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ISRAEL READY TO RESUME TALKS

DEATH COMMUTED FOR 2 SOVIET JEWS TO 15 YEARS HARD LABOR

JERUSALEM (WNS) --The Supreme Court of the Russian Federation has commuted the death sentences imposed on two Leningrad defendants, Mark Dymshitz and Edvard Kutznetsov, to 15 years at hard labor following a worldwide protest whose scope and intensity surprised both world Jewish and Soviet authorities.

Protests against the death sentences and the prison terms of 4 to 15 years imposed on the other nine defendants at the Leningrad trial had been lodged by governments, political leaders, Nobel laureates, scientists -- including Andrei D. Sakharov, father of the Russian "H" bomb--, intellectuals, Maoist groups, Trotskyite parties and

Communist parties and labor unions throughout the western world.

When she learned of the court's decision, Premier Golda Meir exclaimed "The Jewish people in Israel and throughout the world will rejoice at the commutation of the sentences." She said she was certain that the manifestations of Jewish solidarity in Israel and other countries, humanitarian awakening and appeals from governments and personalities had helped to save the lives of the condemned men.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman issued a statement praising the Almighty for the rescue of the condemned Jews and expressed hope that

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JERUSALEM (WNS) --Foreign Minister Abba Eban informed UN Middle East mediator Gunnar V. Jarring that Israel was ready to return to the peace talks under his auspices. Israel's decision was conveyed to Jarring after the Cabinet and then the Knesset, by a 77-22 vote, approved a return to the talks.

(As Eban announced Israel would return to the talks, President Anwar Sadat of Egypt placed his nation on a war footing.)

While Eban said that Israel would not negotiate with the Palestinians as such, he said it would be "a natural thing" if the Jordanian government were to include West Bank residents in its delegation to the talks.

Earlier in the week, President Sadat declared that Egypt would never enter into diplomatic relations with Israel, but he

declared a willingness to "recognize the rights of Israel as an independent state" provided that Israel evacuates "every inch" of Arab territory captured in the Six Day War.

Sadat said he was willing to immediately negotiate Israel's "rights of passage" through the Straits of Tiran and the Gulf of Aqaba, but added that the Suez Canal would not be open to Israeli shipping until there was a settlement of the Palestinian refugee problem.

He declared that Israel must submit a timetable in advance of peace talks if the present cease-fire is to be extended when it ends on February 5, and he added that Egypt would "welcome a guarantee by the U.S., USSR, Britain and France, of all Middle East borders including Israel's" as a first step in a peace settlement.

DEAD SEA IS ALIVE WITH TOURISTS THIS TIME OF YEAR

The giant fissure, at the lowest point on the face of the earth, is stirring with signs of human activity. Hotels, bathing beaches, sulphur baths, museums and other amenities are sprouting in the overpowering landscape that has been desolate ever since the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

At first sight it is hard to understand why a petrified Lot's wife has been the region's sole steady inhabitant for thousands of years. If we count her blessings, we arrive at a landscape of matchless grandeur, historical sites such as Masada, En Gedi and Kumran, a hot, dry climate which is perfect in winter, a drown-proof lake in which even a new-born babe can float (not recommended), curative hot springs and mineral waters, and maybe the knowledge that she is 1200 feet below sea level, lower than anyone else on earth.

The thermal springs are not reserved exclusively for the convalescent and the ailing. The wild beauty and the feeling of adventure appeals especially to young people. A fine hotel, youth hostels and a camping site with bungalows as well as the usual facilities all cater for visitors.

Salt formations of brown, barren rock tower over the bleak length of shoreline and over the mineral-rich but lifeless waters -- 1200 feet

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JEWS FACE HARSH SENTENCE

NEW YORK--Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Cleveland, president of the American Jewish Congress, expressed "relief and gratification" that the lives of two Soviet Jews among the Leningrad 11 had been spared but said

he saw "little cause for rejoicing in the harsh sentences still imposed for a so-called 'crime' that never took place.

In a statement, Rabbi Lelyveld said that while Jews could "take encouragement at the worldwide protests against the death sentences," there could be no letup "so long as the Jews of the Soviet Union remain a captive people."

Rabbi Lelyveld, who had issued a call for condemnation of the death sentences by Pope Paul, President Nixon and the Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the World Council of Churches, when the sentences were announced, said he was "deeply gratified" by the public statements of the two church leaders and by the reports of President Nixon's "deep understanding, genuine concern and continuing interest".

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