



YUGOSLAVS EXPEL 15 WOMEN WHO ACCUSED SOVIETS OF BREACHING HELSINKI ACCORD

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, June 15 (JTA)--The Yugoslav government today expelled 15 Jewish women who came to Belgrade from 13 Western countries to demonstrate for the rights of Soviet Jews at the opening there of the 35-nation Preparatory Conference on compliance with the provisions of the 1974 Helsinki agreement. According to reports from Belgrade this morning, four of the women were arrested when they attempted to hand out leaflets accusing the Soviets of non-compliance with the Helsinki Human Rights provisions.

They were identified as Doreen Gainsford and Linda Isaacs of London, Pat Allin of Southampton and Estelle Stern Eilers of Dusseldorf, West Germany. They and the other women are associated with the Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry, also known as the "35 Group." They came from the United States, Belgium, France, Canada, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

Before she left England, Gainsford told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that she expected to face arrest in Belgrade. She was arrested in Helsinki two years ago and in London when she chained herself to the Foreign Office railings during a demonstration for Soviet Jews. The "35 Group" called on the Foreign Office today to intervene immediately for the release of the women.

Peers Accuse Soviets

In another development, prominent members of the House of Lords accused the Soviet Union last night of breaching the Helsinki agreement in its treatment of Russian Jews. The Duke of Devonshire, addressing the chamber, said Soviet harassment of Jews who wished to leave the USSR was "in direct contradiction" of the Helsinki accord and showed the "hollowness" of the Russians' signature.

The Duke urged the British government to take up the case of Vladimir Prestin, a distinguished electrical engineer who has been applying to leave Russia with his family since 1970. Another Conservative Peer, the Earl of Dundee, said no government in any country had a moral right to prevent its inhabitants who wished to emigrate from doing so. If they did, those people were nothing more than serfs bound by law to the soil.

Foreign Office Minister of State, Lord Gormanwy-Roberts assured the Lords that the government was taking the action it considered most effective and prudent. Lord Trefgarne, summing up for the opposition, said too much should not be expected from the Belgrade talks. There had been improvements and the Russians had taken some notice of the agreement. It was up to the West to persuade rather than bludgeon Russia to ease the plight of its Jews.

TWO 'REFUSNIKS' GET EXIT VISAS

NEW YORK, June 15 (JTA)--Soviet authorities have granted exit visas to Prof. Mark Azbel and Dr. Yuri Manykh, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today. The SSSJ said it learned from Moscow this morning that Manykh, a solid-state physicist, had already left the USSR.

Azbel, 45, also a physicist, is one of the most prominent Moscow "refusniks." He had been seek-

ing a visa, unsuccessfully, for the past six years. He presided over an unofficial weekly seminar of Jewish scientists who were dismissed from their jobs after applying for visas. The seminars were conducted to keep them abreast of the latest scientific developments in their fields.

DMC WILL PLAY INDEPENDENT ROLE IN KNESSET, PLANS NO BLOC WITH LABOR

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 15 (JTA)--The Democratic Movement for Change (DMC) will play an independent role in the Knesset and will not form an opposition bloc with the Labor Alignment, it was learned today. The party headed by Prof. Yigael Yadin overwhelmingly rejected participation in a Likud-led coalition government under present conditions but it is wary of too close an association with Labor which it had challenged vigorously in the election campaign, DMC sources indicated.

They noted that there were substantial areas of agreement between the DMC and Likud on domestic, social and economic problems. The coalition talks foundered on fundamental differences over territorial compromise and the approach to peace with the Arabs. Accordingly, the DMC is expected to support certain domestic measures of a Likud regime but will not be reluctant to join the Labor Alignment in opposition to foreign policy moves, the sources said.

Meanwhile, Likud leader Menachem Begin who hopes to present his government to the Knesset next Monday, neared completion of a coalition agreement with the National Religious Party (NRP) today. One of his first moves was to mollify the NRP's anger over his naming of MK Goula Cohen as Deputy Minister of Education and Culture without prior consultation. Zevelun Hammer, of the NRP, who is slated to be Minister of Education and Culture in the next Cabinet, objected strenuously to that move.

More Concessions To Religious Party

Last night, Simcha Ehrlich, Likud's number two man, apologized to the NRP on Begin's behalf and promised that all appointments would be made in full consultation and cooperation with Likud's coalition partners. He described the nomination of Cohen, a former member of Lehi, the pre-State underground fighting group, as premature. But he gave no indication that Begin would reverse his decision.

Likud still has hopes of persuading the DMC to join its coalition. To improve that prospect, the NRP has agreed to withdraw its opposition to electoral reforms, a DMC proposal that was its key domestic platform plank. Likud, on its part, has made further concessions to the religious party. It agreed that autopsies will be allowed only on the approval of the family of the deceased. Approval by a panel consisting of two doctors and a rabbi would be required in cases of a medical emergency. The NRP also won a Likud promise to enforce public Sabbath observance. The Orthodox party objects to movie houses being allowed to remain open on the Sabbath.

SOVIETS HARASSING WESTERN NEWSMEN WHO REPORT ACTIVITIES OF JEWISH AND OTHER DISSIDENTS

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 15 (JTA)--Whether the detention in Moscow of Los Angeles Times correspondent Robert Toth is connected with the treason trial of Anatoly Sharansky was raised at the State Department yesterday. Another, but wider question was whether the harassment and Soviet public criticism of Western correspondents in recent months are employed to inhibit them from continuing to report on the continuing difficulties of Soviet dissidents and Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel.

Toth is being prevented from leaving Moscow by Soviet authorities on charges of receiving illicit documents. He was about to return to the United States with his family this past weekend after completing his tour in Moscow as a correspondent. Two U.S. official protests have been lodged with the Soviet government. (According to reports from Moscow this morning, Toth told reporters after his latest session by the KGB that the questioning had concentrated on his contacts with Sharansky.)

State Department spokesman John Trottner refused to discuss what is motivating the Soviet government to prevent Toth's departure. However, when the Jewish Telegraphic Agency asked what other correspondents are being harassed and when their harassment began, Trottner pointed out the Americans involved. He noted Associated Press reporter George Primsky was expelled and Americans named in the Soviet press for "improper activities" include Peter Onos, Washington Post; Christopher Wren and Hedrick Smith, both of The New York Times; James Wallace of U.S. News and World Report and Alfred Friendly of Newsweek.

These newsmen have reported extensively on the Jewish situation in the Soviet Union. Smith was a speaker at the conference held here by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Trottner said that he did not know whether the State Department would receive Sharansky's wife who is here to obtain U.S. support for his release.

TRIAL DELAYED FOR W. GERMANS ACCUSED OF TRYING TO SHOOT DOWN EL AL PLANE

TEL AVIV, June 15 (JTA)--The trial of two West Germans charged with attempting to shoot down an El Al plane at the Nairobi Airport on Jan. 16, 1976, scheduled to open before a military tribunal today, has been postponed indefinitely.

The accused terrorists, Brigitte Schultz, 25, and Thomas Reuter, were captured along with three Arabs near the airport in possession of a SAM-7 ground-to-air missile with which they intended to fire at an El Al passenger plane that was about to land at Nairobi Airport. They are believed to be members of an international terrorist group headed by Wadiyah Haddad, who also heads the overseas arm of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

The trial had been delayed once before because of difficulties in getting a defense attorney. The accused had requested Felicia Langer, a well-known Israeli left-wing lawyer, but she has been barred from appearing before military tribunals. The trial will be held behind closed doors but the West German Embassy will be allowed to have a representative present.

Meanwhile, Israeli authorities have denied reports that they are holding a West German leftist with alleged terrorist connections, Monica Haas.

FRANCE SAYS IT WILL INTERVENE FOR SOVIET JEWS, BUT DISCREETLY

By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, June 15 (JTA)--French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud has told Parliament that his government will act on behalf of human rights in the Soviet Union but said that any such action "will have to be discreet if it should be effective."

De Guiringaud answered a number of questions in Parliament this week on the French government's attitude at the Belgrade conference on the implementation of the Helsinki agreement which opened today and on its stand when President Valery Giscard d'Estaing will meet Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev in Paris next week. Members of the National Assembly (lower House) and the Senate representing all political parties with the exception of the Communists, called on the government to take a vigorous stand in the defense of Soviet Jewry.

The Representative Council of Major Jewish Organizations in France (CRIF) has asked French parliamentarians, political parties and non-Jewish organizations to make their feelings known to the government on this issue. CRIF has urged Giscard to intervene on behalf of Jewish activist Anatoly Sharansky who is under arrest on charges of high treason.

AJCONGRESS SAYS N.Y. PORT OFFICIAL ERRED IN BLAMING LOSS OF CARGOES ON STATE ANTI-BOYCOTT LAW

NEW YORK, June 15 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress said today that there was not "one shred of evidence" to support a recent claim by an official of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey that the Port of New York suffered a loss of export cargoes because of New York State's anti-boycott law that went into effect early in 1976. Naomi Levine, executive director of the AJCongress, accused Clifford B. O'Hara, the Port Authority's director of port commerce of presenting a "grossly inaccurate and distorted picture."

O'Hara said at the semi-annual meeting of the North Atlantic Ports Association in Newport, R.I. last week that the Port of New York lost roughly 300,000 tons of export cargo since 1976, largely because of the legislation aimed at countering the effects of the Arab boycott of Israel on American business. He said the port had little chance of regaining the lost business despite the new federal anti-boycott law, to be signed by President Carter, which would equalize competition for Arab business.

But Levine said that O'Hara's claim was "without foundation" and suggested that "blaming the anti-boycott law has the unfortunate result of diverting public attention from the real and serious problems facing the Port of New York." She cited Census Bureau figures made available to the AJCongress by the Port Authority's Planning and Development Department which showed that export tonnage from New York to Arab countries actually increased after the anti-boycott law went into effect.

Levine said that in 1976, ocean-going export cargoes to Arab states, except Lebanon, from the Port of New York totalled 274,634 long tons compared to 253,763 long tons in 1975. "This increase would have been significantly greater were it not for the civil war in Lebanon which paralyzed the country's economy and which resulted in a sharp decline in shipments to Beirut," she

said. She noted a marked increase of air cargoes to Arab states passing through the Port of New York amounting to 22,728 long tons in 1976, up from 16,450 long tons in 1975. She said this was further evidence that the state anti-boycott law had little or no effect on trade passing through the port.

Levine contended that the losses suffered by the port of New York were rooted in problems that have nothing to do with the anti-boycott law. She pointed out that export cargoes to Israel and other countries opposed to the boycott declined in 1976.

ISRAELI CHIEF RABBI GOREN MEETS WITH CARTER, SAYS PRESIDENT 'DEFINITELY' OPPOSES PALESTINIAN STATE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 15 (JTA)—Israel's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi, Shlomo Goren, said President Carter told him today that he has not been talking of a separate state for the Palestinians. Goren said the President said that when he referred to a homeland for the Palestinians he meant a solution to the refugee problem and "I mean it through Jordan."

Goren met with reporters on the White House grounds after he and Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz met for 40 minutes with Carter and his National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski. The Chief Rabbi had met with President Ford on a previous visit to the United States. When a reporter said this means the President opposes a Palestinian state, Goren replied, "definitely, definitely."

Goren said the President's remarks came when he asked him for a message to bring back to the people of Israel. He said Carter told him first of all the United States will maintain and increase the historic friendship between the U.S. and Israel. The President told Goren the U.S. will remain responsible for the security of Israel, he said. The Chief Rabbi also reported that Carter said the U.S. will not impose a settlement on Israel and that any settlement must come through negotiations between the parties involved.

Goren said the President told him he was looking forward to meeting Israeli Premier-designate Menachem Begin and getting the negotiating process moving. The rabbi said he told Carter he is "beloved by Jews all over the world" and they hope he will "fulfill our hopes." Goren said Carter was "chosen by the Lord" to deal with the Middle East problem "and support the prophetic vision of Israel without dividing the holy land again into two." At one point when Goren was talking about the Bible and Israel's security, the President told him "I know when you are speaking as a rabbi and when you are speaking as a major general." Goren was chief chaplain of Israel's defense forces before becoming Chief Rabbi.

PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM MOVEMENT WARNS LIKUD ON ORTHODOXY AND ALIENATION

JERUSALEM, June 15 (JTA)—The Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism has urged the parties forming the new Likud-led coalition government not to desert Progressive Judaism on the altar of coalition negotiations. The movement, which is associated with Reform Judaism in Western nations, expressed concern over concessions made by Likud to ultra-Orthodox factions. It warned that if the new government abandons non-Orthodox Jewry, it would alienate itself from most Jews in Israel and abroad.

Meanwhile, Labor MK Yossef Sarid warned that Menachem Begin's appointment of National Religious Party Minister Ze'evulun Hammer and

Geulah Cohen, a former member of the extremist Stern Group, as Minister of Education and Deputy Minister respectively, could have dire consequences. He noted that both support the illegal settlement movement, Gush Eminiim. He said the personalities who head the educational system should represent the broader views of the general school network.

NEW ISRAELI ENVOY GREETED IN BRITAIN

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, June 15 (JTA)—Avraham Kidron, Israel's new Ambassador to Britain, arrived here from Jerusalem today accompanied by his wife, Shoshana. They were greeted at London Airport by representatives of the Foreign Office, the Israeli Embassy and the Jewish community, represented by Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovitz.

Kidron, 58, was most recently Ambassador to The Netherlands. He served as Press Attache at the Israeli Embassy here from 1957-59 and is a former Director General of Israel's Foreign Ministry. He was also Ambassador to Yugoslavia and The Philippines. Kidron was born in Germany and settled in Palestine in the 1930s as a member of one of the first Youth Aliya groups.

Meanwhile, Benjamin Shiloah, Labor Attache at the Israeli Embassy, announced that he will leave his post a year before his tour of duty expires because of the Labor Party's defeat in the Israeli elections. He said his decision was "a matter of conscience." The 39-year-old kibbutz member told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "The new Israeli administration is opposed to many of the things I believe in and I cannot represent it to the people to whom I am accredited —the British and the trade union movement."

EX-MAYOR OF W. BERLIN MAY BE GERMANY'S NEXT AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

BONN, June 15 (JTA)—Klaus Schuetz, ex-Mayor of West Berlin and a man widely regarded as sympathetic to Israel, is expected to be named the next German Ambassador to Israel, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from reliable government sources. He will replace incumbent Ambassador Per Fischer.

Schuetz resigned his mayoral position last month after a minor financial scandal involving one of his Cabinet members, though he was not implicated personally. He recently hosted Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek during an exhibition on Jerusalem in West Berlin. He has also paid several visits to Israel.

ISRAELI URGED TO PRESERVE FREEDOM OF RADIO, TV BROADCASTING

JERUSALEM, June 15 (JTA)—Two Israeli officials have urged the public to support the independence and freedom of radio and television broadcasting. Shlomo Avineri, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, said the matter was a serious one, especially during a change of government. He said Israel's autonomous Broadcasting Authority was established in the belief that radio and television should not be controlled by government.

Avineri spoke at memorial services marking the first anniversary of the death of Haim Yakhil, former chairman of the Broadcasting Authority. Yitzhak Livni, Director General of the Broadcasting Authority, spoke in a similar vein at a meeting of its 32-member board. He urged resistance to any attempts by the government to tighten control over broadcasts.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**NEW UJA CHAIRMAN SAYS U.S. JEWRY SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL 'MORE POSITIVE' THAN IN RECENT MONTHS**

By Yitzhak Rabi.

NEW YORK, June 15 (JTA)—Leonard R. Strelitz, who was elected general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal May 21, began his duties at a time of uncertainties over Israel's next government and the United States' position toward a settlement in the Mideast and its relations with Israel.

Strelitz says that despite the uncertainties, or maybe because of them, "American Jewry's support of Israel" is more positive now than in recent months. "This support, Strelitz believes, will increase in months to come and will be manifested in increased contributions to the UJA.

In a special interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at his office at the UJA headquarters here, the 53-year-old Jewish leader from Norfolk, Va., said that the victory of the right-wing Likud Party in the May 17 general election in Israel did not affect American Jewry's attitude toward Israel. "In my judgement, and I have made many calls since the elections and talked to many Jewish leaders and people on a grass roots level, there is not any lessening of support for Israel," Strelitz said. Asked if the controversy over Likud's extreme political positions, especially in regard to the future of the Arab territories held by Israel, could harm the UJA fund-raising campaign, Strelitz replied: "I think any American Jew who is committed to Israel certainly has got to wait until a government is formed to evaluate its composition and to give this government a period of time to operate."

U.S. Pressure Will Increase Jewry's Support

In his inauguration speech Strelitz declared that the American Jewish community's solidarity with the people of Israel transcends all personalities and governments. "It is an enduring bond that cannot—and will not—be broken by circumstances..." he said.

Strelitz, who has been active in Jewish communal life for over a decade, said that in his view American Jews will increase their support of Israel mainly because of the change in the Carter Administration's Mideast policy and the continuing pressure of petro-dollar Arab countries. "The Jews understand pressure in their guts," Strelitz said. "They perceive the pressure of the petro-dollar and they see a change in the Administration's pronouncements in regard to relationship with Israel." President Carter's call for a Palestinian homeland, his talks about compensations to be paid to the Palestinian refugees by Israel and the emphasis of the U.S. on territories rather than on a real, genuine peace between Israel and her neighbors "do not sit well with American Jewry," Strelitz said. He added that these factors "when communicated properly to the Jewish community will mean more support for Israel and will increase contributions to the UJA."

Will Solicit Non-Givers

On the allegation that the UJA fails to communicate with the masses of Jews, Strelitz said that his organization does not have the "devices and expertise to solicit the smaller gifts (\$100 and under)." He said, however, that the UJA "is seeking now new ways and methods to approach the 55 percent non-giving Jewish community of America." In addition, Strelitz said "I will have a national chairman and a committee assigned to re-

port directly to me on new ideas on how to penetrate the non-giving Jewish community." In Strelitz's estimate, the non-giving Jewish community is potentially capable of doubling UJA total yearly contributions. He said that the goal for 1978 is to raise about \$700 million compared to \$470 million this year. ♦

Calls Aliya Situation 'Alarming'

Aware that the UJA was instrumental in creating the image that the Israel-American Jewish relationship is based primarily on fund-raising, Strelitz, a furniture retailer, said that apart from the fund-raising on behalf of Israel the responsibilities of the American Jewish community toward Israel should focus on helping Israel gain a sound economic basis and increasing aliya to Israel. "The American Jewish community, I feel, has the expertise, ability and commitment to industrialize Israel. Until Israel becomes an exporting nation, her dependence on the West, and especially the United States, will continue. We can't afford this dependence in case of a change in American support of Israel."

Calling the aliya situation over the last three years "alarming," Strelitz said that the resources of the American Jewish community should be mobilized to rectify the situation and "deal with it successfully."

ELIZABETH TAYLOR OFFERED TO BE HOSTAGE, DINITZ DISCLOSES

LOS ANGELES, June 15 (JTA)—Movie actress Elizabeth Taylor offered herself as a hostage for the more than 100 Air France hijack victims held by terrorists at Entebbe Airport in Uganda during the tense days before the Israeli rescue raid last July 4. That disclosure was made here by Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Simcha Dinitz, at a Jewish National Fund gala honoring Ms. Taylor and her husband, John W. Warner, for their devotion to the land reclamation work of the JNF and other humanitarian causes.

Dinitz, who presented the couple with a certificate for a forest to be planted in their names within the American National Bicentennial Park near Jerusalem, said that Ms. Taylor's offer was "appreciated" and "the Jewish people will always remember it."

More than 1200 friends and supporters of the JNF attended the event which was addressed by Moshe Rivlin, the JNF's new world chairman who flew in from Jerusalem for the occasion. "We hate to destroy, we love to build, and it is the common desire of the people of Israel for peace no matter what party is in power," Rivlin said.

Ms. Taylor said "The trees we planted with our own hands in Israel symbolize a new hope that the whole world, Christian, Jew and Arab, will live as one in harmony and under one God."

ALERT BUS DRIVER SAVES PASSENGERS

JERUSALEM, June 15 (JTA)—An alert Egged bus driver was credited today with preventing possible loss of life or injuries to his passengers. The driver, who spotted a suspicious looking package in his vehicle, ordered all of his passengers off. He drove to the Egged garage and was on the way to telephone the police when a bomb contained in the package exploded. No injuries were reported and damage to the bus was minor. ♦ ♦ ♦

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Ex-wrestling champ Raphael Halperin filed an IL 250,000 libel suit against newly elected MK Samuel Flatto-Sharon.