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Shultz: Russian Jews Abused

Divestiture Urged Against Soviet Union For Abuse Of Jews

NEW YORK (WNS) — Rabbi Abraham Weiss, chairman of the Students Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ), has called upon Jews and Jewish organizations to make the same demands for divestiture concerning any United States interests in the Soviet Union as they have been making for South Africa.

Speaking at the SSSJ's annual Tisha B'Av prayer service, held one block from the Soviet Mission to the United Nations in Manhattan, Weiss emphasized strong approval for divestiture in South Africa while scoring those who would neglect to exert similar pressure upon the Soviet Union to end its repression of Jews.

"All power to those who seek to end racism in South Africa," he stressed, adding immediately that "asking for divestiture in South Africa without calling for an equal demand for divestiture against the Soviet Union is a double standard."

Weiss was using the occasion of the day of fasting and prayer to introduce a campaign that the SSSJ will begin in a few months for divestiture of government funds in companies that deal with the Soviet Union.

According to Glenn Richter, SSSJ coordinator, the organization has found recently that New York and other states are moving toward divestiture in corporations that deal with South Africa.

Helsinki Pact Violated

WASHINGTON (WNS) — Secretary of State George Shultz cited human rights violations against Jews and others in the Soviet Union as evidence that despite some achievements, "the most important promises" of the Helsinki Accords have not been kept.

"If any single lesson emerges from the history of the (Helsinki's) Final Act's first 10 years, it is precisely that the interests of individual human beings are a fundamental part of security and stability in Europe," Shultz said at the ceremonies in Helsinki marking the 10th anniversary of the signing of the agreement.

"Greater security and a more stable peace among our nations, depends on greater freedom for the people of Europe."

In his speech, copies of which were made available by the State Department here, Shultz listed specific examples. "In the Final Act, we all committed ourselves to treat in a positive and humanitarian way the applications of persons who wish to be reunited with members of their family," the Secretary said. "Yet, over the past five years, the number of Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality permitted to emigrate mainly for family reunification, fell from over 51,000 to 896."

Shultz noted that the Moscow group established to monitor the Helsinki Accords

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"One Man Plus The Truth
Constitutes A Majority"

Nazi Arrogance Rankles

By Robert E. Segal

Josef Mengele, judged dead by experts in forensic medicine, shared a commitment to the Nazi cause reminiscent of a similar fiery devotion that characterized Adolf Eichmann.

In a letter believed written in 1977, Mengele went out of his way to express contempt for Albert Speer, the architect of the Hitler war machine. Mengele, The Auschwitz monster, in the missive, berated Speer for the criticism of Hitler set forth in Speer's memoirs. "You did not realize," Mengele wrote, "that the Nazi era would be regarded by historians as one of the most splendid since the time of Alexander the Great."

As recently as 1981, reports indicated Mengele was working for the government of Uruguay, advising how to torture Jewish prisoners.

Andreas Hillgruber, a West German historian, after examining recent accounts of Mengele's career, concluded that the "Angel of Death" appears as "an unreconstructed Nazi who held to everything he did without regret."

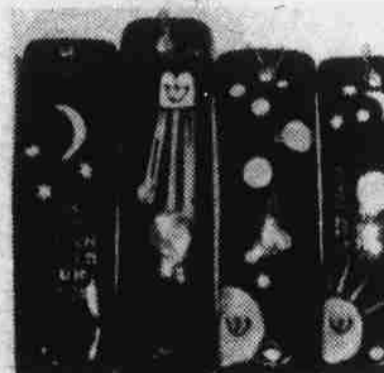
Eichmann spelled out his fealty to Nazism shortly before the collapse of the Third Reich with this fiendish boast: "I shall leap into my grave laughing because the feeling that I have the deaths of 5,000,000 people on my conscience will be for me a source of extra-ordinary satisfaction."

The chief of operations structured to carry out Hitler's plan to exterminate all European Jewry, Eichmann — like Mengele — missed trial at Nuremberg by finding his way to South America in part with the aid of Nazi sympathizers. The net spread by Israelis to catch Eichmann in Argentina in 1960 came close to writing finis for Mengele also, according to Isser Harel, former chief of Israel's secret service. Eichmann was hanged in Jerusalem in May, 1962; Mengele outlived Eichmann by 19 years.

In the search for Eichmann, Israel had to go it alone. Disregarding criticism in some quarters for kidnapping the monster, the Nazi hunters in 1960 pointed to American precedent for such daring. In the hunt for Mengele, by contrast, the

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First Mezuzoth In Space



Marsha Penzer (above), a life member of Pioneer Women/Na'amat, designed and crafted the first mezuzoth to go into space. Of the seven ceramic mezuzoth the artist made at the request of the space shuttle program, three (two at left and one at right) accompanied Jewish astronaut Jeff Hoffman on a four-day flight of Challenger earlier this year. One mezuzah contained the prayer: "The heavens declare the glory of God." Mrs. Penzer, of Woodmere, N.Y., is a member of Pioneer Women/Na'amat's Hadar Club on Long Island. Pioneer Women/Na'amat's currently celebrating its 60th anniversary, provides major support to Na'amat, Israel's largest women's organization, which operates a network of day care, social service, educational and vocational training facilities and programs for women, children and young people.



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