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PARIS (WNS) -- Baron Guy de Rothschild, one of the leaders of French Jewry, denounced the Paris Government's Mideast policies as "lacking understanding and sympathy" toward Israel but asserted that French leaders were not anti-Semitic. Baron de Rothschild, in his first public statement on France's relations with Israel, said that while the official policy was wrong, "we have no right to suspect France's leaders of anti-Semitism. We all know that

there is no sentiment more lowly and abject than that, and without serious justification, we have no right to level such a charge at anyone." The Baron, who is President of Fonds Social Juife Unifie, the central representative organization of French Jewry, spoke at an Alliance Israelite Universelle dinner which marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Mikve Israel Agricultural School in Israel.

He noted a parallel between the effect of anti-Semitism and the psychological condition existing among colonial and oppressed people and declared that the re-establishment of Israel "de-colonized part of our souls." This, he said, explained why fully assimilated Diaspora Jews who have no intention of migrating to Israel "feel so strongly whenever the existence, the identity or the honor of Israel are at stake. This is why I can only treat with disdain any insinuation of a Jewish double allegiance."

Such assertions have been voiced by present and former French leaders, French President George Pompidou also reportedly made similar statements during a visit to the United States. On that trip he also asserted that demonstrators were disorderly during a visit to Chicago and actually endangered him and his wife.

But a report by the American Jewish Committee released in New York declared that President Pompidou's charges were unsupported by the facts. The AJ Committee interviewed 19 eye-witnesses to the Chicago demonstration and examined TV newsfilms and news pictures.

A chief AJ Committee conclusion was that the people pressed against the Pompidou party - which he said endangered him - were actually members of the press and security people surrounding the French leader. "The evidence is clear that the demonstrators did not at any time jostle, strike, assault, spit upon, threaten, or otherwise abuse the visiting French dignitaries," the report stated. No evidence

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Rabbi Ruben R. Dobin
Chairman, Special Projects
(Jewish Nat'l. Fund, N.Y.C.)

could be found to suggest that the Chicago Police Department acted to embarrass or harass the Pompidou party, the report noted.

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