

Shcharansky Sends Letter To Avital; Cost: Two-Day Hunger Strike

Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky received a 2½ hour visit January 5 from his mother Ida Milgrom, the UCSJ learned.

Shcharansky, weakened by harsh conditions at Chistopol Prison, can barely sit and has continued chest and heart pains. Despite appeals by Milgrom and Shcharansky's wife Avital, Soviet authorities have ignored the urgent need for Shcharansky's immediate hospitalization.

The Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, together with its nearly 40 local member councils across the country and international affiliates, have issued thousands of telegrams to Soviet authorities demanding a response to Shcharansky's requirements for immediate hospitalization.

Just prior to Ida Milgrom's visit, Avital received a second letter directly from Chistopol. The letter dated November 1st "cost" Shcharansky a two-day hunger strike in order to secure confirmation from the Procurator that the letter

"would be delivered."

UCSJ President Lynn Singer (East Meadow, NY) stated: "It is a disgrace that Anatoly Shcharansky must undergo a hunger strike in order to communicate with his wife in Israel. His actions demonstrate the harsh conditions imposed by the Soviet government, not only on Shcharansky, but also on the many Jews living in the Soviet Union..."

Singer noted the recent news of Ida Nudel of Bendary, who received an un-official warning by local Soviet police that "she should not leave the Moldavian province," (although Soviet law provides her the right to travel). Nudel, of necessity, has been receiving medical attention from friends. Nudel was further warned that "she should not celebrate Jewish holidays nor invite refuseniks to her home," the Soviet official concluding that "if she did not abide by these rules she would receive a harsh sentence."

Singer stated: "While the pressure exacted upon Shcharansky attempts to cut his physical strength as well as his Jewish strength, his commitment to the Jewish people and to the State of Israel remains constant, as does Nudel's."

EDA Loosens Policy Toward Gaming Business

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Nevada Senator Paul Laxalt said that businesses that derive no more than 30 percent of their earnings through gaming will now be eligible for loans from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Previously, the EDA had said that businesses that derived any income from gaming were "categorically ineligible" for assistance.

"I greatly appreciate the EDA's swift response to Nevada's legitimate concerns. This policy decision should help ensure that Nevada businesses get their fair share of the Federal pie," Laxalt said.

The new policy states that the EDA may guarantee loans to businesses that derive money from gaming activities as long as gaming is legal in the jurisdiction in which the business is located and as long as no more than 30 percent of the annual gross income (including rents) is derived from gaming.

The Nevada Congressional delegation and Governor Richard Bryan met with officials from the EDA, the Small Business Administration, the Farmers Home Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development in November to discuss the agencies' policies toward Nevada businesses.

The EDA, in addition to providing loans to businesses, provides public work grants to local governments in order to promote business development.

Kedem Foods Offers First Kosher Sparkling Grape Juice

NEW YORK - Kedem Foods is adding a brand new product to its line of juices. Long known for its excellent grape juice and other fine food products, the company announces the addition of Sparkling Kosher Grape Juice, in both Concord and Catawba grape varieties, to the Kosher food market, according to Herman Herzog, president of the company.

"We hold a leading position in the Kosher juice field with our present products," says Mr. Herzog. "The addition of a Sparkling Grape Juice to the Kedem food line will be a boon to every hostess and home."

The Kedem Sparkling Kosher Grape Juice is packed in a graceful 750 ml bottle, attractively capped with silver and gold foil. The label, in a different color for each grape, adds a festive touch to the product.

Kedem's Sparkling Kosher Grape Juice is already in most major markets. Other market areas will be added in the near future. In every case, a strong advertising campaign will feature the introduction. Kedem's Sparkling Kosher Grape Juice will retail at about \$2.50 a bottle.

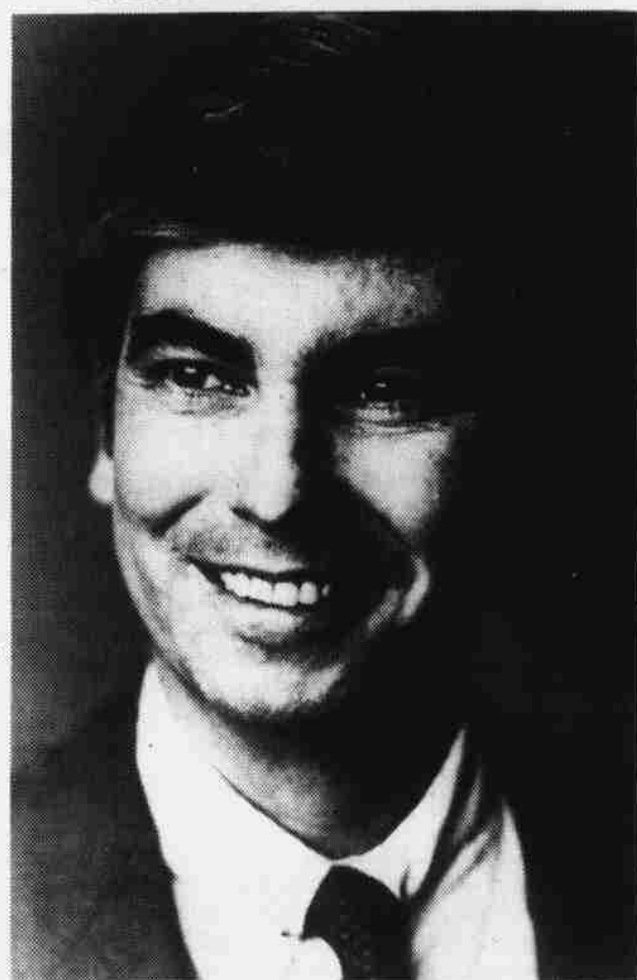
Arens Concerned Over Germany's Intention To Sell Arms To Arabs

JERUSALEM (WNS) — Israel's profound concern over West

Germany's intention to sell sophisticated weaponry to Arab countries still in a state of war with Israel, was stressed by Defense Minister Moshe Arens in his address to the Zionist General Council meeting.

The pending arms deal between Bonn and Saudi Arabia is "a source of great concern to us," Arens said. It includes "very advanced arms" such as West Germany's Mark II tank, considered by military experts to be the best in the world, armored personnel carriers and anti-aircraft systems, Arens said.

"We are definitely and completely opposed to this," Arens said. He called on American Jewry to "demonstrate our op-



Senator Christopher J. Dodd, D-Connecticut, will be the keynote speaker at the American ORT Federation National Conference banquet session, January 28 at the Sheraton Centre New York, announced Alvin L. Gray, American ORT Federation President. Some 500 delegates from Men's ORT chapters throughout the United States are expected to attend.

Delegates from American ORT Federation chapters and divisions throughout the United States will participate in a three-day round of discussions and activities geared to directing ORT's worldwide educational network through the closing decades of the twentieth century, at the American ORT Federation National Conference, January 27-29, 1984, at the Sheraton Centre, New York, announced Alvin L. Gray, American ORT Federation President.

Featured speakers at the conference will include Senator Christopher J. Dodd, D-Connecticut; Israel Goralnik, Director-General of ORT Israel; Joshua Flidel, Director - General of ORT Latin America; and Mosahe Davis, Jewish education consultant to the World ORT Union.

A new slate of officers will be installed on Sunday, January 29.

Founded in 1880 to train the poverty stricken Jews of Eastern Europe in the basic skills of industry and agriculture, today the ORT global network educates more than 112,000 students of all ages throughout the Jewish world, 70,000 in Israel alone. In its 104-year history, ORT has trained more than 2 million people in marketable skills that have enabled them to earn a livelihood and achieve dignity in their lives.

position and your opinion." He maintained that it was "inconceivable" that Germany should contemplate selling arms to a country avowedly at war with Israel.

The arms sale issue is expected to figure high on the agenda of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's talks with Premier Yitzhak Shamir and other Israeli officials when the West German leader visits Israel. Bonn has made no secret of its intentions to sell arms to Saudi Arabia but German sources have said privately that the Leopard tank is not included.

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