

"SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOUND GUILTY"

A three-judge commission presiding at an International Tribunal at Fort Mason Center in San Francisco, concluded January 23rd that Anatoly Scharansky did not receive a fair Soviet trial in 1978, has not received adequate treatment in prison, and should be immediately released.

The commission, which heard charges that the Soviets viola-

cisco was notified and asked to send a legal representative, no one appeared. The commission, therefore, assigned an attorney, familiar with both Soviet law and the Scharansky matter, to make a case in behalf of the Soviet government.

Testifying in the overcrowded public hall of more than 400 people were Allen Pollock, professor of Russian history at

to the Soviet Union; and Avital Scharansky, wife of the im-

prisoned activist,

Justice Mosk, who headed the judicial commission, added that if Scharansky's

release was not secured in the very near future, the commission would request that the Soviet government permit a representative of the tribunal to interview Scharansky personally.

Scharansky has been on a hunger strike for nearly four months, protesting the harsh prison treatment and his lack of communication with anyone from the outside world for more than a year.

Senator Alan Cranston was the Honorary Chairperson for the tribunal, which was sponsored by the Bay Area Council on Soviet

Jewry, the Zionist Organization of America, the Lawyers Club of San Francisco, and other organizations.



SEATED FROM RIGHT TO LEFT AT FAR RIGHT TABLE ARE SCHARANSKY'S ATTORNEYS, ALAN DERSHOWITZ AND IRWIN COTLER.

ted a number of their own laws and Constitution as well as international treaties in the case of Anatoly Scharansky, was comprised of California Supreme Court Justice Stanley Mosk, retired California Supreme Court Justice Frank Newman and San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Lillian Sing.

Representing Scharansky were Alan Dershowitz of Harvard Law School and Irwin Cotler of McGill University, Scharansky's U.S. and Canadian attorneys respectively.

Although Soviet Consul General Chikvaizde in San Fran-

Tel Aviv University; Sister Ann Gillen, executive director of the National Interreligious Task Force on Soviet Jewry; Selma Light, who met with Scharansky in 1975; U.S. Representative Tom Lantos (D. Ca.), just returned from leading a Congressional delegation

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