

RUSSIA IGNORES ATTEMPT TO FREE PRISONERS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- After months without any response from the Soviet authorities a team of prominent American lawyers and law professors, headed by Telford Taylor, a law professor at Columbia University, has revealed that it has been trying to obtain the release of 18 Jewish and two non-Jewish "prisoners of conscience" in the Soviet Union through the use of Soviet judicial procedure and law.

Taylor, who was the chief U.S. prosecutor at the war crimes trials in Nuremberg, said the team is discarding secrecy and taking the cases to the "court of world opinion" because of the lack of response. Taylor said the group aimed to

prove to the Soviets that the validity of the legal procedure and Soviet criminal law were violated when the Jewish prisoners were tried and that they are being held under conditions which are also illegal.

The two non-Jewish prisoners were defendants in the first Leningrad trial in December 1970. The team is representing the families of the prisoners and its members are serving without pay. Taylor said he has been approached by the families of other Jewish prisoners in the USSR and will represent them as part of a continuing process. Taylor said there are some 40 "Prisoners of Conscience" in the Soviet Union.



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**HUNGER STRIKE
BY SOVIET JEWISH PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE**

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THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SENTENCING IN THE FIRST LENINGRAD TRIAL WAS MARKED BY A HUNGER STRIKE LED BY (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): FORMER SOVIET JEWISH PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE, AHARON SHPILBERG; NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY CHAIRMAN, STANLEY H. LOWELL; AND MRS. BRONYA CHERNOGLAZ, WIFE OF THE PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE DAVID CHERNOGLAZ.

case of two activists, Mark Nashpitz and Boris Tsitlionok who were among seven demonstrators arrested outside the Lenin Library for protesting the denial of exit visas. While the others were released or given brief jail terms, Nashpitz and Tsitlionok are being held for trial on charges of "the organization or active participation in group action disturbing public order."

At the same time exit visas were granted to 10 "hard-core" activists including Yuli Brind, of Kharkov, who was just released from a forced labor camp. The Moscow activists said this was a "smoke screen" thrown up by Soviet authorities to conceal their repression of other Jews. The group said that three other activists were summoned to KGB headquarters and one of them Prof. Alexander

Luntz, a scientist, was threatened with being charged with treason which carries the death penalty. Meanwhile in Washington, Sen. Henry M. Jackson said that "we had some rough going and we'll have more of it" on the fight to give Soviet Jews freedom of emi-

gration. He promised that "I'm confident that by maintaining a steady course, inevitably we'll win out." Jackson's remarks were made as he received the Gold Medal of Judaic Heritage Society which cited him "for his fight for the freedom of Russian Jews."

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SOVIET SPLIT JEWS AS 'FINAL SOLUTION'

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The Soviet government is trying to achieve a "final solution" of the Jewish emigration problem by issuing visas to selected activists but denying them to others who are regularly harassed, threatened with prosecution or actually arrested and held for trial on unspecified or dubious

charges, according to 15 Jewish activists in Moscow.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry said the group of 15 told Western journalists in Moscow that the strategy is apparently aimed at splitting the hard-core activists and intimidating other Jews from seeking exit visas.

The group cited the



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