

NON JEWISH, TOP USSR SCIENTISTS MAKE APPEAL FOR RUSSIAN JEWS

Three of the U.S.S.R.'s leading scientists --- including Andrei Sakharov, nuclear physicist and head of the Soviet Committee for Human Rights -- have called on the Kremlin to "end the persecution" of Jews seeking to emigrate from Russia and "stop violating the right to leave the country." A copy of their appeal, written as a letter to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow and dated May 20, 1971, was smuggled out of the U.S.S.R. by Representative Bertram Podell (Democrat of Brooklyn) during a visit to the Soviet Union last month.

Representative Podell will present the document to a "Commission of Inquiry" into the rights of Soviet Jews meeting all day at the Carnegie Endowment International Center, 345 East 46th Street. The letter brought out by Rep. Podell, who returned last month from a visit to the U.S.S.R., charges Soviet authorities with "illegitimate actions in hindering the free departure of people from the Soviet Union -- specifically, the free repatriation of Jews to Israel."

It also protests the Kremlin's "unexplained and arbitrary refusals to issue visas," charges that Soviet "red tape" in processing emigration "has no basis in law" and calls on the Presidium to use its "constitutional right of pardon" to dismiss the criminal cases of Jews awaiting trial and convicted for "anti-Soviet activity."

The letter was written by Valery Chelidze, a Soviet physicist who joined last year with Andrei Sakharov, a world-renowned nuclear physicist, and A. Tverdokhlebov, another prominent physicist, in founding the Soviet Committee for Human

Rights. Mr. Chelidze signed the letter. To it was appended an endorsement, signed by Mr. Sakharov and Mr. Tverdokhlebov, declaring:

"We agree with the arguments in V. Chelidze's letter and join in the appeals to end the persecution of repatriates and to stop violating the right to leave the country. We join in the appeal for dismissal of the mentioned criminal cases by an act of pardon."

According to Rep. Podell, the letter and its endorsement "reveal for the first time the full extent of the support given the struggle for Jewish national rights by the leaders of the non-Jewish civil rights and civil liberties movement in the U.S.S.R."

Neither Mr. Chelidze, Mr. Sakharov nor Mr. Tverdokhlebov is Jewish.

TREATY STALE

WASHINGTON (WNS) --The 15 year Soviet-Egyptian treaty of friendship and cooperation, signed in Cairo May 27, "strictly resembles" the treaties governing Moscow's relations with the Warsaw Pact Nations, the Israel Embassy here stated in a policy background paper. The Paper states, by this treaty, the Soviets have achieved "what it has long sought, namely the political consolidation of its presence in the Middle East by winning a long term legal title to intervene in the affairs of the Arab state, Egypt,

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