

Mitch Green Finally Holds The Green And The Sky's The Limit



(L-R) Alex Fried, Mitch Green & Jake Simidian.

When transplanted Hungarian, Alex Fried, decided that he wanted to manage a boxer, most of his friends shook their heads in disbelief. Does this guy know what he's getting into? Fried, it appears, knows what he's getting into and more.

"I've always loved boxing. I love the competition and the excitement of the sport. I used to box when I was a teenager in Hungary but I never turned pro. When I came to Vegas to begin my jewelry business twelve years ago, it was like I was reborn when I started attending the Silver Slipper cards and the fights at the Hilton Hotel.

"I wanted to participate in some way. I got to meet many fighters and I got to know the fighter I now handle. His name is Mitch Green and I am really high on this kid."

Fried and Green, who hails from Queens, New York, and sports a 16-0 pro record, have developed a close relationship.

"I am like the father Mitch never had. His mother raised three sons on her own. We got to know each other when he was a sparring partner for Larry Holmes.

"Mitch has done well in the business," continues Fried. "He's rated fifth by the World Boxing Council, but I know that he can achieve the ultimate. I think that Mitch has the qualities that can make him a champion. The heavyweight division is a popular one. Fans come to see action and, with Mitch, they can see a boxer and a slugger who can mix it up with the best. He is 6'5" tall and fast. He's a clean sportsman. He doesn't drink or smoke.

"I decided that I wanted to spend all of my spare time working with Mitch." Fried has hired a former boxer to co-train and coordinate Green's boxing career. He is now under the guidance of Jake Simidian. "I have no doubt that, with the right opportunities, Jake will take my man to the top," said Fried.

Simidian, who is a member of National Veterans Boxers Association, came to boxing the hard way, sparring his way through college during summers. He has sparred with top heavyweights, including George Chuvalo. Simidian is well known in amateur as well as pro boxing circles.

The Armenian born, hard working trainer is a guidance counselor at Sunset High School in Las Vegas. He speaks five languages fluently and has worked extensively with the American and Russian amateurs when they toured Las Vegas.

Simidian and Fried feel the same about their heavyweight charge. Simidian is looking forward to working with Green.

"Alex asked me to work with Mitch and I was pleased. I have worked at Riker's Island Penitentiary as a rehabilitation counselor and also helped with the boxing program at the prison. I can relate to many fighters because I lived on the streets of New York for ten years.

"Mitch is the best heavyweight since Muhammed Ali," Simidian continues. "He has excellent hand and foot speed and he's a powerful puncher. With the right management, exposure and training, the sky's the limit."

Fried described Simidian, "He's a good all-around trainer. He can work the corner, with the training program, and he can also travel when I am unable to go with Mitch. He's the best around for Mitch right now. The two work well together and I am happy with the arrangement.

"I want Mitch to have all his fights in Las Vegas. Las Vegas is the Boxing Capital of the World and it would be great to have a champ that the fans of Las Vegas can call their own, I want to help Mitch achieve his dream of a title. He was a great amateur, winning four New York Golden Gloves titles."

1985 looks to be a good year for Mitch and his new management. Fried and Simidian see a title shot in the near future. Simidian says, "After a couple tune-ups, Mitch will be ready to challenge any champ and fulfill his dream of being a world title holder."

Israeli Murdered On West Bank; Settlers Respond With New Settlement

JERUSALEM (WNS) — A 52-year-old Israeli, identified as Zalman Nabulnik of Hadasha, was fatally wounded in the West Bank town of El Bireh while waiting for a bus. A Damascus-based terrorist group, the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, claimed responsibility for the killing. According to Israel Radio, Abulnik was shot in the head and died enroute to a hospital.

The Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea and Samaria set up an unauthorized settlement near Ramallah in response to the murder of Zalman Abulnik the day before. Tractors were busy straightening the grounds, northwest of Ramallah, with volunteers banging poles into the ground. At the time of this report, the army did not intervene.

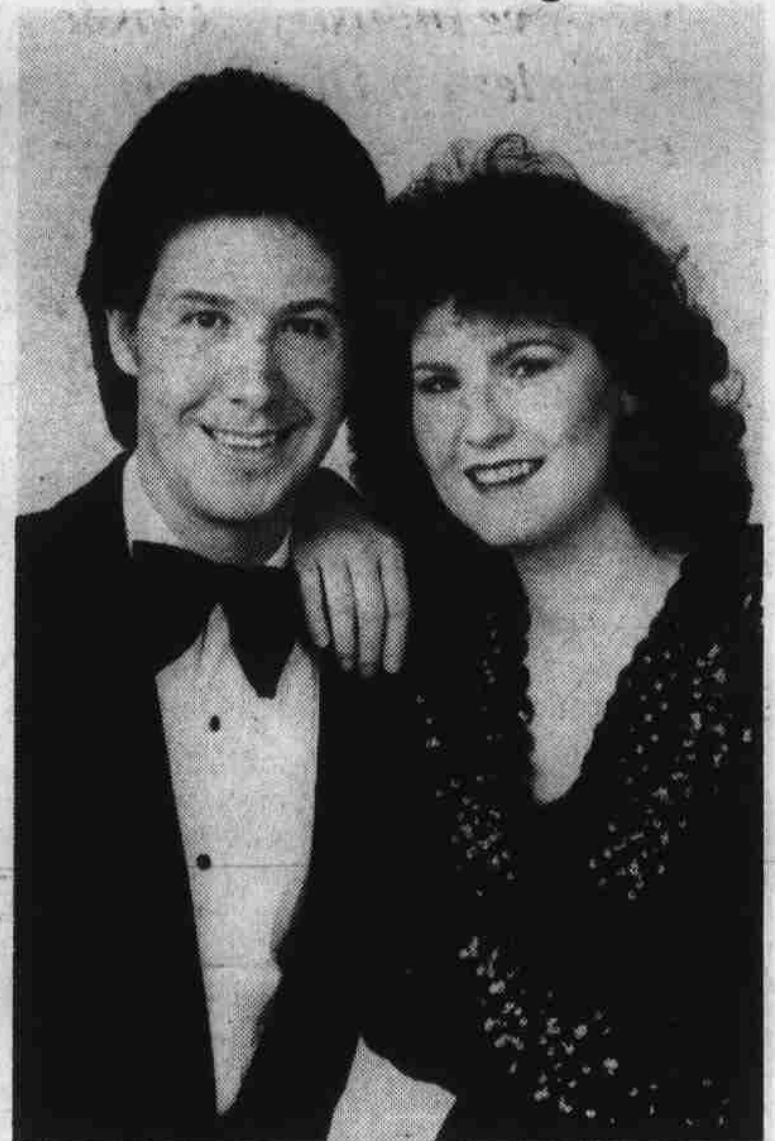
The center of Ramallah and the adjacent town of El Bireh, remained under curfew. The Council of Jewish Settlements called for the establishment of the new settlement in reaction to the murder, demanding that dozens of PLO sympathizers in Ramallah and El Bireh be arrested, and that Bir Zeit University -- just north of Ramallah -- be shut down. The Council charged that the University was teaching an ideology which led to murder. One campus in Bir Zeit has been closed for a month now, following an anti-Israel exhibit on that campus.

Zalman Abulnik, the victim, immigrated to Israel from the Soviet Union in 1973. He was originally from Moscow, where he was

active in Zionist circles. He was a lawyer by profession but because of language difficulties, was unable to practice law in Israel. He worked as a civilian in the IDF-run municipality of El Bireh, and was a member of the Council of Jewish Settlements. He left a wife, a son, and a father.

Tension also rose high in Bethlehem. Four Bethlehem university students were wounded by border police gunfire. The

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four were among a damage. Border police group of Arab youths arrived at the scene and who stoned a tourist pursued the stone bus, causing some throwers.



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