

**FRENCH NIX JEWS**

PARIS (WNS) -- A poll of the French public report in the mass circulation newspaper, France Soir, shows that the average Frenchman does not share the opposition to President Charles de Gaulle's pro-Arab Middle East policies and his military embargo against Israel voiced by many French political leaders, the press and military leaders.

A majority of Frenchmen, 52 percent, support de Gaulle's policy of closer ties with Russia, a political effort linked to France's stand on the Middle East. Thirty-seven percent of those polled approved the embargo against Israel and the same percentage disapproved. De Gaulle's overall Mideast policy was supported by 31 percent, a one percent increase since a December poll, but 33 percent voiced disapproval.



MRS. JOAN FISHER, SEATED LEFT, OF SALT LAKE CITY, THE CURRENT MRS. AMERICA, WAS A RECENT DINER AT THE ALPINE VILLAGE INN, WITH HER LAS VEGAS HOSTESSES OF THE EVENING, MRS. TOM STEFFEN, CENTER, AND MRS. GRANT PETERSON. MRS. FISHER WAS IN LAS VEGAS TO ADDRESS A GROUP OF TEEN-AGE GIRLS OF THE CHURCH OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS, TAKING THE DINNER ORDER FROM MRS. AMERICA '69 IS PEGGY FORKUS, STANDING.

**JWV ASKS LOW TAX ON IRAQI DATES BE RAISED**

"No dates from Iraq" was called for by the California Department of the Jewish War Veterans, U.S.A.

Department Commander Joseph Ross of Palms, California made public today that he had asked JWV's National Commander Charles Feuerisen of Oradell, New Jersey to call upon President Richard M. Nixon to ask for an end to the special low duty arrangement for dates imported from Iraq.

His request was based on information received by the California Department which

noted that one-half of the dates consumed in the United States come from Iraq amount of 40 million pounds a year. They enjoy a special low duty privilege even though Iraq broke off diplomatic relations with the United States on the false premise that our government was directly involved in the Six Day War of 1967.

JWV has been assured by representatives of the California Date Growers Association of the fact that the low duty, cheap labor, and inferior Iraqi product has

deeply affected the California date industry.

In addition to requesting JWV's National Commander to urge President Nixon to end the special low duty on

Iraqi dates, Commander Ross stated that both the JWV in California and the California Date Growers Association were urging Governor Ronald Reagan to press for similar action.

NEW YORK (WSN) -- Metropolitan Nikodim, a leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, has denied that anti-Semitism exists in the Soviet Union.

UNITED NATIONS (WSN) -- World opinion, criticism from Arab quarters and quiet diplomatic moves were credited as the reasons for Iraq's announcement that Baghdad would not try any Jews in its current spy trials. Iraq has also released about two dozen Jews imprisoned since the Six-Day War.



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