

B'nai B'rith Calls World Rally To Protest Kremlin Treatment Of Jews

WASHINGTON - Declaring that Soviet Jewry will not be forgotten, B'nai B'rith, the world's largest Jewish organization, consisting of 500,000 men, women, college students, and teenagers, will focus world attention on the Soviet Union's inhuman treatment of its Jewish citizens.

Beginning with candlelight vigils on college campuses the night before, the mobilization will culminate between noon and 2 p.m., February 26, 1987, when B'nai B'rith stages a 43-country rally during which well-known personalities will read the names of some 12,000 Soviet refuseniks at city halls, state and province capitals, and college campuses. The rally will be coordinated jointly by B'nai B'rith International and B'nai B'rith Women, in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, B'nai B'rith Hillel and the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

B'nai B'rith International President Seymour D. Reich and B'nai B'rith Women President Irma Gertler pointed out that despite the discussion of the issue at the last two United States-Soviet summit meetings, Soviet Jews "are no better off. They still cannot freely emigrate or observe their religion."

Reich and Gertler indicated that among those who will read the names of refuseniks and state the case for Soviet Jewry are governors, mayors, legislators, and Jewish and Christian clergymen, together with other prominent personalities who have shown themselves dedicated to the cause of human rights. While he was in Reykjavik, Iceland, at the most recent U.S.-Soviet summit meeting, Reich delivered the names of refuseniks to the American team which then made the names available to the Soviets.

The two top B'nai B'rith leaders said that it is important that every community group par-

ticipate if they are concerned about the future of Soviet Jewry. "The greater the participation, the more we will capture the interest of the world in winning human rights for our brothers and

Six Humana Hospital Sunrise Physicians Honored

Six area physicians, including the first woman ever from Southern Nevada, became fellows of the American College of Surgeons at the Colleges' recent annual clinical congress.

The group represents a cross section of the surgical specialties and include Bashir A. Chowdhry, M.D., Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgery; Shelton J. Freedman, M.D., Urology; Clinton Thomas Gott, M.D., Ph.D., Neurology; Thomas M. McCormich, J.D., General/Vascular Surgery; Jesse E. Perry, M.D., Cardiovascular/Thoracic Surgery; and Kathleen M. Mahon, M.C., Ophthalmology. All are currently on the medical staff at Humana Hospital Sunrise.

These six were among 1,564 fellow colleagues from around the world meeting the college's fellowship stringent requirements. Besides graduating from an accredited medical school and completing advanced training in either general surgery or one of the surgical specialties, each candidate must have been in practice for at least two (2) years and demonstrated a high level of ethical conduct and good character. Three-fourths of the College's Board of Regents must then approve each application.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational association of surgeons organized in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice while improving the quality of care of the surgical patient.

sisters in the Soviet Union," they stated.

Nathan Nagler of New York and Beverly Davis of Palm Beach were appointed by Reich and Gertler to spearhead the mobilization of B'nai B'rith International and B'nai B'rith Women, respectively. Assisting them are George Spectre, director of B'nai B'rith International's Grass Roots Action Network, and Aileen Cooper, director of B'nai B'rith Women's Program and Public Affairs.

Similarly each B'nai B'rith district and B'nai B'rith Women region is appointing chairpersons to coordinate mobilization in communities throughout the world.

The rally will be run with participation by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Reich and Gertler have suggested that local B'nai B'rith groups invite civic, labor, ethnic, and campus organizations, as well as government and church leaders to participate and co-sponsor this important endeavor.

Stressing the importance of the rally, Reich and Gertler said that "despite Soviet talk of change, and an occasional token gesture, we see absolutely no signs of relaxation of the policies of the Soviet Union. Indeed, every indication is that the repression will continue unabated. This rally will focus attention on the plight of Soviet Jews. We call upon all those committed to human rights -- Jews and non-Jews -- Gentiles alike -- to join with us."

Persons or community organizations that wish to participate in the rally should contact their local or regional B'nai B'rith International or B'nai B'rith Women office or call Spectre at (202) 857-6545 or Cooper at (202) 857-6675 or write to them at 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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