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See French Resumption Of European-Oriented Role As Leading To Better Israeli Ties

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) -- Prospects that France will resume a European-oriented role under new President Georges Pompidou point to some likelihood that relations also will improve with Israel, diplomatic sources said here this weekend. This expectation was voiced in connection with a speech of the new French Premier, Jacques Chaban-Delmas, who said France will be true to her alliances, particularly her ties with NATO.

The sources said that this may not imply plans for an immediate lifting of the French arms embargo against Israel but that it did suggest that France may take a fresh look at its Middle East policy, which is presumed to be connected with France's relations with the Soviet Union. Although there is a pro-Arab school in the French Government independent of global developments, the pronounced anti-Israel stand under President Charles de Gaulle was viewed here as part of France's efforts to befriend the Soviet Union and to play it off against the United States. If that effort is ended, Franco-Israeli ties can be expected to improve on the premise that Israel is regarded by Paris as representing U.S. interests in the Middle East, the informants said.

(M. Chaban-Delmas said in Paris that a special committee on foreign affairs of the French Cabinet would meet in "the near future" to reconsider the arms embargo against Israel. Replying on radio to listeners' questions, M. Chaban-Delmas hinted that the embargo might be lifted if other countries continued to deliver arms to the Middle East. He said this was in line with the declarations of M. Pompidou during the election campaign which "still stand." M. Pompidou had called for a general arms embargo on the Middle East with the exception of Lebanon which he did not consider a beligerent in the 1967 war.

(According to M. Chaban-Delmas, President Pompidou regarded the embargo imposed by his predecessor as an "example" to other nations not to arm the Mideast rather than a punitive measure. The newspaper Le Monde commented that this concept of the embargo was a departure from Gen. de Gaulle's views. The paper noted that the former President announced his embargo on 50 Mirage V jet fighter-bombers, bought and paid for by Israel, after the 1967 war. He broadened it to include all military equipment and spare parts last January after Israel's retaliatory raid on Beirut Airport following a terrorist attack on an El Al airliner in Athens.

(New York Times correspondent Henry Tanner reported from Paris yesterday that, according to "reliable reports," deliveries of some spare parts to Israel have already been resumed. According to the correspondent, "informed French sources said that President Pompidou, having promised continuity as well as flexibility...is looking for a gradual and unobtrusive approach that would not look like a break with past policies. The sources," Mr. Tanner went on, "indicated that the release of the first planes to Israel might be made to coincide with deliveries of French arms either to Iraq or to Lebanon or with some other friendly gesture toward the Arabs. The sources stressed that some time would have to elapse before this happened.")

Life Returns To Normal After 'Kidnapping' Episode, But Orleans Jews' Business Is Off

ORLEANS, France, June 29 (JTA) -- The lives of French Jews in this provincial city have returned to normal some three weeks after unfounded rumors were circulated that Jewish tradesmen were drugging and kidnapping women customers and selling them as white slaves to Middle East brothels.

Calm has returned to this Loire community, but Jewish shopkeepers in the city's main shopping area are not doing the business that they once did. Most of them expressed a wish to continue living here in hopes that, with time, life will return to its old ways. One or two however still insist that they intend to emigrate to Israel.

Economic Conference Told Increased Interest Rates Would Attract Foreign Deposits

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) -- An Israeli banker proposed at an international gathering of business executives that Israeli banks raise their rate of interest on dollar deposits in order to attract more deposits from foreign nationals living here as well as new capital from non-residents. Daniel Recanati, chairman of the Israel Discount Bank, told the economic committee at the World Economic Conference for Israel that a slight increase in interest could increase dollar deposits from their present level of \$180 million to \$1 billion in the next five or six years.

Mr. Recanati, whose bank is Israel's second largest and maintains branches in the United States and other countries, noted that Israeli banks now pay six to seven percent interest. He said that European rates would continue to be highly competitive but doubted that that would deter foreign residents from bringing more of their funds to Israel.

The week-long Economic Conference closed today with an address by Premier Golda Meir who declared that Israel wanted to contribute to the economic improvement of the entire Mideast. But, she said, such aid can be provided only on the basis of cooperation, mutual recognition and negotiations between all nations of the region. Earlier, Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, Md. announced the establishment of a new bank and holding company, with an initial capital subscription of \$50 million, as a

joint venture of the Israel Discount Bank and the Israel Economic Corp. The latter is an American company established by Zionists in the 1920s to promote investments in Jewish enterprises in Palestine. Michael Tsur, director of the Israel Corp., a special investment and holding company established by the first World Economic Conference for Israel convened by the late Premier Levi Eshkol in April, 1968, said subscription pledges have already exceeded \$20 million and will be paid up by June, 1970. He said the corporation's goal was an initial subscription of \$35 million and that plans called for raising \$17 million in the U.S., \$8 million in Europe, \$6 million in Israel and \$4 million in other countries.

At an earlier session, Asher Yedlin, a Histadrut official, said that with only a 50 percent increase in investments in Israeli enterprises, production could be doubled. He is secretary general of Hevrat Ovdim, the agency overseeing Histadrut-owned industries. The party was addressed by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Minister of Immigrant Absorption, who said that all immigrants could be absorbed with Israel's present economic and social climate. He expressed hope that many foreign professionals would settle here and predicted that immigration in 1970 would amount to 50,000 compared to the 35,000 forecast for 1969. Sir Isaac Wolfson, of Great Britain, said that 20 conference participants had announced they would settle in Israel shortly.

The parley heard progress reports and comments from chairmen of overseas regional committees established in 1968. Lord Sieff of Brimpton, British committee chairman, said the sharp decline in Israel's foreign currency reserves was a cause for concern, proposed measures to remove the burden of financing vital industries from the Israeli Treasury, and suggested creation of a financial reserve from which Israel could draw in times of need. Francois Pereire, of France, European committee head, said his group had started operations in eight countries. M. Lubner, of South Africa, reported a 47 percent increase in trade with Israel since April, 1968. Israel Klavin, of Brazil, Latin American chairman, said investment offices were being opened in several South American countries and cited a \$2 million Israel trade exhibit that opened in Buenos Aires last week. Ray Wolfe, of Canada, said trade with Israel was progressing at a rate of \$20 million a year. Saul Eisenberg, of Japan, said he could not report much progress because few Jews lived in the Far East.

Announce Plans For Moshav In Golan Heights After Dayan Calls Area 'Un-Negotiable'

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) -- A move to establish more Jewish settlements in the occupied Golan Heights of Syria was announced this weekend in the wake of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's declaration Friday that Israel considered the future status of the Heights "un-negotiable." Haoved Hatzioni, the settlement movement of the Independent Liberal Party, immediately announced plans for establishment of a new moshav (small-holders village) in the Heights. Dr. Raanan Weitz, head of the Jewish Agency's settlement department, said that the number of settlements in the Golan Heights could be doubled from the present 10. Dr. Weitz said the Heights contained some 40,000 acres of arable land of which one-third was under cultivation.

Gen. Dayan's remarks, made before a gathering of Western businessmen at the World Economic Conference for Israel, were seen as a direct rebuff to American diplomats who have spoken about "minor rectification" of Israel's pre-June, 1967 borders in the context of a general Mideast peace settlement. He declared that Israelis must regard the Heights as much a part of Israel as the Jezreel Valley. He said that Israel also must retain control of the Sharm el Sheikh strongpoint overlooking the Straits of Tiran even if it means holding half of the Sinai Peninsula.

Gen. Dayan said that Israel wants major changes, "not minor ones," in the 1967 lines on the West Bank. He urged Jews in Israel and abroad to regard the West Bank as "our homeland, from the Jordan to the sea, including Nablus and Jericho." However, he added, "we must treat the Palestinians living there as a Government treats its citizens. They will be our citizens for a very, very long time."

Dr. Finkelstein, Invited To Conduct White House Service, Sits Through Trinity Hymn

WASHINGTON, June 29 (JTA) -- A prominent rabbi invited by President Richard M. Nixon to conduct an interfaith service for him in the White House today seemed surprised when the service was opened with an explicitly Christian hymn praising "Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative) sat silently as the hymn extolling a trinitarian God was sung by the choir of Christ Lutheran Church. Dr. Finkelstein was the first rabbi in U.S. history invited to conduct worship services in the executive mansion. Observers said the usual practice at interfaith services was to omit any expression of religious views that cannot be shared by members of all faiths. The Christian concept of a holy trinity is sharply at variance with the Jewish religious belief in monotheism.

Dr. Finkelstein delivered a sermon to the assembled guests who included prominent members of Washington's Jewish community, in addition to Cabinet members and other high Government officials. He declared that throughout U.S. history, God had sent leaders capable of meeting the nation's challenges. He mentioned Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln and declared, "We pray that future historians looking back on our generation may say that in a period of great trials and great tribulations, the finger of God pointed to Richard M. Nixon, giving him the vision and wisdom to save the world and civilization." The rabbi, wearing a yarmulka, later joined President and Mrs. Nixon and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Eisenhower, and Supreme Court Chief Justice and Mrs. Warren E. Burger on the receiving line.

Israeli Educators Arrive To Serve In United States, Canadian Summer Camps

NEW YORK, June 29 (JTA) -- Some 210 Israeli educators have arrived in the U.S. and Canada to serve as counselors and program specialists in a variety of Jewish summer youth camps. Their visit is under American Zionist Youth Foundation auspices.

Zionist General Council Meets Today, Will Receive Pincus' Reorganization Plan

JERUSALEM, June 29 (JTA) -- A controversial plan for broadening the base of the Jewish Agency will be presented to the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee) when it convenes here tomorrow. The plan, proposed by Louis A. Pincus, Jewish Agency chairman, would give fund-raising bodies abroad an equal voice with the various Zionist parties on the administrative and executive levels of the Jewish Agency. A majority of the Zionist parties have approved the plan. But the World Confederation of General Zionists has expressed reservations.

According to the Pincus plan, the World Zionist Organization will continue to exist separately, but half of the Jewish Agency Executive--which is the same as the WZO Executive--will be nominated by it. The other half will come from fund-raising bodies.

The General Council--the supreme governing body of the Zionist movement between congresses--will also discuss immigrants who have been arriving in Israel in greater than anticipated numbers. Another issue will be the student revolt abroad and the large participation of Jewish youth in New Left movements many of which are indifferent or hostile to Israel. The Zionist movement will seek ways to provide young Zionists and Israeli students abroad with arguments that might divert the energies of Jewish youth to Zionist and pro-Israel pursuits.

UN Unit To Meet Monday On Probe Of Alleged Rights Violations In Occupied Territories

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 29 (JTA) -- A special working group created by the United Nations Human Rights Commission to investigate alleged violations of human rights in Israel-held territories, whose competence has been challenged by Israel, will begin here Monday a series of meetings to discuss its mandate. The meetings are scheduled to last through July, the UN said. The working group was set up by the Commission last spring and is composed of the same six members of another expert unit of the Commission, the ad hoc working group investigating treatment of political prisoners and violations of trade union rights in southern Africa.

In deliberations denounced by Israel as biased, the Commission expressed "deep concern" about such alleged violations by Israel and charged Israel with "acts of destroying homes of the Arab civilian population, the deportation of inhabitants and...resorting to violence against inhabitants expressing their resentment to occupation." Israel denied the charges at the time and said that a UN investigation would be accepted only if the mandate was extended to cover mistreatment of Jews still remaining in Arab countries. Israel has repeatedly listed specific examples of abuse of such Jews by hostile Arab regimes.

In setting up the working group, the Commission decided to include the question of human rights in the occupied areas as a "separate item of priority" on the agenda for its next session and instructed the working group to submit a report, with conclusions and recommendations, to the next Commission session in 1970. Members of the working group took some preliminary action when they met last April as the ad hoc working group. They decided to send letters to Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt, to the UN representative of the League of Arab States, and to the Commissioner-General of the UN Relief and Works Agency, asking them for cooperation in carrying out the group's mandate.

The UN announcement said that the working group will follow up its meetings this summer with a meeting in January to prepare a report for the 1970 session of the Human Rights Commission. The six members are Ibrahima Boye, permanent representative of Senegal to the UN; Felix Ermacora, public law professor at the University of Vienna; Branimir Jankovic, rector of Yugoslavia's Nis University; N.N. Jha, first secretary of the permanent mission of India to the UN; Luis Marchand Stens, deputy permanent representative of Peru to the UN office in Geneva; and Waldo E. Waldron-Ramsey, counselor at the Tanzania permanent mission to the UN.

Security Council Slates Meeting On Jordan Complaint On Jerusalem

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 29 (JTA) -- The 15-member Security Council was scheduled to meet at 3 P.M. tomorrow to consider a Jordanian complaint of alleged Israeli violations of Arab rights in East Jerusalem. In its complaint, Amman alleged that Israel was guilty of arbitrary arrests, detentions, torture, demolition of Arab homes, forcible evictions and deportations.

The meeting will be the first in nearly three months on the Mideast. Some Council members tried to dissuade Jordan from requesting the session in order to avoid breaking a "gentlemen's agreement" not to raise Mideast issues in the Council while the Big Four continued to try to find a peace settlement formula. The Four--the U.S., Britain, Soviet Union and France--were to meet again this week before a summer recess, sources here said. While the Ambassadors will not confer, their deputies will continue to do so, the informants said.

U.S. Resists Soviet Efforts To Transfer Bilateral Talks To Moscow

WASHINGTON, June 29 (JTA) -- The U.S. is resisting Soviet pressure to transfer current bilateral talks on the Mideast permanently from Washington to Moscow but might agree to hold "one round" in the Russian capital. State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey said there would be no permanent shift. The talks have been under way for several months between Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and Anatoly F. Dobrynin, Soviet Ambassador to the U.S. Informed quarters said the U.S. does not insist that all of the talks be held here. But U.S. officials have pointed out that Israel would be out of touch with developments in Moscow because Russia severed diplomatic relations with her during the 1967 war. While the talks proceed here, the Israeli and Egyptian Embassies are kept informed of their progress.

NCRAC Convention Takes Issue With Black Demands For 'Proportional Quota System'

Pittsburgh, June 29 (JTA) -- Jewish community relations specialists and leaders took issue here this weekend with demands by some black extremists that college admissions be based on the ratio of the Negro population to the whole and that the same "proportional quota system" be applied to private and Government employment. The 250 delegates to the 25th annual convention of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council went on record in favor of Jewish support for special education, job training, welfare aid, employment and other assistance for disadvantaged minority group members. But they insisted that such aid must be based on individual need, "not race, religion or ethnicity." The NCRAC is the coordinating body of nine national organizations and 82 local human relations agencies.

The issue of "compensatory racial or ethnic quotas" arose recently in the controversy over admissions to City College of New York. The delegates, in a policy statement, contended that a free admissions policy based on minority group population figures "would be inconsistent with the concept of equality of education." The statement affirmed that the means employed to further Negro demands must be decided by Negroes but added that "uncritical acceptance of Negro demands simply because they are voiced by Negroes is patronizing and condescending, as discriminatory in its way as uncritical rejection of Negro demands."

In a related area, the NCRAC called on President Richard M. Nixon to reject proposals that it said would dilute Federal guidelines on public school desegregation. Such proposals, the NCRAC said, would mean the continuation of Federal aid to schools that continued to practice segregation. A Council resolution urged the President to "make it clear that the present guidelines, which require prompt compliance with the law, will be firmly enforced." The guidelines were established five years ago by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to implement the 1964 Civil Rights Act that prohibits Federal funding to any public or private facility or service guilty of discrimination. The NCRAC's resolution denounced "talk of a more realistic approach" by proponents of a delay in desegregation and "officials who have ignored their obligations for five years."

The NCRAC delegates also deplored black advocates of "full and permanent black separatism" and rejected their contention that white and black cultures were incompatible. The convention stated its support of movements in the black community that "foster group involvement, a common group culture, racial pride and a shared experience of a community controlling its own destiny."

B'rith Abraham Hears Grand Master Rap Negro Anti-Semitism

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., June 29 (JTA) -- B'rith Abraham, a national Jewish fraternal order, opened its 82nd annual convention here today with a call for support of "law and order" and a denunciation of racists--black and white--who allegedly spread "hatred against Jews into our colleges." Louis G. Baurer, grand master, warned in a keynote speech that "the spread of black anti-Semitism will weaken the capacity of both groups (Negroes and Jews) in their fight against the true racists of our society." Mr. Baurer told the 400 delegates that Jews have made great contributions to the cause of civil rights but believe in "law and order, not in violent demonstrations." He denounced the demands by some black militants for \$300 million in "reparations" to be paid to Negroes, for their suffering, by white churches and synagogues.

Services Held For Dr. Oskar K. Rabinowicz; Was Zionist, Author And Banker

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., June 29 (JTA) -- Services were held here Friday for Dr. Oskar K. Rabinowicz, Zionist leader, author and banker, who died Thursday at the age of 66. Born in Austria, he received a doctorate in 1902 from the University of Prague, where he taught history. From 1934-39 he edited *Medina Ivrit*, a Prague Jewish newspaper. He was president of the New Zionist Organization of Czechoslovakia from 1925 to 1939 and was a founder of Zionist Revisionism there. He helped to organize illegal immigration of Jewish refugees to Palestine during the Nazi period.

He served as chairman of the Anglo-Federal Banking Corp. in London from 1939 to 1956 when he retired and came to the United States. He served on the Jewish Publication Society's editorial board, as a Jewish Theological Seminary overseer, as a member of the World Jewish Congress' Executive, and as vice president of the Conference on Jewish Social Studies. He had written "Fifty Years of Zionism," published in 1950; "Winston Churchill on Jewish Problems," 1956; and "Herzl, Architect of the Balfour Declaration," 1958. He was co-editor of "The Jews of Czechoslovakia," published in 1968, and had just completed a book on "Arnold Toynbee and the Jews."

French Bury Isaac Schneersohn; Founded Memorial To Unknown Jewish Martyr In Paris

PARIS, June 29 (JTA) -- Isaac Schneersohn, who founded the Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr and a memorial museum of the Nazi Holocaust here, was buried Friday at services attended by Government officials and others. Mr. Schneersohn died last Wednesday at the age of 90.

19 Degrees Awarded By Herzliah Hebrew Teachers Institute--Jewish Teachers Seminary

NEW YORK, June 29 (JTA) -- The Herzliah Hebrew Teachers Institute-Jewish Teachers Seminary awarded Hebrew and Yiddish teacher diplomas and baccalaureate degrees to 19 students last week. The commencement exercises marked the second year of the merger of the two institutions--each 50 years old. The institution, the only Yiddish-Hebrew teacher training college in America, also conferred honorary degrees on poet Aaron Zeitlin, for contributions to Yiddish and Hebrew literature, and Abraham Goodman, "for lifelong leadership in the cause of Zionist and Jewish education."

The graduates, who will serve in the United States and Canada and teach in schools of the three branches of Judaism, completed a four-year course of study which included Yiddish as an integral part of the mandatory curriculum. Dr. Gershon Wiener, dean announced 15 new scholarships.