

"If I Refuse I'll Go To The Punishment Cell"

(42 year-old Moscow physician Dr. Vladimir Brodsky has sought emigration to Israel since 1977, according to the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. Besides his Jewish activity, he was involved in the unofficial "Group of Trust" peace movement. In August 1985, he was sentenced to three years in the Gulag for "hooliganism." His wife Dina, with whom Brodsky has a year-old daughter Rachel, has just sent the following letter of outrage to USSR leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Prosecutor-General Alexander Rekunkov --)

I demand the immediate stop to the humiliation of my husband, the political prisoner Vladimir Brodsky, who is in a labor camp in the Tomsk Oblast.

At the very time when International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War official and Central Committee member Evgeny Chazov (falsely) announced that my husband would soon be released, the KGB and its associates in the labor camp began unrestrained harassment against him. He was thrown into a punishment cell for 15 days, then transferred to hard labor which would destroy his ability to work professionally in surgery.

When I and a member of the "Trust" group came to visit him, we were told he was denied a meeting. The political chief of the labor camp, Ananenko, could not even think of a reason for the denial. My husband wrote me --

"The day you came, they put me in an isolation cell. Two days later, I had a 'talk' with a KGB man

who demanded I write a letter of confession, threatening me with the punishment cell and another prison term. Having achieved nothing, he returned me to the isolator. There I stayed for over two weeks.

"Captain Nechaev insists that I clean the latrine in the homosexuals' section. If I refuse I'll automatically go to the punishment cell."

It is clear that by depriving my husband of his meetings and most of his correspondence with us, the authorities try to cover their crimes. They will not succeed, nor will they succeed in getting from him a letter of confession, so desired by their KGB hearts.

The Jewish people have already shown fortitude in Hitler's concentration camps. Today, the sons and grandsons of Auschwitz's inmates will stand up against the Nechaevs and other spiritual followers of the Nazi executioners.

If you, with your authority, fail to halt this lawlessness, you will become accomplices to the crime in the eyes of democratic public

PARIS (WNS) — Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond has been meeting with PLO representatives here to assure them that France wishes to see the PLO "associated with an overall settlement" of the Middle East situation that would allow for "the Palestinian people to exercise its right of self-determination."

opinion.

I demand: a) A meeting with my husband. b) His transfer to different work. c) The delivery of our mutual correspondence. d) An investigation of the criminal activity of Nechaev and the KGB officials whose instructions he follows. e) An explanation of Chazov's claims.

If my demands are not fulfilled, I will begin a series of protest demonstrations on September 10th.

(The SSSJ urges letters of support to Dina Zisserman-Brodsky at: Ulitsa Anochina 32, corpus 2, apt. 343, Moscow, USSR, and to Dr. Vladimir Brodsky, Ya.U. 114/2D, Asino, 636800 Tomskaya Oblast, RSFSR, USSR. Airmail is 44¢/½ oz. In a grim postscript to the above letter, unknown at that time to Mrs. Brodsky, her husband collapsed and had to be hospitalized when he was released from the punishment cell.)

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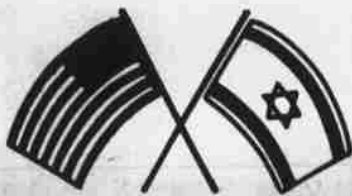
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