

**Pointer Sisters Set For
"Serious Slammin' " At
Caesars Palace
March 30 - April 4**



(L-R) Anita, June & Ruth

The Pointer Sisters plan some "Serious Slammin'" when they return to centerstage at Caesars Palace March 30 - April 4 for cocktail shows which also feature ventriloquist David Strassman.

Title of the Pointers' 16th album, "Serious Slammin'" is foremost a dance record, with steamy single "He Turned Me Out" churning up the soundtrack of Carl Weathers' new movie, "Action Jackson."

"Serious Slammin'" was produced by the sisters' long-time producer, Richard Perry, whose direction yielded such hit singles as "Fire," "He's So Shy," "Jump" and "I'm So Excited."

Ruth, Anita and June Pointer first began developing their musical talents singing together in the West Oakland (Calif.) Church of God, where their father was pastor. Along with

**Refuseniks Will Leave Shortly,
Says Chief Of Moscow OVIR**

GENEVA (JTA) — A number of prominent refuseniks will be permitted to leave the Soviet Union in "a matter of weeks," at least according to the head of the Moscow OVIR emigration bureau.

Rudolf Kuznetsov, who is attending the annual conference of the United Nations Human Rights Commission here, made the statement during a conversation with David Litman, a Geneva-based Jew who claims to be a representative of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Litman presented Kuznetsov with a list of 155 refuseniks, among whom are several who have been waiting to emigrate many years.

sister Bonnie, they sang a mixture of jazz, scat, R & B and pop.

Even early in their career The Pointers drew critical acclaim. Their first two albums were certified gold, and they won a Grammy for country single "Fairytale." Because of that single, they became the first black female singers ever to appear on stage at the Grand Ole Opry.

Pointer Sisters Albums "Breakout," "Contact" and, more recently, "Hot Together" have sold millions of copies worldwide, establishing their distinctive style on many continents.

David Strassman has been called a "ventriloquist with a difference." Sharing the spotlight with balsa sidekick "Chuck Wood," Strassman operates his alter-ego both manually and electronically. The result often has the puppet chattering away, as Strassman walks off-stage.

A mixture of comedy, drama and tender moments, Strassman's act has been featured in major comedy clubs across the U.S. and in resort showrooms in Las Vegas, Reno and Lake Tahoe.

The Pointer Sisters and David Strassman perform twice nightly at 8:30 and 11:30 p.m. For reservations phone 702/731-7333 or 800/445-4544.

(In New York, Martin Strelzer, North American director of the World Union, said Litman's status with the organization is "being held in abeyance." The World Union did not know of the origin of the list and did not have a copy of it.)

Among the names on the list of refusenik families were Kim Fridman of Kiev, a former prisoner of Zion, whose wife now lives in Israel; Tanya and Yuri Ziemann of Moscow, whose daughter Galina lives in the Boston area; Yuli Kosharovsky, who is scheduled to begin a 17-day hunger strike on the 17th anniversary of his first refusal; and Abe Stolar, the Chicago-born Moscow resident whose Communist parents took him to the Soviet Union when he was a boy and who has been trying to leave for many years.

Kuznetsov, who reportedly had two conversations with Litman, looked over the list for a long time and then said, "In a short while you will not need to worry about all these people. We are going to emigrate to Israel."

When Litman pressed Kuznetsov for what he meant precisely, Kuznetsov said it would be "a matter of weeks."

American diplomats attending the conference said they believed the Soviet Union will make a gesture of good will prior to the anticipated summit meeting in May between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, and that Kuznetsov's statement might be based on this.

In New York, Lynn Singer, executive director of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry, said she was unaware of the meeting in Geneva and did not know about the list.

Singer said that four Jews were arrested after a two-minute demonstration for emigration. Three men -- Joseph Lativsky, Sergei Kochecot and Sergei Labuzov -- were ordered to serve immediate prison sentences of 10 days. Olga Lativsky, arrested with her husband, was fined four rubles.

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