

# LETTERS

Dear Mike;  
If Anatoly Scharansky is still alive he was thirty-five years old on January 20, 1983.

His 74 year-old mother, Ida Milgram, and brother Leonid Scharansky, had received written authorization to visit him for the first time in a year. But when they traveled to Chistopol prison, 500 miles from

Moscow, they were refused permission to see him.

The Prison Commandant acknowledged that Scharansky is still on a hunger strike and that he is being force-fed every third day. A number of former Soviet Jewish prisoners now living in Israel expressed fears that this method of force-feeding could cause

irreparable harm to Scharansky's health. Send a message of hope to Anatoly by sending him a simple birthday card. Even if he never receives the card, his sadistic captors will know that the world is still watching out for him.

Please send your cards to:

Anatoly Scharansky  
UCHR 5110/1

U.Z. 148/St. 4  
Moscow, RSFSR  
USSR

Please do it today.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Morey Schapira  
National Vice  
President

Union of Councils for Soviet  
Jews

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The commission of inquiry into the Beirut refugee camps massacre held its final session. The panel, meeting behind closed doors, heard attorneys for six of the nine witnesses who had been warned last November that they might be harmed if certain conclusions were drawn on the basis of their original testimony. Since the warning was issued, six of the nine senior political

and military officials either reappeared before the commission, were represented by legal counsel or submitted written responses to questions posed by fellow witnesses.

Premier Menachem Begin, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and chief of army intelligence Gen. Yehoshua Saguy did not avail themselves of the opportunity to reappear, examine evidence and question witnesses. Each submitted letters to the commission essentially reaffirming their original testimony without ex-

planation or embellishment.

The commission will now have to sift through 12,000 documents and other evidence collected over the past 2-1/2 months. There was no indication when its final report and recommendations will be ready. Since its appointment last October 1, the panel has heard 49 witnesses present testimony on 58 occasions. Only 24 of those occasions were in open session with the media present. The bulk of the testimony presented was closed to the public.

## NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS JEWISH WAR VETERANS



JEANETTE L. SHAPIRO

CHARLES T. KANDEL AUXILIARY 711 JEWISH WAR VETERANS AND POST WILL BE HONORED BY A VISIT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY JEANETTE L. SHAPIRO OF CYPRESS, CA. MRS. SHAPIRO WAS ELECTED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN SEPTEMBER. SHE IS A LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE AUXILIARY AND THE POST HAVE PLANNED AN INTERESTING VISIT FOR HER. THERE WILL BE LUNCHEON IN HER HONOR ON MONDAY AND SHE WILL APPEAR ON PAGE 5 ON CHANNEL 5 ON TUESDAY. THE AUXILIARY HAS PLANNED A VISIT TO A NURSING HOME WHERE THEY WILL SERVE REFRESHMENTS AND DISTRIBUTE MORE OF THEIR HAND MADE LAP ROBES. MRS. SHAPIRO WILL OBLIGATE ALL OF THE NEW MEMBERS ON MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 31ST AT THE MEETING OF THE POST AND AUXILIARY AT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM AT 8:00 P.M. ONE OF THE GUESTS WILL BE COUNTY COMMISSIONER THALIA DONDERO. IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR EITHER THE POST OR AUXILIARY PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 871-0069 OR 871-2822.

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