

Human Rights On Agenda When Reagan-Gorbachev Meet

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tober 1977.

U.S. officials had charged that Daniloff's arrest a week after Zakharov's was a "frameup" aimed at taking a hostage to obtain Zakharov's release. But Reagan denied this, saying there was "no connection between the two releases." However, he noted that "the release of Daniloff made the meeting (in Iceland) possible. I could not have accepted that meeting if he was still being held."

Shultz said that Gorbachev requested the meeting in a letter delivered by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze at the White House. Shevardnadze held a press conference in New York at the same time as Reagan and Shultz were meeting with reporters in Washington.

There had been speculation that along with Orlov the Soviets would allow two Soviet Jewish refuseniks to leave, Vladimir Slepak, who has been seeking to emigrate since 1970, and David Goldfarb, a refusenik since 1979 whose exit visa was taken away after he refused to help frame Daniloff.

Other speculation had centered on three Jewish refuseniks suffering from advanced cancer. They are Inna Meiman and her husband, Naum; Ranye Bogomolny and her husband Benjamin, and Benjamin Charney.

Neither Reagan nor Shultz would comment about the possibility of others being allowed to emigrate. "We have a continuing dialogue with the Soviet Union about a large number of dissidents, about divided families, about emigration generally," Shultz said. "So there is an ongoing urging of them to take action in those areas. So we'll continue that now."

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) welcomed Orlov's release, calling him "a long-time advocate of human rights," who "has suffered greatly in prison, labor camps and Siberian exile."

"We are greatly disappointed, however, that the Soviet Union has refused to make any significant gestures to ease the plight of Soviet Jews," an NCSJ spokesman said. "Hundreds of refuseniks continue to live in limbo while others unjustifiably suffer in labor camps."

"We hope, therefore, that progress toward a real summit will be made during the pre-summit meeting in Iceland and that all the brush will be cleared away. We have confidence that the Administration is proceeding on its promise to press the issue of Jewish rights and emigration at the summit and to help secure the immediate transit of those hundreds of thousands of Jews

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Jews Observe Sukkot With Call For Nuclear Disarmament

American Jews will be urged to carry the values of Sukkot from the harvest booth to the election booth in Sukkat Shalom programs planned throughout the United States from October 18 to 25.

"The Sukkah, with its open leafy roof, reminds us how vulnerable we are living in the shadow of the H-bomb. It reminds us that nothing except negotiations can protect us from nuclear holocaust. This year, American Jews have the opportunity to elect candidates who will make crucial arms control decisions for years to come," said Arthur Waskow, Executive Director of The Shalom Center, which is coordinating Sukkat Shalom programs for the third year in a row.

These programs include candidates' forums designed to inform Jewish voters about their candidates' views on arms control; Sukkat Shalom dedication services; rallies; educational talks; and religious school programs.

In Los Angeles, U.S. Senatorial candidates Alan Cranston and Edward Zschau will participate in a Sukkat Shalom program organized by The Challenge of Shalom, a coalition of more than a dozen synagogues dedicated to preventing nuclear war. In Philadelphia, U.S. Senatorial candidates Arlen Specter and Bob Edgar will participate in a similar program which has the backing of the city's Board of Rabbis, Jewish Community Relations Council, and more than

who wish to be repatriated to Israel and to join their families."

The Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry (UCSJ), sent a telegram to Reagan, urging him to seek a full settlement of the Soviet Jewry problem when he meets with Gorbachev.

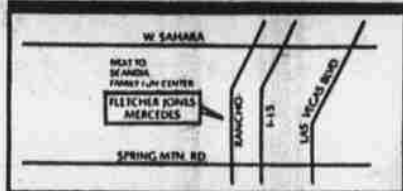
"We have confidence in President Reagan's concern for Soviet Jewry and we trust that this issue will be on the table at the summit," said Pamela Cohen, of Chicago, the UCSJ's newly-elected president.

The site of the meeting in the capital of Iceland may make it more difficult for Jewish and other groups to be on hand to publicize their issues as they did when Reagan and Gorbachev held their first summit in Geneva in November, 1985. In addition, the first day of the meeting is a Saturday and the second is the eve of Yom Kippur.

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twenty synagogues and Jewish organizations. Robert Cleland and John Porter, candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois' 10th congressional district, will speak to Jewish voters at a forum organized by The Shalom Project, another Jewish coalition organized to prevent nuclear war.

In Chicago and San Francisco, Jewish Federations will dedicate their Sukkot as Sukkot Shalom. The Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, in cooperation with the city's Jewish Community Relations Council, Federation, Reform and Conservative movements, will host a community-wide Sukkat Shalom dedication service. Manhattan's congregation Rodeph Shalom will also host a community-wide Sukkat Shalom program. In addition, Sukkat Shalom programs will take place in Boston, Long Island, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Cincinnati, New Haven, Denver, Seattle, and elsewhere.

"Because they recognize the magnitude of the arms control decisions which American Jewish voters face this fall, the national offices of the American Jewish Congress; Union of American Hebrew Congregations; United Synagogue; Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot; Women's League for Conservative Judaism; and New Jewish Agenda have all cooperated in planning Sukkat Shalom," according to Waskow. The Boards of Rabbis of Northern California, Chicago and Philadelphia have endorsed Sukkat Shalom.

The United Synagogue Commission on Family Education has called on every Conservative synagogue to participate in Atzeret L'Hayyim/Gather for Life!, a day of study on the nuclear threat which is scheduled for Sh'mini Atzeret, October 25.

Sukkat Shalom is a project of The Shalom Center, a national resource and organizing center for Jewish perspectives on preventing nuclear holocaust. For more information about Sukkat Shalom contact: The Shalom Center, Church Road and Greenwood Avenue, Wyncote, Pennsylvania, 19195.

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