

## Senate Panel Votes New Address For Soviet Embassy D'Amato Amendment Creates "Andrei Sakharov Plaza"

The Senate Appropriations Committee voted to change the mailing address of the Soviet Union's embassy in Washington from 1125 16th Street to "Number One, Andrei Sakharov Plaza, Washington, D.C. 20036."

U.S. Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-C-NY) proposed the amendment which was added by the panel to the FY'85 District of Columbia Appropriations Bill.

"This will serve as a continual reminder to the Soviets that the American people are concerned about what has happened to the Sakharovs," Senator D'Amato said, noting that Andrei Sakharov and his wife Yelena Bonner have been missing since May 6th and no one has seen them since.

"Every piece of mail the Soviets get will remind them that we want to know what has happened to the Sakharovs," he said.

D'Amato said that the Sakharov case "underscores the Kremlin's complete disregard for basic human rights and civil liberties."

"As a result of Sakharov's activities on behalf of human rights, he and his wife have been singled out for particularly harsh reprisals by the Soviet Secret Police," he explained. "Since 1980, they have become virtual prisoners in their own country, living in exile in Gorky."

Since their exile, the Sakharov's children have been forced to leave the USSR. Earlier this year, Sakharov requested permission for his wife to travel to the West for medical treatment, but this was denied. On May 2nd, Sakharov began a hunger strike to protest the treatment they have received from the Soviets. Four days later they disappeared and no one has seen them since.

If the D'Amato amendment becomes law, correspondence to the Soviet embassy should be addressed to:

Embassy of the Soviet Union  
One Andrei Sakharov Plaza  
Washington, D.C. 20036

## Vice President Bush Meets With Sakharov's Family



Vice President Bush met with Andrei Sakharov's son-in-law, Alexi Semyomov and his wife, Lisa. Pictured with the Vice President are (left to right) Lisa Semyomov and Alexi Semyomov.

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## Political Hopefuls

### Candidate Al Bishop State Senate District #6: "Vegas Needs A V.A. Hospital"

In announcing his candidacy for the State Senate District 6 seat, Republican Al Bishop vowed to try to bring a Veterans Administration hospital to Las Vegas.

Bishop, 63, 520 Starfire Circle, said too many veterans now must travel to California for hospitalization. He said he knows of veterans who died because they refused to stay in a hospital so far away from their homes and families.

Southern Nevada has more than 70,000 veterans, he added. No other area in the nation with such a large veteran population lacks a Veterans Administration hospital, he said.

In making his first bid for political office, Bishop will find himself in a primary battle with Ray Rawson and Joni Wines. Democratic Assemblyman Roger Bremner also has announced his candidacy for the seat.

District 6 is an area now served by retiring Sen. Keith Ashworth. It covers most of northwest Las Vegas and surrounding unincorporated areas of Clark County, including Indian Springs.

Besides the hospital issue, Bishop said he is concerned that workers injured on the job are not "getting a fair shake" from the State Industrial Insurance System.

Workers often are stuck with the same monthly benefits they received when they first were injured, he said. Despite the ravages of inflation, a man injured 10 years ago may be receiving the same initial benefit, he added.

After suffering an on-the-job injury in 1981, Bishop said he was forced to retire.

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