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**Soviet Decisions On Two  
 Cancer Patient Refuseniks**

By Susan Birnbaum

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Soviets have made disparate decisions on two critically ill refusenik cancer patients who have been struggling for many years to leave the Soviet Union for treatment and reunification with family in the West.

Inna Meiman, 54, of Moscow arrived Sunday in Washington, D.C., to undergo evaluation and treatment of a recurrent neck tumor. Meiman arrived at Dulles Airport accompanied only by a nurse provided by the American Embassy in Moscow. The Soviets would not allow her husband, Naum, 75; and ailing, to accompany her, and would only grant Inna a temporary visa for one year's stay. Naum is an 11-year refusenik and human rights activist.

However, Leah Maryasin, a 16-year refusenik from Riga who suffers from multiple myeloma, received an exit visa Monday, along with her husband, Alexander, and daughter, Faina. The 61-year-old woman is expected to join her sister and brother-in-law, Mara and Eugene Katz, in Toronto in two weeks, according to B'nai B'rith Canada.

Meiman, describing her own prognosis as "very grim," told the crowded press conference convened by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, "I haven't come to America to die; I have come to recover and to help others to get out of the Soviet Union."

**Left USSR With Mixed Emotions**

Admitting that she had left the USSR, and her husband, with mixed emotions, Meiman said she was "delighted" to help others to leave and to prove "We are not slaves but people with rights," yet dismayed that her husband, her son and his family were not permitted to join her. "My arriving alone shows how bad things are in the Soviet Union. People are just desperate. If I had been allowed to come three years ago, my chances would be better."

The arrival of Meiman, and the expected release of Maryasin, brings to four of a group of five the number of cancer patient refuseniks who have received visas since October.

The other two are Tanya Bogomolny, who now lives in San Francisco with her husband, Benjamin, who as a 20-year refusenik made the Guinness Book of World Records as the longest refusenik on record; and Rimma Bravve, who arrived in Rochester, N.Y. in December with her husband Vladimir after waiting nearly eight years to emigrate.

The remaining member of the International Cancer Patients Solidarity Committee is Benjamin Charny of Moscow. Charny suffers from severe cardiac problems as well as several forms of cancer, and has been unable to receive cancer surgery because of his cardiac condition.

**Heartened By The News**

Leon Charny, Benjamin's brother, said he was  
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**Behind The Scenes**

At The United Nations

By David Horowitz

A World—Union Press Feature

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) — Little did former Prime Minister Shimon Peres realize last year when he invited Cardinal O'Connor to visit Israel that the visit this month would lead to a bitter controversy and create a furor in Israel as well as in the Jewish community here in America.

The outcry in the United States from both the lay and rabbinical leaders who, while they held up the Cardinal as "a prince of a man" and "an innocent victim" of Vatican policy, noted -- as Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler of Park Avenue Synagogue summed it up -- that "one of the festering sores on the body politic of modern religious life is the unwillingness of the Church to recognize Israel."

A sharp statement issued by Morris B. Abram on behalf of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations deeply upset the Cardinal who somewhat angrily told reporters that "serious damage could be done if this line is pursued."

This entire episode, which exposed the Vatican as still clinging to the old outmoded view that a resurrected Jewish State in the Holy Land with Jerusalem as its capital threatens to undermine the theological underpinnings of Christianity which claims be the new Jerusalem, raises a basic issue as to wherein lay the roots of Christian anti-Semitism -- the motivations for the murderous Crusades, the torturous inquisitions, the pogroms, the Holocaust and here at the UN the adoption of the satanically-devised Zionism-racism resolution.

The "line" to which the Cardinal objected was the reminder by Abrams that "the failure of the Vatican to establish de jure diplomatic relations with Israel" was a major obstacle both to Catholic-Jewish understanding and to peaceful relations between the Arab states and Israel."

Another obstacle cited by Abrams was "the failure of the Holy See to come to terms with the reality of a unified Jerusalem as the capital of Israel."

But what seems to have struck the most sensitive chord in the Cardinal's heart was Mr. Abrams objection to the Cardinal's statement made at Yad Vashem that the greatest tragedy in Jewish history "may be an enormous gift that Judaism has given the world."

That nothing has changed for the better is underlined by the Cardinal's impertinent reaction to the criticism of his behavior by the 54 major Jewish organizations. Instead of pleading, as he

did before, ignorance of protocol, he now had the hutzpah to attack his critics for having dared to voice their views. This, he said, may adversely affect Jewish-Catholic relations and -- believe it or not -- endanger the role the Vatican may play in making peace between Arabs and Jews!

Anyone who was under the illusion that the Cardinal and the Vatican had learned meekness from their blundering into areas which are none of their business in the first place, will have a rude awakening. All one can hope is that the Cardinal will return to dealing with marriage ceremonies at St. Patrick's and that perhaps the hopes of the Israelis that their Prime Minister will stay out of the tourist business will also become fulfilled.

There's no danger that the present Prime Minister who, perhaps, is the only figure who emerged from all this tohu vevohu (turmoil) with dignity, will repeat the error of his predecessor, Mr. Shimon Peres.

It is vital that Mr. Abram and the organizations he represents will stand firm and not retract any of their justified remarks under the threat of reprisals from the Cardinal when they meet with him.

It is fortunate that there are millions upon millions of Christians, both Catholic and Protestant, around the world who do not share the anti-Jewish Jerusalem policy of the Vatican.

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"One Man Plus The Truth  
 Constitutes A Majority"

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