

WORLD BEAT

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Soviet Ambassador Praises Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Soviet ambassador to Washington hailed recent Soviet-Israeli cooperation and said he foresees an improvement in relations between Moscow and world Jewry.

Ambassador Yuri Dubinin made the remarks at a Soviet Embassy ceremony in which officials of the American Jewish World Service presented him a check for \$50,000 to help relief efforts in earthquake-ravaged Soviet Armenia.

The Boston-based group also gave \$30,000 to the Armenian primate, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian, which is earmarked for helping Armenia's estimated 40,000 to 50,000 amputees, many below the age of 18.

Dubinin said he was "deeply moved" by the gift. He also said the Soviet people are appreciative of the aid the Israeli government has provided in efforts to rescue victims of the disaster.

The ambassador praised "cooperation between the Soviet Union and Israel" over the recent hijacking of an Aeroflot airliner, which landed safely at Israel's Ben-Gurion Airport.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has raised more than \$250,000 for Armenian relief efforts so far.

B'nai B'rith Chapter Begun in Moscow

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Thirty-eight leaders of the Moscow Jewish community have founded the first unit of B'nai B'rith in the Soviet Union. B'nai B'rith asked for the immediate release of all refuseniks and a "systematic, substantial and sustained emigration process involving new applicants."

The authorities promised to relax cultural restrictions, including prohibitions on the teaching of Hebrew. B'nai B'rith urged that Hebrew be designated the official language of the Jewish minority. Permission was granted in principle to allow foreign rabbis to serve communities in the USSR. Another initiative involved proposed exchanges and visits of Soviet youth and American Jewish teen-agers affiliated with the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

Discussions also focused on the registration and certification of Hebrew teachers, the publication of Jewish books in the Russian language and exchanges of exhibits.

The delegation discussed the Arab-Israeli conflict with Soviet officials and Moscow's desire to host a world human rights conference. The deputy procurator general, Vladimir Andreyev, promised the group judicial cooperation regarding Nazi war criminals and a full accounting soon of the case of Raoul Wallenberg.

Israelis Lose Match In Moscow

TEL AVIV (JTA) — It was a triumph in defeat and it warmed the hearts of Jews throughout the Soviet Union on a frigid Saturday. The Hapoel volleyball team from Kiryat Ata, the Israeli champions, played the Moscow Dynamos, the Soviet Cup-holders in Moscow.

Hapoel was soundly beaten — 15-8, 15-3 and 15-2 — in what was the first round of the European Cup tournament. But the contest was clearly a case where the game was more important than the victory.

The televised match was the first time in the 21 years since Moscow severed diplomatic relations with Israel

that Israeli and Russian sports teams met anywhere but in a third country.

The Israelis got a tremendous reception from the crowd and the press.

Syria Urged to Let Jews Out

BRUSSELS (JTA) — The European Parliament in Strasbourg has intervened on behalf of six Syrian Jews who are missing or were imprisoned because they wanted to leave Syria.

A resolution urging their immediate release was to be delivered to the Damascus government by the president of the parliament, the legislative body of the European Community, and also to the 12 E.C. member states.

The resolution was introduced by two members of the Liberal group, Jean-Thomas Nordmann of France and Carles-Alfred Gasoliba Byohm of Spain, during a debate on human rights violations around the world.

It notes that there are some 5,000 Jews living in Syria today, with three Jews, Ibrahim and Victor Lahal and Selim Sued, confined to prison.

Three others, Eli Sued, Jacques Lalo and Zaki Mamroud, disappeared after their arrest. They were all accused by the authorities of trying to leave Syria.

In calling on Syria to let these Jews leave, the resolution cited the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

Urge Revocation of Nazi-Loving Casino Owner's License

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Nevada State Gaming Commission is considering suspending or revoking the gambling license of a Las Vegas casino owner for his flagrant display of Nazi sympathies, which reportedly include a Nazi memorabilia

room in his hotel and the hosting of a birthday party in 1986 and 1988 to honor Adolf Hitler's birthday.

The Nevada Control Board filed a complaint with the gaming commission, its parent organization, recommending the license suspension along with a \$400,000 fine against Ralph Englestadt, owner of the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino.

The Hitler birthday parties featured Nazi marching music, cakes decorated with swastikas and bartenders wearing t-shirts bearing Hitler's picture.

The Imperial Palace's print shop was also alleged to have produced bumper stickers saying "Hitler Was Right," which were distributed to employees.

U.S.-Arab Women Barred from Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two Arab American women arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport recently were detained by police and sent back to the U.S. after a gross anti-Semitic outburst.

The women began to hurl insults when an Arab man accompanying them was found to be on a list of people barred from entering Israel.

One of the women was quoted as saying "It's a pity Hitler didn't totally destroy the Jewish people." The two women and the man were denied entry into Israel and sent back to their points of origin. Their identities were not disclosed.

Jewish Art Displayed

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (JTA) — The Yugoslav capital is hosting the largest exhibition of native Jewish art, culture and history ever mounted in this country.

Titled "Jews on the Territory of Yugoslavia," it opened Jan. 16 for six weeks.

The exhibit may eventually travel to Tel Aviv, London and New York. It was seen last April through June in Zagreb, capital of the Yugoslav province of Croatia, and during the summer in Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Jews have lived in the country that is now Yugoslavia for nearly 2,000 years.

It was home to more than 80,000 Jews before World War II. The Holocaust claimed the lives of about 67,000 Yugoslavs. Today, the Jewish population numbers roughly 6,000.

Arabs Lack Desire for Democracy and Peace

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the UN, ruled out the possibility of Israeli-Arab peace in the foreseeable future because of what she contends is a lack of commitment to democracy by the Palestinians.

But two Israeli scholars indicated that Israel has to meet the current Palestinian peace offensive with a credible policy initiative of its own.

They and others spoke at the first session of the fourth annual Jeane Kirkpatrick Forum at Tel Aviv University, named in honor of the former envoy, who was an outspoken friend of Israel in the world organization.

OSI Official Killed in Plane Crash

NEW YORK (JTA) — Among the victims of the Pan Am Flight 103 disaster was an assistant deputy director of the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, who had just concluded talks with Austria on the subject of deporting Nazi war criminals from the U.S. to Austria.

Michael Bernstein, 36, was responsible in OSI for supervising the investigation and litigation of hundreds of cases of suspected Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

A fruit of Bernstein's negotiations with the Austrians will be the deportation to that country of Josef Eckert, an accused Nazi war criminal who was apprehended in Los Angeles a year ago.

Bernstein died exactly one year to the day that OSI filed the case against Eckert, 74, a native of Austria-Hungary who is accused of having participated, as an SS member, in war crimes at Auschwitz and two of its sub-

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