

**TWO FORMER PRESIDENTS AND FOUR FORMER SECRETARIES OF STATE JOIN SOLON IN URGING USSR TO END BIAS AGAINST JEWS AND OTHER MINORITIES**  
By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (JTA) -- Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford have joined Sen. Charles Percy (R. Ill.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in sending a letter to Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko today, urging the Soviet Union to allow Jews and other minorities to practice their religion freely and to emigrate if they wished.

The letter, organized by Percy, was also signed by four former Secretaries of State, Dean Rusk, William Rogers, Cyrus Vance and Alexander Haig; and three religious leaders, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Church of North and South America, and the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University.

All are members of the Advisory Council on Religious Rights in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, which Percy heads, and of which Carter and Ford are honorary co-chairman.

**Letter Expresses Bipartisan Concern**

"Citizens around the world, and Americans of all parties, faith and national origin, are very concerned at this time about the plight of the Soviet Jewish community and other religious minorities in the Soviet Union," the letter, which was mailed directly to Chernenko in Moscow, said. "We are writing jointly to appeal for their right to practice their religions freely and to emigrate to other nations if they choose."

Percy began circulating the letter three to four weeks ago and completed gathering the signatures today. By coincidence, it was mailed following Secretary of State George Shultz' speech to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry on Monday in which Shultz said the situation of Soviet Jews "remains grim" and persecution "seems to be getting worse."

Shultz pledged to continue to stress the plight of Soviet Jewry and other human rights issues in all diplomatic dealings with the Soviet Union but there is a feeling by the signers of the letter that if the Soviets want to make a "gesture" to the West by improving conditions for Jews, they might be more willing to do so for a non-governmental group which included two former Presidents.

**Soviet Jewish Situation Termed Bleak**

"The situation of the Soviet Jews is bleak and it is worsening," Percy said today. "I believe we must do whatever we can to help the Soviet Jewish community at this time and that is why I have organized this joint appeal."

Percy added that the letter to Chernenko demonstrates that a bipartisan interfaith and broad spectrum of leaders of our country consider the plight of Soviet Jewry a matter of urgent and grave concern."

The letter noted that the signatories "are deeply concerned about the tremendous decline in Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union over the past

ten years," going from 34,758 in 1973 to 1,315 in 1983. The peak year was 1979 when 51,320 emigrated. "As of September 20, only 721 Jews have been allowed to repatriate," the letter pointed out.

The signatories also expressed their concern "about the continuing difficulties experienced by Soviet Jewish citizens who wish to practice their faith or teach Hebrew. Jews have also suffered discrimination in education and unemployment."

**Several Refuseniks Cited**

The letter names several Soviet Jewish refuseniks who have received prison sentences -- Anatoly Shcharansky, Ida Nudel, Josef Begun and Yaacov Gorodatsky. Also named is Abe Stolar, a Chicago-born American citizen, who went to the Soviet Union in the 1930's with his parents and has been trying to return to the United States.

The letter urged Chernenko "to fulfill your commitments with respect to emigration and religious freedom" under the Helsinki Final Act, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

**WESLEYAN STUDENTS REJECT STUDENT BUDGET THAT WOULD HAVE PROVIDED FUNDS FOR CAMPUS APPEARANCE OF FARRAKHAN**  
By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (JTA) -- Students at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., have rejected the student activities budget for 1984-85 that would have provided \$2,000 to be used for a campus appearance, perhaps in April, of controversial Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, head of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam.

By rejecting the student budget, estimated at more than \$200,000, the student body succeeded in freezing funding allocations for all the 84 student groups. The Student Budget Committee is preparing to meet this evening, with a meeting scheduled afterwards of the Wesleyan Student Assembly, in an effort to iron out the difficulties presented by the referendum's outcome.

There are 2,600 full-time undergraduate and graduate students at Wesleyan University. Out of the 1,087 students that cast ballots on Monday and Tuesday, 616 rejected the referendum while 471 accepted it. It was worded as follows: "We vote to accept/reject the budget approved by the Wesleyan Student Assembly."

A campus spokesperson pointed out that this was not a vote to decide whether or not Farrakhan should be allowed to speak on campus, but whether student funds should be used to pay for his appearance.

Ujaama, the Black student group on campus, has requested the funds, although they have not yet issued a formal invitation to Farrakhan, who created a furor in the American Jewish community during the Democratic Presidential primaries, and was later quoted as saying, among other things, that Israel is "an outlaw nation" and describing Judaism as "a dirty religion."

Ujaama, which means "family" in Swahili, represents a "sizable but not complete" segment of the university's Black student population of some 200 students or about eight percent of the entire student body, a campus spokesperson said. Ujaama has not issued any statement to the press, although it is expected to issue a reaction in the near future to the referendum on the budget.

Bobby Wayne Clark, director of public information and publications at Wesleyan, said the referendum was initiated by two students, who he said were not affiliated with any particular campus groups. The students garnered 300 signatures to petition for a student referendum on the budget allocations.

Wesleyan does not have a B'nai B'rith Hillel organization for its Jewish students, estimated at 40 percent of the entire body. Filling in the void for the Hillel Foundation at the university is an organization called Havurah, which serves as the religious, cultural and educational center of the Jewish campus life, according to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

One active Jewish organization on campus is the Wesleyan Jewish Action Committee, whose co-chairperson Amy Hamburg, claimed that Ujaama did not understand the implications of seeking funds for an appearance on the campus of Farrakhan. She asserted that relations between Blacks and Jews on the campus have been strained although she did not elaborate. The Wesleyan Jewish Action Committee has a membership of some 40 persons, according to Hamburg.

#### Effort To Defuse Tensions

In an effort to defuse any tensions which may arise over this incident, Clark noted that there have been at least four meetings on campus between Black and Jewish student groups. Clark praised the students' actions and said the meetings were held in order for each part to understand each other's sensitivity to the issue.

Eight Black and eight Jewish students, as well as some faculty members, attended a meeting last week which lasted 2 1/2 hours, according to Rabbi Roger Klein, the Jewish chaplain at Wesleyan. The rabbi was reported to be working closely with the university's Protestant chaplain, Rev. Arnold Thomas, who is Black.

"More than just the Farrakhan issue was discussed," Klein told the Connecticut Jewish Ledger. "There was recognition that the Black and Jewish communities have grown apart in the last 10 to 15 years. We had expressions of deep hurt by the Jewish students over the scheduling of a Farrakhan talk -- and statements by Ujaama members that they had no obligations to see the issue through Jewish eyes."

According to Klein, the student members of Ujaama "were genuinely shocked at the impact of their decision to invite Farrakhan. I don't believe there was any bad intent involved. We're trying now to find ways to resolve this dispute if at all possible."

#### UNESCO ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON MAIMONIDES COMMEMORATION

PARIS, Oct. 24 (JTA) -- The Executive Council of UNESCO has approved a proposal by the World Jewish Congress that the 850th anniversary of the birth of Maimonides -- the great Jewish philosopher and physician -- be celebrated during 1985.

The resolution, which was unanimously adopted, was submitted by Spain, the native land of Maimonides, and co-sponsored by France, Cuba, Venezuela, Italy, Mexico, and Pakistan.

The resolution notes that next year marks the anniversary of Maimonides, "the philosopher, physician and jurist who was active at the crossroads of the great civilizations of his time and eminently contributed to the dialogue between cultures." It associated UNESCO with "the celebration of this anniversary and to the observances to be organized by the interested governments and non-governmental organizations."

The WJC, which holds consultative status in UNESCO, first proposed UNESCO's association with the Maimonides anniversary during the organization's 22nd General Conference in October, 1983 when the WJC representative, Prof. Jean Halperin, suggested that observances of the anniversary could help foster a Judeo-Muslim cultural dialogue.

He noted that Maimonides, born in Cordoba in 1135 and who died in Cairo in 1204, contributed decisively to the dialogue between cultures and the encounter between Jewish, Arab, Greek and Christian thought.

In adopting the resolution, the Executive Council noted "that the ongoing effort toward peace and international understanding rests on an active dialogue among cultures (and) that all civilizations are part of a common heritage."

#### SPECIAL TO THE JTA A RARE AGREEMENT By Haskell Cohen

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (JTA) -- Hooray! At long last Israelis, Lebanese, Jordanians and Syrians agree on one issue: sports. This may be small potatoes, but it shows that people who have been at loggerheads for numerous years can agree on something, when necessary.

What's the cause of their agreement? Football, what else? It started when Middle East Television recently began broadcasting the Monday night National Football League game.

Ray Bevan, the manager of the Mideast TV network CBNS, said that viewers in each of the four countries "are just ecstatic." He said they have been writing to the network saying they would like to see two games a week.

The fans are acquiring a keen knowledge of the rules of the pro football game despite the fact that soccer is the most popular sport in the four countries. Bevan said he believes football is an activity that serves as "an outlet for violence without blowing up somebody. It provides a safety valve."

Israeli newspapers are latching on to the game and recently the sports daily there began promoting the grid games as an integral part of American life and advising its readers to watch Monday night football.

Since the Monday night game is usually a tape of a contest played the previous week, Americans living in Israel avoid reading the scores of the contest at the time it is published in order to maintain suspense.

Bevan indicated that these grid enthusiasts can look forward to viewing the Pro Bowl games as well as the Super Bowl contest. He said that another American sport, wrestling, also enthralled the audiences in the four Mideast countries.

#### ECONOMIC WOES HIT ISRAELI UNIVERSITIES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 24 (JTA) -- The Technion, Israel's institute of technology in Haifa, is the only institute of higher learning in Israel to commence its new school year on time.

All the others, including the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University, the Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, Bar-Ilan and Weizmann Institute of Science's Feinberg Graduate School, have postponed their openings until next month, because of financial difficulties and uncertainty about the extent of government aid they can expect this year.

The Technion said it would open on time at the beginning of this week because even a delay of a few days in beginning scientific and technical courses might delay a full year's work program.

**The Aftermath Of 'An Act Of Terrorism':  
RABBI VOWS THAT HIS CONGREGATION  
WILL NOT BE TERRORIZED NOR  
INTIMIDATED BY ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACKS**  
By Kevin Freeman

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (JTA) — The spiritual leader of a synagogue in Manalapan, New Jersey, that was desecrated and damaged when three youths allegedly drove a tractor through a wall of the recently opened structure, vowed today that the congregation will not be terrorized nor intimidated by anti-Semitic attacks.

Rabbi Ira Rothstein has mobilized local civic, religious and political leaders to join in condemning the attack by signing an advertisement that will appear later this week in local newspapers, and has organized a solidarity march for November 4 that will conclude at the synagogue where work will begin to repair the damage.

"This was an act of terrorism," Rothstein told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a telephone interview. He said the "Jewish community will stand united and will not be intimidated."

### Three Youths Arrested

Three 18-year-old youths have been arrested in connection with the incident which occurred last Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. The three are accused of using the tractor that was being used for landscaping the Conservative synagogue and driving it through a wall at the education wing of the Temple Beth Shalom.

The vandals also painted swastikas and scrawled anti-Semitic slogans on the walls of the structure. One slogan said: "Jews go home." No one was in the synagogue at the time. The cost of the damage has not yet been estimated, Rothstein said, although he pointed out that an engineer's report two days ago indicated that there is structural damage, "more than a hole in the wall."

The three youths charged in the attack on the 325-family synagogue located in Monmouth County are: Joseph Salvatore Busalacchi, Keith Francis LaRocca and Timothy Michael McLane. They were each arrested Monday before dawn at their homes, police reports said.

Police charged the suspects with malicious destruction of property and defacement and damage of religious property. Busalacchi and LaRocca were also charged with aggravated arson, possession of explosives for an unlawful purpose and defacing religious property in a May 19 attack at the Congregation Sons of Israel. In that attack, a molotov cocktail was thrown on the sidewalk of the Sons of Israel Temple. No one was injured.

### Stresses Significance Of The Attack

Temple Beth Shalom had just moved into the new structure, Rothstein said, and services were first held there during the High Holy Days. The congregation has for the past six years met in churches and schools since being formed by people from Manalapan, Freehold and Marlboro.

Rothstein met with local leaders shortly after the incident and sought to stress the significance of the attack on the synagogue. He said that he told the local leaders that "when this happens to one house of worship, it could happen to us all."

The advertisement in the local papers, including a full page in the Asbury Park Press slated for this Sunday, condemns violence and religious intolerance and will be signed by some 35-40 leaders, according to Rothstein.

The advertisement will describe what occurred and make a statement that the Jewish community will not be "intimidated." He said, "Perpetrators will be sent a message that hatred will not go unpunished."

The advertisement will declare: "We believe this act cannot go unnoticed. The destruction at Temple Beth Shalom is a violation of the fundamental principles of democracy and is an affront to both Jews and Christians. When one house of worship is desecrated, all houses of worship are desecrated. When it happens to one of us it happens to us all . . ."

The advertisement will ask readers to join in a demonstration of solidarity on November 4 that will conclude in a ceremony at the synagogue at which time cleanup activities of the structure will commence. The only repair to the synagogue since the attack has been the placement of wood panels nailed to the side of the building to cover the hole in the wall caused by the tractor.

Information on participating in the march can be obtained at 201-446-1200.

### GERMANY WON'T ARREST FORMER NAZI

BONN, Oct. 24 (JTA) — The West German Prosecutor's Office has rejected calls of several organizations here to arrest Arthur Rudolph, a missile specialist, who has taken up residence in Hamburg after leaving the United States last spring. The Prosecutor's office said it has virtually no evidence against Rudolph who had been director for production of V-2 rockets in a factory attached to the Dora-Nordhausen concentration camp. A third to one-half of the 60,000 prisoners there died because of inhumane working conditions.

Last week, Rudolph was forced to renounce his American citizenship for concealing his Nazi activities during World War II. He became an American citizen in 1954 and was brought to the United States in 1945. He spent two years rebuilding the V-2 rocket systems at the White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico. He was also loaned to the British to assist in their testing of V-2 weapons.

Rudolph was one of about 900 German scientists brought to the U.S. after the war to work on American rocket and missile programs. He was employed by NASA and was a resident of San Jose, Calif., when the Justice Department investigators discovered his Nazi past.

Between 1951 and 1961, according to reports, he served as a manager of and technical director of the Pershing System, recently deployed in Europe. In 1965 he was made director of the Saturn V program that produced the rocket that carried the Apollo astronauts to the moon. For his contributions to the space program, he was given the Distinguished Service Medal, NASA's highest honor.

The calls in West Germany for Rudolph's arrest came from various groups, including the Frankfurt-based Association of Persecutees of the Nazi Regime. It said in a press release that the West German government apparently wants to wait until the case becomes a public issue, which would provide a basis to move against Rudolph.

The Association demanded that the government immediately make public files on Rudolph and all other former Nazis who left the United States and settled down in Germany. By failing to do so, the government is evading its responsibility to the victims of Nazism. Government authorities said that the Rudolph file has been classified inactive for lack of evidence against him.

## FORMER BLACK PANTHER LEADER IS NOW STAUNCHLY PRO-ISRAEL

By Nadine Joseph

(Editor's note: Nadine Joseph writes for the Jewish Bulletin of Northern California.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24 (JTA) -- Eldridge Cleaver's transformation is so radical that no one could recognize the once militant Black Panther, ex-convict and author of "Soul on Ice" in his soft-spoken born-again patriot-pro-Reagan, anti-Communist and staunchly pro-Israel role.

Cleaver has forsaken the tenets -- both racial and ideological -- that made him one of the leading advocates of revolution and earned him 30,000 votes nationally as a Presidential candidate in 1968. But the new, conservative Cleaver stands little chance of garnering even the 18,000 votes he would need to win a seat on the City Council in Berkeley next week.

Now his thinning hair is gray, his suit is pin-striped and his loyalties are to the American flag that hangs outside his modest and cluttered flat turned into campaign headquarters.

Instead of denouncing American capitalism on college campuses, he addressed Jews in Los Angeles yesterday in a talk sponsored by the Jewish Defense Organization. And his most militant act was getting arrested last Saturday in a fight against rent control laws.

### Opposes 'Holy War' Against Israel

Today, nine years after his return from exile in Cuba, North Korea, Algeria and other Third World countries, Cleaver is quick to speak out against the "Holy War theocratic states which threaten Israel," against Jesse Jackson's anti-Semitic slurs, against Berkeley Mayor Gus Newport's Arab connections.

"Twenty years ago I was a thousand times closer to Jews. Jewish people got me out of jail, all the way up to Leonard Bernstein. The problem is the people I was hooked up with were Jewish leftists," says Cleaver, who is now seeking support from the Jewish businessman and professionals who support Israel and have tired of what Cleaver terms "Berkeley's politics of the hidden agenda -- all ideological."

### 'Went Through An Evolution'

The old, militant Cleaver had never thought through the problems of the Middle East, he now says. His view, like that of leftists and leftist Jews who still live in Berkeley, was derived from his thoughts about politics in America. "I used to basically support the Palestinians because they were a Third World people seeking liberation like the Blacks in America," says Cleaver. "As for Israel, I opposed its existence because it received support from American imperialists."

His feelings about the Middle East now sound similar to those of a conservative Israeli. "I went through an evolution," says Cleaver. "First I began recognizing Israel as a legitimate state, and from that point on, I saw that it wasn't right to support the existence of an entity without giving it security and guaranteeing its borders."

"I believe in looking at Israel through Jewish history. The existence of Israel has positively transformed the position of Jews after the great slaughters, the pogroms, the Holocaust."

Cleaver accused Jackson of "pure opportunism" in turning to Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan for support. "I accuse Jesse Jackson of squandering

the political capital that Blacks have invested in him. Because of him, the Democratic Party is the most threatening to Israel and has lost the support of the Jewish community."

"But here in Berkeley," says Cleaver, shaking his head, "you have Jews for Jesse Jackson and Jews who supported Measure E. Then you have state politics where people who supported Jesse Jackson are running with people who opposed him. The people who support Jesse Jackson and those who supported Measure E ought to be punished at the polls."

Measure E, which an American Arab group sought to place on the state ballot in the Presidential primary last June, called for cuts in U.S. aid to Israel equal to Israeli expenditures for West Bank settlements. It was defeated by more than a 2-1 margin in the June 5 primary.

### Claims Vendetta By Black Leaders

Until now, claims Cleaver, he has been excluded from mainstream politics because of a vendetta by established Black leaders. His religious and political vagaries -- Cleaver, once a Black Muslim, is now a Mormon -- have left Cleaver few organized allies. He supports himself by selling the bulky flowerpots he makes out of rocks and cement while his wife, Kathleen, attends Yale Law School.

"I often speak to the rabbi in Escondido who makes peppermint soap with religious messages in it. We agree that people who speak and can't use their hands turn doctrine into a graveyard."

Cleaver, who now wears bifocals and writes and copies his campaign literature through an IBM computer while he watches cable news on his color television set, says, "Everyone else has changed. I went to the Bank of America the other day and met a man with a neatly trimmed beard who told me he admired me when I was a Black Panther but now hates my guts. 'What are you doing here?' I asked him. 'Robbing the bank?'"

### U.S. AND ISRAEL AGREE TO COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (JTA) -- The United States and Israel have agreed to cooperative research projects on oil shale extraction and the conversion of coal for alternative fuels.

The U.S. will provide \$620,000 for the projects which call for the exchange of technical information and personnel. The agreements are a result of a pledge in December, 1983 by Energy Secretary Donald Hodel and Yitzhak Mordechai, who was then Israel's Minister for Energy and Infrastructure and is now Finance Minister.

The two countries signed an agreement last June and the details of the agreement were put together by U.S. and Israeli technical officials last month. The Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute will conduct projects in concert with similar activities underway in the U.S.

"These agreements reflect the shared commitment to cooperate in scientific and technical exploration that exists between our two countries," Hodel said. He noted that the agreements "will permit the U.S. to share in the creative oil shale research already underway in Israel and to apply the knowledge we learn to both the oil shales and, potentially, the high sulfur bituminous coals we have in abundance in this country."

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TEL AVIV (JTA) -- The BBC's 100-member Welsh choir is in Israel for a series of performances throughout the country to be filmed for the BBC.