originated with Gen. de Gaulle who is credited with having persuaded Washington, Moscow and London to go along with them.

See French Jews Voting As Individuals, Not As A Community

PARIS, June 16 (JTA) -- France's Jewish community voted in yesterday's Presidential run-off elections as Frenchmen rather than as Jews, JTA's Paris correspondent Edwin Eytan reports. He said political analysts believe Jews cast their votes for M. Pompidou and Interim President Alain Poher in the same proportion as the general population.

The organized Jewish community took no sides during the election campaign. Jewish leaders have vigorously denied the existence of a "Jewish vote" and say "Jews vote like everyone else and usually in the same proportions." Political analysis seemed to confirm this. They said French Jews made their voting decisions on the basis of economic and political affinities, not as a community.

Sharef Tells Human Needs Parley How Defense Outlay Affects Social Welfare Spending

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- An International Conference on Human Needs in Israel opened here today and was told by Israel's Finance Minister that if the nation could reduce its defense budget by 16 percent, it could by itself solve such social problems as housing, poverty and equal education for all.

But, said Zeev Sharef, Israel cannot afford to cut its defense expenses by so much as six percent, and security needs will continue to account for 40 percent of the national budget.

The conference, co-sponsored by Premier Golda Meir and Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, is being attended by 204 representatives of major fund-raising bodies in the United States and 23 other countries. In the absence of Mrs. Meir, who is attending the conference of the Socialist International in England, Acting Premier Yigal Allon greeted the delegates and delivered the opening speech. Mrs. Meir will address the conference at its closing session on Thursday.

In addition to Mr. Allon and Mr. Sharef, who said Israel will need an annual infusion of over \$140 million to cover the costs of immigrant absorption, education and housing, the conference heard today from Max M. Fischer, a leader of the United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal; Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice chairman; Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of Keren Hayesod, the fund-raising arm of the world Zionist movement; and from Mr. Pincus who chaired the first session. The second session was chaired by Louis J. Fox, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in the United States.

Mr. Fischer, an adviser to President Richard M. Nixon, said the conference was concerned with advancing Israel's most precious resource--its people. He said its aim was to improve facilities for education, immigrant absorption and health services at a time when almost every effort of Israel's Government and citizens must be directed to insuring physical survival in face of continuing hostility from the neighboring Arab lands. He said the goal of the gathering was to "build an Israel marked by excellence in all the arts and sciences of healing, life-giving accomplishments and the ability to advance through great achievements the welfare and betterment of mankind."

Rabbi Friedman told the delegates that material prepared for working groups of the conference indicated that an investment of over a billion dollars was required during the next five years to carry out projects in the fields of immigrant absorption, education and housing.

Dr. Goldstein noted that what he called the "Keren Hayesod community" consisted of some 2.5 million Jews in 54 countries outside of the United States. They are only half as large as the American Jewish community and operate under far greater difficulties, yet last year they contributed \$150 million for Israel, he said.

Mr. Allon, who is Deputy Premier and heads the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, limited his remarks to political issues, outlining Israel's role in the world, her quest for peace and the refusal of the Arab countries to come to terms with Israel. He said, "It would be quite impossible to exaggerate the importance of Diaspora Jewry's assistance in the development and growth of Israel." The peaceful atmosphere in Jerusalem, he said, may have surprised some of the visitors from abroad but it is the same atmosphere that prevails throughout the country. Mr. Allon said this condition was not meant to deny the existence of flare-ups and fighting along the cease-fire lines, but, he added, the Arab terrorists have failed in all of their objectives except one, propaganda. Their aim, Mr. Allon said, was to frighten off immigrants and investors. He called on world Jewry to mount their own "reprisals" against the terrorists by declaring, "we shall come in large numbers and we will invest." Rabbi Friedman told the delegates that Israel has begun new immigrant absorption projects with Western settlers in mind and is now "on the right track." He said the new policies should lead to an increase of immigration from Western countries.

House Of Commons Will Hold Debate On Issue Of Sale Of Chieftain Tanks To Libya

LONDON, June 16 (JTA) -- The House of Commons will hold a three hour "emergency debate" tomorrow on the issue of the sale of British Chieftain tanks to Libya. Some members were angered today at the absence of Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart. Two MPs, Laborite Emanuel Shinwell and Conservative Reginald Paget, wanted to question him on reports that the Government has refused to sell Chieftain tanks to Israel while supplying them to an Arab country.

In another development in the House today, the Government was urged to protest formally to the Soviet Union over restrictive measures taken against Russian Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel. Goronwy Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said a formal protest would not be helpful but that the Government is "doing all we can formally."

Mr. Roberts said the Government was aware of the deeply held feelings on the matter by many people, both inside Commons and outside. Mr. Shinwell said that in view of the treatment of the Soviet Jews by their Government, it was "incongruous and invidious" that the Soviet Union should be represented at the Four Power conference on the Middle East.

Authority On Russian Affairs Opposes Silence On Question Of Anti-Semitism

LONDON, June 16 (JTA) -- A non-Jewish authority on Russian affairs and the Kremlin's attitude toward Soviet Jewry said here yesterday that it was wrong to remain silent on manifestations of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. Max Hayward, a Fellow at St. Anthony's College, Oxford, addressed a conference on Soviet Jewry organized by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. He said some persons had suggested that silence was prudent so as not to further aggravate the situation of Jews in Russia. On the contrary, Mr. Hayward maintained, protest is necessary because of the silence inside the country.

The speaker, who has made frequent trips to Russia, said it was virtually impossible to hold any discussion inside that country about the Jewish problem. He said that in Czarist times, writers like Gorky and Chekov spoke out in defense of the Jews whenever regimes persecuted them. Now Soviet censors have deleted all references to the Jews from the works of these writers, Mr. Hayward said, adding that many liberal intellectuals in Russia are aware of what is going on but are unable to speak out publicly.

The conference, attended by 300 delegates, called on the Soviet Government to implement the promise made by Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin in 1966 that all Jews who wished to be united with their families would be permitted to emigrate to Israel and other countries. This promise not only has not been honored but anti-Semitism is on the rise in the USSR, the conference held.

One speaker, Rabbi Israel Miller, a past chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, cited as an example the rehabilitation of Trofim Kichko, the Ukrainian writer, whose anti-Semitic book, "Judaism Without Embellishment," was banned for a time by Soviet authorities. Another speaker, Prof. Leonard B. Schapiro, of London University, said that what Soviet authorities preferred to describe as "anti-Zionism" was "unadulterated anti-Semitism" of the type that prevailed in Russia in the 19th Century, "reeking of the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion'."

Prof. Alex Nove, of Glasgow University, also a frequent visitor to Russia, said Soviet anti-Semitism has kindled a nationalistic, pro-Israel reaction among many young Russian Jews who have no Jewish training or background. He said it was a "defense mechanism." Emanuel Litvinoff, an author and editor of "Jews in Eastern Europe," which carries translations of anti-Jewish, anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist propaganda from the Soviet press, said anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic propaganda in Russia increasingly tended to blur the distinction between political Zionism and the Jewish religion. He said this propaganda was spreading in Eastern Europe with its focal point in Moscow.

European Economic Community Approves Tariff Reduction On Citrus From Israel

BRUSSELS, June 16 (JTA) -- The European Economic Community has approved a year-round 40 percent tariff reduction on citrus exports from Israel, Spain and Turkey and an 80 percent reduction on citrus from Morocco and Tunisia. The reductions have been endorsed by the Council of Ministers, executive commission and the European Parliament. They will apply however only if the price of citrus fruits rises above the minimum set by the executive commission.

Dultzin, Back From Latin America, Says Young Leaders Active In Bond, Zionist Work

TEL AVIV, June 16 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency's treasurer, Leon Dultzin returned from a short visit to Latin America and said today that he was "very optimistic" because new, young leaders have taken over management of the Israel Bond campaigns and Zionist work in those countries.

Urns Containing Ashes--Symbolic Remnants Of Jews Slain By Nazis--Buried In Yad Vashem

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- Two urns containing human ashes, the symbolic remnants of the 86,000 Jews of Vilna and thousands of other Jews from Latvia who were slain by the Nazis during World War II, were laid to rest yesterday at the Yad Vashem, the martyrs and heroes memorial shrine here. The urns were brought to Israel from Russia by the Yiddish folk singer, Mrs. Nehemia Lifshitz, who kindled the eternal light at memorial services attended by the survivors and relatives of the Jews of Vilna and Latvia.

Rabbi Allen P. Krause Will Become 1st Jewish Member of California Catholic Seminary

SANTA CLARA, Calif., June 16 (JTA) -- Rabbi Allen P. Krause, 29, of the Reform Congregation Etz Chaim of Elmhurst, Ill. will teach courses in the Old Testament at the 118-year-old Catholic University of Santa Clara next year. He is the first Jewish member of the theological seminary.

Olan Opens CCAR Parley With Call For 'Sacrificial Support' Of Israel By Americans

HOUSTON, Tex., June 16 (JTA) -- A leader of Reform Judaism called on America's 5.5 million Jews to render "sacrificial support" of Israel through the contribution of funds and other activities even if it means reducing their own living standards. Rabbi Levi A. Olan, of Dallas, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, delivered the keynote address at the 80th annual convention of the Reform rabbinic association which opened here today. He urged the organization to assume leadership in establishing an American-Jewish conference to devise economic and other programs to aid Israel in its struggle for peaceful existence and to prevent its "threatened extinction."

Rabbi Olan said that while the existing organizational structure functioned adequately for normal times, a mobilization similar to the one achieved at the time of the Six-Day War was needed now. He said, "The time has come for American Jewry to arise with far more than the token support it is now bringing...The crisis is such that only an aroused American Jewish people, ready to lay their substance before their brothers threatened with extinction, can redeem this terrible hour of Israel's lonely agony."

Rabbi Olan said he viewed with "deep concern" the current peace moves involving the Big Four powers. He maintained that "the conscience of the world, with very few exceptions, is prepared to witness serenely this destruction of Israel even as it did only three decades ago in the gas chambers of Germany."

Supreme Court To Hear Arguments Against Tax Exemptions For Religious Institutions

WASHINGTON, June 16 (JTA) -- A New York City taxpayer's claim that real estate tax exemptions granted religious institutions are unconstitutional will be taken up by the United States Supreme Court. The court agreed today to consider the appeal brought against the New York City Tax Commission by Frederick Walz. It will schedule arguments next fall or winter and follow with a written opinion.

Mr. Walz, who is acting as his own attorney, contends that tax exemptions for religious institutions, granted in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, constituted involuntary payment by him, as a property owner, to the religious group in violation of his First Amendment right to freedom of religion. He claimed further that it represented a confiscation of his property "without due process of law."

Mr. Walz carried his appeal from the New York State Supreme Court to the State Appellate Division, to the U.S. Court of Appeals, then to the Supreme Court. The lower courts all dismissed it. The Supreme Court recently dismissed two challenges to such tax exemptions for want of "a substantial Federal question."

Labor Secretary Shultz Completes Visit To Israel, Conferred With High Officials

JERUSALEM, June 16 (JTA) -- U.S. Labor Secretary and Mrs. George P. Shultz completed a three-day visit to Israel yesterday as guest of Israeli Labor Secretary Yosef Almogi. Mr. Shultz carried no official message from President Nixon. Mr. Almogi said at a dinner honoring Mr. Shultz that he was opposed to an "imposed arbitration even if it is in the foreign relations field as well as labor relations." Mr. Shultz was received by Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Acting Prime Minister Yigal Allon. He also visited the Technion in Haifa and the Hebrew University here, where the former professor from Chicago met two of his old students who are now faculty members.

Hamilton, Ontario, Will Pay \$200 Per Month For Indigent Woman's Stay In Toronto Home

HAMILTON, Ontario, June 16 (JTA) -- Hamilton's city welfare board will pay \$200 a month in support of an 80-year-old Jewish woman who must live in a Toronto nursing home because no such home in Hamilton has a kosher kitchen. The woman, who has lived here for 40 years, is without means and her children cannot afford private care for her. The application for welfare outside of Hamilton was made by William Morris, president of the Council of Jewish Organizations. Placing her in a home where no kosher food was available, he said, "would be like signing her death warrant." The woman, he said, rather than eat the non-kosher food at a Hamilton nursing home "would wither away completely."

A city official suggested a meeting between Mr. Morris and William Stern, director of the Jewish Community Center, to establish a kosher wing in a local nursing home. Mr. Stern said there were few local indigent cases and maintaining a kosher kitchen would be expensive. Hamilton's mayor, Vic Copps, said he would explore existing Provincial assistance for people "who can't be looked after here." Mr. Morris and Mr. Stern expressed hope that in the future a small nursing home with a kosher kitchen might be established. The woman will stay in Toronto's Baycrest Center for Geriatric Care which costs \$570 per month. The City of Hamilton will pay \$200 of that sum and the remainder will be met by the woman's old age pension and Council of Jewish Organizations' assistance.

Services Held For Isidor Margolis, 64; Was Prominent Jewish Educator

NEW YORK, June 16 (JTA) -- Services were held last week for Isidor Margolis, 64, visiting associate professor at Yeshiva University, who died here Tuesday. Mr. Margolis, a lawyer, was on the faculty of Yeshiva's undergraduate and graduate schools. He was executive director of the World Council on Jewish Education, the National Council for Torah Education of the Religious Zionists of America, and held other Jewish educational organizations. He was the author of several textbooks and a contributor to Jewish periodicals.