

WHY SOVIET JEWS SHUN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The reason many Soviet Jewish emigrants go to some country other than Israel is that they have a distorted view of the Jewish State, Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Execu-

tives, said here. Dulzin, who presided at a two-day meeting of the Presidium of the Brussels Conference for Soviet Jewry in Rome, said his talks there with "drop-outs" left him "broken-hearted." He said there are about 10,000 Soviet Jews in Rome waiting admission into the United States and other Western countries and most know little about Israel.

He said those who claim knowledge present distorted facts. Kulzin said the reasons given for not going to Israel is the housing shortage, reported absorption hardships and anticipated difficulties with the Israeli bureaucracy. He said these factors were combined with anti-Israel propaganda to which they had been subjected. The drop-out phenomena is a "national disaster" Dulzin said. He said it is reaching 80 percent. He said he hoped a solution will be found when he meets later in Jerusalem with leaders of HIAS and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Eduard Kuznetsov, the Soviet Jewish activist who immigrated to Israel in April after nine years in a Soviet labor camp, said at the Rome conference that he is hopeful for Soviet Jewry because of the release of Jewish Prisoners of Conscience and the increasing number of Jews allowed to emigrate. "The USSR's economy has reached an impasse and needs the Western economy and know-how," he said. He said that the Soviet Union is trying to

"present an acceptable self-image as a humanitarian country that is no threat to the West."

RESIDENTS DON'T LOVE EGYPTIAN RULE

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Some El Arish residents have found that the return of Egyptian rule after 12 years has not been the blessing they had anticipated. Many families have been ejected from apartments to make room for the Egyptian officers now quartered in the Sinai town.

There are also reports that some El Arish residents have been subjected to interrogation by the Egyptians on alleged collaboration with the Israelis and in some cases were physically abused.

The Egyptians, meanwhile, have for the time being, closed the border around El Arish preventing workers from reaching their jobs in the laundry that lies on the Israeli side of the border. Some workers have evaded the Egyptian checkpoints by scaling the border fence. Power to the laundry from El Arish was cut off but it was restored when the laundry was connected to the Israeli electrical system.

Meanwhile, Israel is concerned about the huge radar system the Egyptians have installed at El Arish. Israel cannot complain since the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty does not limit the size of electronic equipment.

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RECOMMEND EARLY RELEASE

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- The early release of Terry Fleener, a 24-year-old American woman serving a five-year term on charges of spying for a terrorist organization, was recommended by the Justice Ministry. Fleener, who is from San Antonio, Texas, and a former stewardess for Kuwait Airlines, could be freed by the end of June for "good conduct." Fleener, who admitted to the charges when she was sentenced 15 months ago, has been the subject of representation by the U. S. government. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance asked Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir for her early release. The Justice Ministry also has recommended the early release of Ludvina Janssen, 26, of Holland, serving a

six-year term on similar charges.

RABIN WANTS SHARING

MONTREAL (WNS) -- Former Premier Yitzhak Rabin declared here May 29 that real peace between Egypt and Is-

rael has a "long way to go" and it will depend on both countries working together for technological advancement. "That's what Egypt wants and we can offer," he told some 500 persons attending a dinner of the Canadian Friends of the Technion at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

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