

CHARLOTTE JACOBSON: BRUSSELS 2 EFFECTIVE

NEW YORK -- "Brussels II, where Jews and non-Jews joined to emphasize the rights of Soviet Jews to leave for Israel is a prelude to the 25th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party which has just opened in Moscow. We have every hope that this Congress will show greater sensitivity to the needs and rights of Soviet Jews and that they will be given the freedom to emigrate to Israel," Mr. Charlotte Jacobson, Chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization and one of the three co-chairmen of the Second World Conference on Soviet Jewry, declared upon her return from the Conference in Brussels.

"The Soviet authorities had attacked Brussels I as 'anti-Soviet provocation' and an 'impudent attempt at open interference' in internal Soviet affairs, yet within weeks they were issuing exit visas to Jews who had been demanding to leave," she said. "This time, too, the Soviet authorities attacked the Conference," Mrs. Jacobson said, and even "staged a press-conference of Jews they claimed had been disillusioned by the hardships of life in Israel and the corruption of its government. But once again, they are issuing visas; a group of 100 Jews, some of whom had applications pending since 1971, arrived in Tel Aviv just this week -- the first group of many waiting to leave despite Soviet protestations that all applications have been dealt with.

"Soviet sensitivity to the pressure of public opinion is important," Mrs. Jacobson stated, "and is eloquent testimony to the significance of conferences such as the two Brussels sessions.

"The success of the Conference, of course, is not expressed solely in the freeing of another hundred Jews; it lies in the placing of the right of Soviet Jews to Aliyah back on the international agenda and the renewing of pressure on the Soviet authorities for the release," she said.

Another result of the Conference is the establishment of an International Federation of Concerned Scientists, with headquarters in Paris, who will coordinate the efforts of free scientists all over the world on behalf of ostracized Soviet scientists who are being denied

their basic human rights.

"The Conference was a source of inspiration to all who work for the oppressed Jews of the Soviet Union, and a source of strength and encouragement to those in the U.S.S.R. waiting to be free. It was not an anti-Soviet conference," Mrs. Jacobson concluded, "but a pro-Soviet-Jews conference. And it is our fervent prayer that we will not have to convene a Brussels III -- except to rejoice over the freedom of Soviet Jewry."

U.S. DENIES JET ENGINE SALE TO EGYPT

WASH. (WNS) -- A report published in Israel that the United States is considering selling Egypt J-79 Phantom jet engines to Egypt for use in its Soviet made MIG-21 planes was categorically denied by the State Department.

"I categorically deny the proposal exists," State Department spokesman John Tattner told reporters. He said the proposal "is not even considered in the Administration." The Pentagon has also denied the reports. Egypt wants the engines because the Soviet Union has reportedly refused to provide it with replacement parts for the MIG-21s.

Meanwhile, Gen. (res.) Mordechai Hod, the former commander of the Israel Air Force, warned in a newspaper in-

terview that if the U.S. sold the J-79 engines to Egypt the Arab countries would gain a distinct advantage in air power.

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