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**Mondale at A.D.L.**

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Human rights was the focus last week of the most poignant and dynamic session in the 64 - year history of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League.

The occasion was a luncheon meeting in Washington, D.C. only minutes after Egyptian President Sadat addressed Israel's Knesset in Jerusalem. Two imprisoned Russians, Dr. Andrei D. Sakharov and Anatoly Shcharansky, were awarded with A.D.L.'s third annual 'Joseph Prize for Human Rights.'

The prize to Sakharov, a Nobel Peace Laureate, scientist and academician, was presented by Maxwell E. Greenberg, Chairman, National Executive Committee, A.D.L. It was accepted for Sakharov by a friend and fellow physicist, Sidney Drell of Stanford University. Shcharansky's wife, Natalia, accepted the award -- from A.D.L.'s honorary national chairman Seymour Graubard -- for her husband, who was imprisoned in March on charges of being a C.I.A. agent. Mrs. Shcharansky, who was forced to emigrate to Israel in 1973 -- the day after her wedding -- cried as she concluded her acceptance remarks with a plea for help.

Vice President Walter F. Mondale, key speaker at the luncheon, was visibly moved with Mrs. Shcharansky's words and began his address by remarking: "It's difficult to follow her eloquent plea for social justice. It's one I'll personally report to the President when I leave here. Her message speaks to the whole cause of human rights."

Then he told the 500 guests at Washington's new Hyatt Regency Hotel that he has worked closely with the A.D.L. throughout his public life -- and "no organization is more respected in the struggle for human rights."

The Vice President went on to say that it's a special privilege for him to join A.D.L. for the presentation of the 'Joseph Prize.' "It is only three years old," he noted, "but I believe -- in time -- it will come to be known as a badge of honor in every nation."

"In presenting the 'Joseph Prize' to Sakharov and Shcharansky, you do more than honor two brave and noble men. The A.D.L. and all of us here today testify our commitment to the ideal for which they stand -- the right of human beings to be free...to live in liberty and dignity without fear...is not a privilege granted by an arm of the state...but a birthright from the hand of God."

The Vice President continued: "No organization can speak with more integrity on behalf

of that ideal than the A.D.L. -- who for over 60 years has contributed time, energy and resources in every fight for social justice and civil rights and human rights. But, what is most impressive to me about the A.D.L. and what I think has special meaning for the subject of human rights...is that from the beginning...in the original A.D.L. charter signed in 1913 the organization set out to safeguard the rights not just of Americans of the Jewish faith, but the rights of all peoples.

"Today, it's easy to take that commitment for granted. But when the ADL was founded the memories and terrors of pogroms were still fresh in many minds. It was a time when discrimination against American Jews was widespread in housing and jobs and schools, when professional hate groups like the Ku Klux Klan peddled anti - Semitism, when a man named Leo Frank could be dragged from a prison cell and hanged by a mob...for the 'crime' of being a Jew."

"If those founders of the ADL had formed this organization solely to fight anti - Semitism, no one would have questioned why. But they understood...from the wisdom of Jewish teachings and from the suffering of Jewish history -- that human rights and human dignity are indivisible, that you cannot defend the liberty of any single group by drawing the wagons in a circle around it and turning away while the liberty of others is denied. They understood, as the world community learned again through the horrors of Nazism, that those who trample the rights of any part of humanity are a threat to all humanity. And that's why, from the beginning, the ADL has always looked beyond its narrow self - interest to heed the ancient command of Leviticus: To 'proclaim liberty throughout the land to to all the inhabitants thereof'."

Mr. Mondale added that in recent years the U.S. has relearned the lesson which the ADL has always known: That human rights know no boundaries, that we cannot protect our freedom as Americans if we ignore those parts of the world which aren't free. In our relations with other nations we cannot put out democratic ideals on a shelf in the name of some higher pragmatism without denying those very ideals.

He stressed that human rights must not be this year's political vogue or fashion of the day. "We are committed to the advancement of other peoples' freedom, and our commitment must endure," he said. "The goals we seek in the pursuit of human rights are clear. But the choices we face are not. Decisions on whether to cut off economic aid or security assistance can mean the difference between starvation or survival, between war and peace. We dare not make those decisions from some moral Mount Olympus, oblivious to the consequences of our actions, but smug in the satisfaction that are motives are pure."

"The President put it well in his inaugural address, 'Because we are free we can never be indifferent to the fate of freedom elsewhere'."

Vice President Mondale concluded: "The defense of human rights is now part of the moral agenda of our time. Those who seek to deny individual rights must answer for their action to the court of world opinion. And for the first time, those brave individuals struggling for liberty in nations throughout the world know that they are not alone."

"Human dignity and human rights for all the peoples of the world is an idea whose time has come..."

NEW YORK (WNS) -- Some 50 percent of the 5000 Jews living in the Greater Harrisburg area may have left their homes since an accident March 28 at the Three Miles Island nuclear power plant.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Five of the seven Jewish Senators support a proposed Constitutional Amendment by Sen. Birch Bayh (D. Ind.) to abolish the electoral college and have direct election of the President and Vice President.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- President Carter has issued a proclamation establishing April 28 and 29 as "Days of Remembrance of Victims of the Holocaust" in accordance with a resolution approved by Congress last year.

UNITED NATIONS (WNS) -- Israel will not allow a Security Council commission into the country to investigate Israeli settlements in the occupied territories.

**NY TIMES AD REMINDS WORLD OF PLO KILLERS**

NEW YORK (WUP) -- In a full page statement appearing in The New York Times during the opening week of the UN General Assembly, more than a score of noted writers, artists and scientists called upon the world not to forget the PLO killers of the Munich infamy.

Captioned "Remember," their reminder read: Murder screamed 11 times at Munich on September 5th, 1972. The Killers were the PLO. And we shall not forget.

The killed were Israeli Athletes. And we shall not forget Moshe Weinberg, Yosef Gutfreund, Yaacob Springer, Smitzou Shapira, Joseph Romano, David Berger, Mark Savin, Eliezer Halfin, Zeev Friedman, Kehat Schorr, Andre Spitzer. Fathers, sons, brothers. All dead.

It has been five years, but we shall not forget. How can we forget the other innocent victims? Jewish, Christian, Moslem, killed at other places by the PLO in their war against civilians. 26 Christian Pilgrims at Lod Airport. 24 children at Maalot. 47 persons on a Swissair Jet. 8 adults and 8 children at Kiriath Shemonah. And more and more links in a brutal chain of murder and massacre.

And we shall not forget. That the PLO killers go unpunished by the world. And we shall not forget that the PLO would if it could destroy the State of Israel as it is destroying the State of Lebanon.

We believe Israel will talk, sacrifice, and negotiate with those who recognize the need to talk, sacrifice and negotiate.

But we shall not forget that the PLO says Israel has no right to exist.

Would any state in the world be asked to talk to those who say you must die at the end of the conversation?

Israel waits for peace. And an end to the killing. But while we wait, we shall not, we cannot, forget, we must not forget.

So, remember Munich, 1972. Lest we re-live Munich 1938.

Among the signers were several Nobel Laureates and a number of both Protestant and Catholic theologians.

The ad was sponsored by the "Writers and Artists for Peace in the Middle East," whose Director is Harry A. Steinberg.

The UNLV Runnin' Rebel team will be honored April 19th at Caesars Palace by local celebrities. Organizers for the event are Susan Molasky and Mr. & Mrs. Larry duBolf. Call 739 - 3678 for ticket information.



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