

TODAY IN FRANCE

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Dear Philip Kay,

Here I am back in town since late Sunday night. I consider the trip to Europe to have been very useful, if all the promises of assistance in getting articles on various subjects from personalities are kept. Also, my talks with JS and other members of his group in various parts of Europe were interesting and fruitful. JS is very interested in the Society of Franco-American Affairs, and thinks I should push it rapidly. However, I explained to him that I lack secretarial assistance (since my principal assistant left for Marseille to be married), and that I am shorter and shorter on funds, having ended 1962 with about \$6 in the cash drawer. Which explained to him why I have to go slower with my projects than I would if I had physical and financial assistance commensurate with the task to be done.

As it is already late in the month, and not wanting to be obliged to bring out two issues one on top of the other, I propose to have a Jan-Feb issue; then later on in the year, to bring out a special number, perhaps a symposium of writers, to make up for the one that was skipped, in order that the year 1963 should round out with 12 issues.

New York is still without newspapers which is decidedly inconvenient. Would you send me some Washington dailies: the Post or/and News, about 3 or 4 times a week, during the strike here? It would be most welcome.

Your idea of using the material from T in Fr for a letter to the News was a very good one. I am sending it to JS. to show him how we are disseminating information in the USA, to make up for the deficiency of the American press. Keep it up and let me have a copy each time you repeat the performance.

Best wishes,



EMBASSY OF ISRAEL

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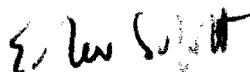
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The fact is that the only breakdown in countries of origin of Jewish refugees and immigrants to Israel is a very general one, which you will find in the last pages of the enclosed pamphlet. Breakdown into countries was discontinued some years ago, after publication resulted in highly undesirable consequences and restrictions. For this same reason, no figures whatsoever have been published for 1961 and 1962. The only published annual figures appear on page 29 of the enclosed pamphlet. All that can be said of immigration to Israel of Jews of Algerian origin in the past year or two is that it has been considerable, but far less than both immigration of Jews from certain other countries and the number of Algerian Jews who have gone to France.

With reference to your questions 4 and 5, Israel's reception of refugees is outlined in the enclosed pamphlet. Its reception of Jews from Algeria is no different from the general system. The main agencies providing relief for these refugees, both those going to Israel and to other countries, are The Jewish Agency For Palestine, 515 Park Avenue, New York City, and the American Joint Distribution Committee, 3 East 54th Street, New York City.

Yours sincerely,



E. Zev Sufott
First Secretary

cc: Philip Kay ✓

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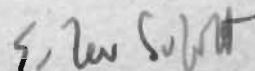
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Oct. 19/62

Dear Philip Kay,

Thank you for your letter of the 17 and the frank explanation. I recently lost an assistant, a young pied-noir who returned to Marseill e to marry an equally young ex-paratroop lieutenant. So, I am looking for some-one to take her place, and shot an arrow in the air... I have the promise now of another pied-noir, married to a lesser Belgian consular official stationed in NY. They are coming to my home during the coming week and I shall see what's what... Thank you for the batch of clippings, the NR and the photocopies of the exchange with Abe Shefferman. He is the usual cliché-ridden American who does not want to look further than a so-called principle which must be applied, at no matter what price and in all circumstances... May I give you a little advice in persuasion, which I had to give once to my old friend, Seustelle: Avoid labeling yourself or your opponent; it only tends to separate rather than bring you together. Conservative and Liberal deal with internal affairs, mostly domestic economics and social questions, and should not apply to foreign affairs. I don't care what people think about Kennedy or Barry Goldwater when I am talking about France or Algeria, and foreign affairs should never be discussed from the point of view of principles, where NONE apply, not at least in our present-day world. That is where I disagreed with Blumenfeld and others, who wanted to whip Kennedy rather than de Gaulle.. and are still doing it... To be continued.. Will you get me that book from the "Health, Education and Welfare" department - it is one of the bureaus attached to "Education" - With the book on hand, I will find some one in NY willing and able to do the manual labor under my guidance. Thank you in advance. I hope you will be able to find the time to telephone to the Dept and find out where exactly to address your request.

Best wishes BP

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P.S. An meeting next week with a member of the Knesset, a large two part a clear picture of France + Israel + Algeria; maybe, a continuation of source of direct confidential information which I am lacking BP.

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Nov 7

Dear Philip May -

The Nov. issue is in the hands of the printer, and now I can catch up with part of my correspondence. I had to hold up the printing so Soustelle could get me his ratiocle on the Oct 28 referendum, which is the piece de resistance this time. Another letter with more material came this evening, the third in a week, but it will have to go over to December. I always have an overflow of material - fortunately - and could easily go to 10-12 pages, but time, money and secretarial assistance are lacking. - Thank you so much for the publications, and please keep sending them along. And any financial assistance you can spare. I have laid out money to buy stencils so that the mailing list need not be typed each month - a long, tiresome matter as you can well imagine. -- I am going slow on the association I told you about - to make sure I have the right persons as charter members, to see that the legal papers are absolutely correct, etc. But this I can only do in the time left between my business and the publication. -- For your information, the letter to HR was sent at Burnham's request, after a chat I had with him on the subject. -- Too bad Krushchev pulled in his horns so quickly. I was hoping that the crisis would be prolonged sufficiently to warrant a tightening of the blockade which would have brought Cuba to its knees very quickly. Kr. is also on a hook in the Indo-China fighting. Ben Bella is riding for a fall, unless he stops trying to play both sides at the same time. And as for France, it is going to be interesting to watch what happens at the elections and after. My friend S. is studying the American Constitution for ideas of his own. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely, BP

OVER

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JACQUES SOUSTELLE EXPLAINS WHY THE FRENCH PEOPLE SHOULD VOTE "NO" ON OCTOBER 28.

In a seven-page manifesto circulated in France despite its prohibition by the French government, Jacques Soustelle, the former vice-premier of France, explains why he believes that the French people should vote "No" on October 28.

"To answer "Yes", he writes, "is to accept that the French State, while remaining nominally a republic, shall become in fact an absolute dictatorship, in which the executive branch would rule without any checks or balances, and with the Parliament reduced effectively to a rubber-stamp status."

He recalls that he was one of the men who helped write the French Constitution of 1958, and points out that General de Gaulle violates that same Constitution by instituting a plebiscite-referendum, thus bypassing unconstitutionally both houses of the legislature.

Soustelle praises the American presidential system and underlines the fact that, although the President is elected here by a popular vote and wields great power, the United States is nevertheless a true democracy because the three branches of government are separate and balanced. "This truly democratic regime", he writes, "has nothing in common with the regime which is being proposed (in France), under which the (French) president could influence the public opinion through the State monopoly of the radio and TV, all powers would be concentrated in his hands, and he could brandish the weapon of dissolution against Parliament. Such a regime has only one name: dictatorship!"

Soustelle reminds us in his manifesto that France under Napoleon III and Germany under Hitler were led to endorse absolute power to one man, and that both times tremendous national disasters were the consequence.

In answer to the allegations made by de Gaulle and his propaganda machine that the opposition wants "to go back to the Fourth Republic", Soustelle replies that what the opposition really wants is "to go back to the Fifth Republic"; that is, to the Constitution proposed by de Gaulle in 1958 and approved by the French voters, and which the General has violated constantly since then.

The approval of General de Gaulle's referendum, Soustelle concludes, would lead France into a situation of chaos and create the danger of civil war.

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Washington 11, D. C.
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Mr. Benjamin Protter
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Dear Mr. Protter:

Thank you for typing your very interesting letter for me. If you will send me 25 copies each month I will be glad to distribute them. Remind me when you need financial assistance. I will send something each time you request it; although I can't spare too much at one time.

Khrushchev has outsmarted Kennedy by getting him, for all practical purposes, to guarantee not to invade Cuba. The Cuban problem will never be settled until Castro is overthrown and the Cuban people are liberated. This can only be accomplished by invasion.

I am not at all sorry to see China attack India. I don't like India. Nehru, Menon, and company have caused Pakistan, Portugal, and Katanga a great deal of misery and suffering. These "neutralists" are getting what they deserve. I see where Nehru was forced to shelve his No. One boy---Menon. There is no person on the face of the earth who I hate more than V. K. Krishna Menon.

As long as Kennedy remains in the White House, Ben Bella will get his American foreign aid. I wish de Gaulle would drop dead and Soustelle would become president or prime minister or something.

My subscription to the Jerusalem Post will expire next month and I am not going to renew. In fact, I am severing all connections, both formal and informal, with the state of Israel. The reason for this drastic action is Israel's vote for the expulsion of South Africa from the United Nations.

You talk about treachery---no country has been friendlier to Israel than South Africa, and look how Israel shows her gratitude! This was nothing but a cheap attempt to curry the favor of the Africans; Israel has sold her soul to the black man. She was the only Western country to vote for this resolution, which by the way was illegal. It explicitly states in the UN Charter that member states are forbidden to interfere in the internal affairs of other states. Apartheid is nobody's business but South Africa's.

With best wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Philip Kay
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Thanksgiving Day/62

Dear Philip,

A severe head cold has sequestered me from having to eat defrosted turkey at a relative's home. So, I am spending the evening catching up with some of my correspondence. So, first, let me thank you for your letter of the 15th with the enclosed engraved picture of Lincoln... I could use more of them, as I have had to lay out quite a bit of money these days, not only for stencils, but more, for having the enclosed letter properly typed and then printed offset, and sending it to some 750 to 800 colleges and universities throughout the country. I have had several encouraging answers, more quickly than I expected, and one in particular from Harvard College Library. The bulk of the answers won't be in however until the second week of Dec... Am also enclosing copy of a statement I sent to the press late in October, just before the referendum vote. I thought you might be interested... Under separate cover, sending you 20 copies of the Nov. issue, and if in a few days, I see that I can afford to send you more (necessity obliges me at present to keep 100 copies for back-file requests) also, my overseas list is growing), I shall do so. In the meantime, let me thank you heartily for your assistance, and I can only say, I wish I had a few dozen like you, for then, most of my problems would be solved... I shall be leaving on a trip to Europe Dec. 26, to be back in NY about the 11 or 12 Jan... Now, I want to talk about yourself. In your letter, you show too much emotionalism (ditto for my wife) in considering international matters. I agree with you that Israel's vote in the UN against So. Africa was a blunder, and much of the sentiment in Israel itself leans that way. Israel could have shown her desire to remain friendly with both sides by abstaining in the vote, as many

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other nations did, as a protest against the idea of sanctions. The Jewry in So. Africa also are worried by the vote, fearful that it may cause a current of sentiment against them; also, if economic sanctions were applied (which I doubt), they would be the first to suffer... The China attack on India, which must not be condoned in any circumstance, coming on top of the Cuban affair, has done this much good in that it shows the so-called 'neutral' bloc that has always leaned unneutrally towards the communist countries, that they risk to be gobbled in a sauce of their own making if they don't look out. I am thinking particularly of the Black African nations where the 'intellectuals' who represent them at the UN believe they have to show their fidelity to ideals and high sentiments, rather than to practical matters... My only comment at this time with reference to last Sunday's elections in France is that they show a growing disgust among Frenchmen with things as they are, but that they do not want to go back to things as they were. The opposition - and I have been pushing my friend to come out in the open in that respect - must present an acceptable plan of action under the leadership of a man they will accept.. However, he may answer me in the same vein that I say to you: in matters of politics, patience is a prime element. I am quite sure that he considers that a general must wait for the proper time and place to attack. Until now, deG has been in the position to do so, and has been quite successful... We shall see what comes of it all. But remember, in foreign affairs, personal feelings play no part!

... Yours
R. B. ...

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November 25, 1962

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Dear Mr. Protter,

I disagree with your basic premise that emotions or personal feelings should play no part when considering international matters or foreign affairs. It is this quality of empathy which enables me to engender the necessary enthusiasm to pursue a course of action relentlessly. This feeling of personal involvement has enabled me to give maximum support to such causes as French Algeria, Jewish Palestine (now Israel), white South Africa, and an independent, pro-Western Katanga.

Thank you for enclosing your statement on the referendum vote. I consider Jacques Soustelle to be the most brilliant theoretician of democracy alive today. His critique on the referendum was simply magnificent. It is a shame that such a great man should be a citizen of such a decadent nation. I am absolutely appalled by the state of French political life. As far as I can ascertain, an overwhelming majority of the French people voted for either the Communist Party or the Gaullist UNR; both of which I hate, loathe, and despise. The patriotic and honorable parties of the Right have practically become extinct.

I completely concur with your entire statement regarding the Israel-South Africa controversy and will make no further comment except to say that unless and until Israel's present official attitude towards South Africa changes I do not intend to contribute any more money to that country.

I rather suspected that China would call a halt to its attack against India, since Chinese occupation of India would have been diplomatically as well as militarily untenable. Kennedy has made a blunder of the first order by pouring massive military aid into India. Pakistan which is allied with us in SEATO and CENTO is threatening to quit both alliances because of this vast amount of military equipment which we are giving to her enemy. We should have exacted a promise from India to hold a plebiscite in Kashmir before giving them military assistance. Preferential treatment should always be accorded to an ally rather than to a country that has been unfriendly.

As far as the "intellectuals" of black Africa are concerned, I fail to see where they have shown any fidelity to ideals and high sentiments. Perhaps you would care to elaborate on this theme in a future letter.

With best wishes, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Philip Hays

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Mr. M. Pinto
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The Jerusalem Post Weekly
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Dear Sir:

My subscription expires on December 17, 1962 and I am not going to renew it for the following reason: On November 1, 1962 Israel voted with the Communist-neutralist-Afro-Asian group for the expulsion of The Republic of South Africa from the United Nations; The Jerusalem Post Weekly supported the government's position. All the Western countries either abstained or voted against this resolution. Any country which voted for this illegal resolution to expel South Africa from the United Nations can only be considered as being extremely hostile to this nation, i.e. an enemy. Since South Africa is the country which I most admire in the world today any enemy of South Africa would, therefore, be no friend of mine. To conclude, I will not subscribe to any newspaper which approved of Israel voting for this anti-Western, anti-South African resolution.

Yours truly,

Philip Kay
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Dear Philip Kay,

I am enclosing certificate of incorporation of the Society for French-American Affairs, of which I have written you and which you accepted to be one of the charter members. Will you please sign on the next open space and return without delay, preferably by registered mail, to avoid loss in the mails.

Also, I shall ask you not to make a copies, photocopy, or otherwise, of this document. Also, not to mention it as yet to anyone, until we make an official announcement after the incorporation papers are returned from Albany, N.Y. There are still several signatures to be had, in NY, California, etc. so it may be several weeks before the project is fully ready for the public announcement. I count fully on your discretion.

I need funds, both for Today in France, and for the new Society, as there are always expenses. Could I ask you to help? It would be greatly appreciated. By the way, I believe your renewal to TinFr is due in Feb. For any amount given to the new Society, you will eventually receive a receipt, to permit you to deduct from taxable income, as we intend to ask for tax-exemption.

Thank you for the continued flow of newspaper clippings. With the continued newspaper strike in NY, I am able thru you to keep in touch with what is being said on the subject elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

