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### SOVIET NUCLEAR DISASTER SPARKS CONCERN AMONG RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL ABOUT RELATIVES IN KIEV

By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 1 (JTA) -- The nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union has triggered concern among Russian immigrants in Israel for the safety of relatives in Kiev, only 60 miles south of Chernobyl, site of the nuclear power plant where an apparent meltdown occurred last Friday.

It has also raised questions by Knesset members about the wisdom of building nuclear power plants in Israel. Nuclear physicists and engineers have gone on radio and television here to explain the causes and possible effects of a reactor breakdown. Meanwhile, the atmosphere is being checked for radioactive fall-out from the accident in the Ukraine.

Levels are normal and experts have assured the public that even if the high altitude winds were to reverse direction -- an unlikely prospect -- and blow toward the Middle East, the levels of radioactivity would be harmless by the time the contaminated winds reached here.

The Soviet immigrant community, however, is far more alarmed over the health and safety of their relatives in Kiev, the third largest city in the Soviet Union, and surrounding areas. Their fears have been heightened by the secrecy of Soviet officialdom which has released scant details of the disaster and whose low casualty figures are considered implausible by most Western experts.

#### Trying To Reach Kiev By Telephone

Russian Jews here trying to reach Kiev by telephone have been told by operators that their parties were not available or that all lines were busy. One woman who managed to reach relatives in Kiev by phone said the people she spoke to were surprised by her anxiety and insisted that conditions in Kiev were completely normal. They said there was no excitement in the city or its environs, she reported.

Kiev has a Jewish population of between 300,000-400,000 out of a total population of some two million people. The calm there may be the result of Soviet secrecy toward their own people. According to Western sources, the Russian population has been given few details of the disaster by the official media and has learned of its magnitude only gradually by listening to broadcasts from the U.S. and Western Europe which are normally jammed.

Israeli ham radio operators who have contacted amateur radio operators in Kiev received assurances that all was well. Only one Israeli operator heard a report of many casualties. Apparently, Kiev residents learned only on Wednesday of the accident that occurred last Friday and

from what the Israelis could ascertain, no special precautions had been taken in Kiev.

Yair Tshan, a Mapam Knesset member, and others are demanding a debate as soon as parliament reconvenes after Passover on the dangers of nuclear power plants in Israel in light of the Soviet disaster. Israel has one such plant, located near Dimona in the Negev. On his visit to France last month, Premier Shimon Peres is reported to have discussed the purchase of another French nuclear reactor to generate electric power in Israel.

### THREE IDF SOLDIERS WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, May 1 (JTA) -- Three Israel Defense Force soldiers were wounded, none seriously, in a clash in the eastern sector of south Lebanon Tuesday night in which two terrorists were killed.

Military sources said the incident occurred when an IDF patrol spotted what its commander described as apparent infiltrators moving with stealth near Shouba village in the foothills of Mt. Hermon. The patrol opened fire and fire was returned causing the casualties. Equipment and food supplies found near the bodies of the dead men indicated that they were on either a terrorist or an intelligence-gathering mission.

The sources said IDF units have recently foiled several infiltration attempts by the Syria-supported Palestine Liberation Organization dissidents led by Abu Moussa.

Meanwhile, the Israel-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) reported Thursday that five of its men were wounded in a clash with terrorists Thursday morning and three of the wounded were kidnapped. The casualties occurred when an SLA post east of Jezzine came under heavy mortar fire. One of the attackers was killed in the exchange of fire. He is believed to be a member of Hezbollah, the extremist Shiite Moslem militia linked to Iran.

### PLAY DESCRIBED AS ANTI-SEMITIC TO BE SHOWN FOR 'CLOSED AUDIENCES'

By David Kantor

BONN, May 1 (JTA) -- Rainer Werner Fassbinder's play "Garbage, the City and Death," which was taken off the boards in November after protests by the Jewish community and others that it was anti-Semitic, will be shown shortly for "closed audiences."

This was announced by Guenther Ruchle, the artistic manager of Frankfurt's municipally-supported Kammerspiel (little theatre), where it was originally scheduled to premier October 31. Jewish protesters occupied the stage and prevented the performance, and a heated dialogue ensued between them and members of the audience.

The protesters' contention that the play is anti-Semitic is rooted primarily in the fact that the main protagonist is a heartless -- and nameless -- real estate speculator referred to only as "the rich Jew." Ruchle, under pressure from the Jewish community and various political figures,

abandoned plans in November to show the play. Now he has announced that a study of legal implications demonstrates that performing it for "closed" audiences -- the term was not defined by him -- would be in accordance with the laws of the Hesse Federal State. Frankfurt municipal authorities, however, still hold to the belief that such performances of the play are illegal.

Observers in Frankfurt expressed the view that the showing of the play has become almost an obsession for Ruehle. Said one theater critic, "He is prepared to do anything to show this garbage to the public."

**B'NAI B'RITH CANADA URGES THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO HELP SOUTH AFRICAN BLACK POPULATION**  
By Jeff Rosen

TORONTO, May 1 (JTA) -- The Canadian government should be encouraged to invest in Black and colored townships in South Africa so as to train leaders in business and management skills, according to a recommendation to the government approved by the B'nai B'rith Canada at a recent meeting in Ottawa.

"We have to train the Black community to become familiar with business and management techniques and leadership roles," Frank Dimant, executive vice president of B'nai B'rith Canada, told The Canadian Jewish News.

Dimant said the recommendation, which came out of a fact-finding mission to South Africa by B'nai B'rith Canada president Harry Bick and himself, was presented to the Special Joint Committee on Canada's International Affairs by Marilyn Wainberg, chairman of BB's International Affairs Cabinet, and BB legal counsel David Matas.

The committee was established by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and is composed of MPs and Senators. It is holding hearings across the country on Canada's foreign relations and will report to Parliament on May 31.

While in South Africa, the BB leaders visited Johannesburg, Capetown, Durban, Soweto, Alexandra, and Mitchell's Plain. Dimant said the trip gave them the opportunity to meet with members of the country's Jewish community and hear their concerns.

They also met with representatives from every sector of society, including the Canadian and Israeli Ambassadors to South Africa, Edward Lee and David Ariel, respectively. Lee is former Canadian Ambassador to Israel and Ariel is former Israeli Consul General in Toronto.

**Jewish Community Is Vibrant**

Dimant said that while South Africa's Jewish community is strong and vibrant, it has "grave concerns" which stem from the number of Jewish and non-Jewish missions to South Africa. These visits usually result in strong speeches attacking apartheid and do not accomplish much.

"We're troubled by that approach," he said. "We don't claim to be experts. We heard and listened." Dimant said that while Jews are seen as part of the white community, the Black community realizes that Jews are in the forefront in fighting apartheid. "Jewish leaders in South Africa have gone on record as being against it. It took great courage to make those statements," he said.

Looking at the current political situation in South Africa, Dimant said the "truth rests

somewhere between what the media have been showing us and what people are saying themselves."

He said people are not just concerned about violence arising from a Black revolution, but also about a political swing to the right and possible efforts to crush Black movements. Such a swing would be detrimental to the country's liberal Jewish community, he observed.

"If world pressure continues, a segment of the White Afrikaaner population may resort to strong-arm tactics," Dimant said. "The question of South Africa boils down to how much time the world is prepared to give the country to sort out its problems." Dimant explained that while B'nai B'rith abhors apartheid, the country should not be judged by outside standards.

**ISRAELIS ENJOY MAY DAY**  
By Hugh Orgel

TEL AVIV, May 1 (JTA) -- Thousands of Israelis took off from work Thursday, less in observance of May Day, the international labor holiday, than simply as an extension of the Passover holiday which ended Wednesday night.

Many factories, commercial enterprises and service industries were shut down or operated on Saturday schedules with only partial staffing. Newspapers did not publish, except for the National Religious Party's daily Hatzofe, and most post offices were closed.

Red flags were flown from Histadrut buildings and the headquarters of the Labor Party and Mapam. But they were far fewer than in past years. Histadrut called on its members to observe May Day as a day of international labor solidarity. But it did not order a complete work stoppage, citing economic conditions as the reason.

Many Israelis who do not normally observe May Day took off for the countryside and beaches. The North African Jewish community celebrated the Mimouna feast, traditionally observed on the day after Passover. They held picnics in parks and open house parties, inviting passersby to sample some of their ethnic dishes.

Political leaders of all parties made sure to put in an appearance at one or another of these celebrations, obviously hoping their presence would translate into votes from Israel's majority Sephardic population. The only large city to hold a May Day parade and rally was Nazareth, the largest Arab town in Israel, which has a Communist-led Town Council.

**SHOSTAKOVICH GROVE ESTABLISHED BY THE JNF IN JERUSALEM**

NEW YORK, May 1 (JTA) -- A grove of trees honoring the Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich has been established in Jerusalem's Neveh Ya'akov neighborhood by the Jewish National Fund, it was announced here. The grove was sponsored by musicians of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the Israel Information Center for Soviet Jewry, in recognition of Shostakovich's life-long compassion for the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Shostakovich's son Maxim, a well-known European orchestra conductor who resides in the United States, was present at the recent dedication of the grove, which coincided with a series of concerts he was conducting in Israel, devoted to his father's compositions.