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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

Date: November 25, 1987

TO: Ellen Strichartz

FROM: MAX GREEN
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison
Room 196 OEOB, Ext. 6270

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AT THE INNER HARBOR

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION
BASED AT:



B'nai B'rith
HILLEL FOUNDATION at PURDUE UNIVERSITY

RABBI GEDALYAH ENGEL, DIRECTOR

912 WEST STATE
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA 47906
317-743-1293

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317-743-1716

November 12, 1987

Max Green
OEOB Room 196
Washington, D.C. 20500

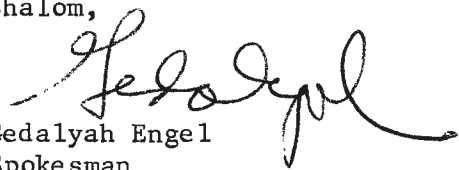
Dear Max,

I am following through on your suggestion concerning our request written to President Reagan yesterday, asking that he help Elena and Yuri Balovlenkov commemorate their 9th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 5th by taking five minutes of his busy schedule to personally meet with Elena Balovlenkov and her two children, Katya and Masha, who have never met their father. Elena is a nurse in Baltimore, who married Yuri in 1978 while visiting the USSR. Since 1979, his request for an exit visa has been repeatedly denied. Elena, was allowed to visit him, but now even her personal phone calls are difficult. She and her children were able to speak to Yuri on October 30th, when our committee began our local Human Rights Week. Included in our request to Mikhail Gorbachev are exit visas for Yuri Balovlenkov as well as the families of Vladimir Prestin, Alex Ioffi and Iryne Antonov.

In the event that a personal meeting cannot be arranged between now and December 4th, a letter from the President to Elena and Yuri noting their 9th wedding anniversary would be meaningful. Elena could then read the President's remarks when she speaks to Yuri on Friday, December 4th at 2:00 PM, when our community will join with them in their wedding celebration apart. We have asked Senators from Maryland and Indiana, as well as Paul Simon, who has been active in promoting the cause of refuseniks and separated spouses, to participate.

Thanks so much for your expressed interest in the case of Elena and Yuri Balovlenkov.

Shalom,


Gedalyah Engel
Spokesman

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cc: Mariam Bell

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November 11, 1987

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan,

You have been an inspiration to all of us involved in our effort to help refuseniks. We have completed our local Human Rights Week and are sending thousands of signatures on to Mikhail Gorbachev asking that he provide exit visas for the four families we know personally, including Vladimir Prestin, Alex Ioffi, Yuri Balovlenkov and Iryne Antonov.

It is our hope that your projected meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev will provide the impetus for the release of thousands of refuseniks.

In particular, we ask that you help Elena and Yuri Balovlenkov, who are approaching their 9th wedding anniversary, which they will celebrate apart, on December 6. Your busy schedule would require only five minutes for a personal meeting between you and Elena Balovlenkov, who could bring her two children who have never met their Russian father. Elena is a nurse working in Baltimore, who is devoting all of her free time to help Yuri come home to his children.

Elena would be available at any time between now and your forthcoming meeting with Gorbachev. As an alternative or an addition, a personal letter addressed to Yuri and Elena would provide them with reason to hope. A conference phone call will link our ecumenical committee with Yuri and Elena on December 4 at 2:00 PM, as well as several Senators committed to relating Human Rights with economic and military considerations.

Would you kindly send the original letter to: Elena Balovlenkov
17 South Conkling St.
Baltimore, MD 21224

I look forward to hearing from you.

Shalom,

Gedalyah Engel
Spokesman

GE/bw

cc: Secretary of State, George Shultz

Senators: Richard Lugar, Dan Quayle, Paul Simon, Barbara Mikulski, Paul Sarbanes



PLEASE HELP OUR SEPARATED FAMILIES



SIGN OUR PETITION TO GORBACHEV

FOR THEIR FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITH RELATIVES IN THE WEST



THE IOFFIS

Alexander Ioffi, a mathematician, applied for a family visa to immigrate to Israel in 1974. His salary at the Research Institute of High Speed Highways and Airports was then cut in half. His wife, Rose, an electronics teacher, is unable to find work. Alex is on the board of the international Journal on Control & Optimization of the Society for Industrial & Applied Mathematics. The couple has two children, Dmitry and Ann. Dmitry, now married and in Israel, has a daughter. Harassment included throwing garbage outside door and setting fires.

ADDRESS: Profsoyuznaya 85
Korpus I Apt. 203
Moscow, USSR



THE PRESTINS

Vladimir Prestin, a computer engineer, quit his job in 1968 to avoid being denied an exit visa because of the excuse that he knew "secrets." He found employment which does not use his skills and then applied for an exit visa in 1970. He has been repeatedly denied visas because he knows "secrets." He has been arrested several times and held incommunicado. His wife and son are also harassed.

ADDRESS: Uralskaja 6/4 #11
Moscow, USSR



THE BALOVLENKOVs

Yuri Balovlenkov, a computer engineer, married Elena, an American nurse visiting the USSR in 1978. Since 1979 Yuri's request for an exit visa has been repeatedly denied, despite painful hunger strikes and arrests. Elena and their two children, Katya and Masha, now live in Baltimore. Elena leads American pleading for family reunification with their Soviet spouses.

ADDRESS: 10 Smolenskaya UL. Apt 21
Moscow USSR



THE ANTONOVs

Iryne and Alexander Antonov have been repeatedly denied exit visas. Both are computer specialists. Iryne's mother, Susanna, her brother, Vadim, and her grandparents were allowed to emigrate to the United States in 1979 and they have been separated ever since. Vadim, now a student at Purdue, is the student chairman for our Human Rights Committee.

ADDRESS: 39/2 Zagrebysky Blvd. 121
Leningrad 192283 USSR

**THE PRESTINS HAVE FINALLY BEEN PROMISED
EXIT VISAS AFTER SEVENTEEN YEARS**

WE HOPE THAT GLASNOST WILL FREE OUR OTHER FAMILIES SOON

The Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union, an ecumenical Greater Lafayette group based at the Hillel Foundation (912 W. State Street, W. Lafayette, IN 47906) helps separated families, both Jews and non-Jews. Success came in 1977 with the release of Naum Salansky and family, and in 1978 with the emigration of the Rabinovs. In 1986, Irina McClellan, who was forcibly separated from her American husband, Woodford, for eleven years, was finally allowed to leave Moscow with her daughter, Lena, who is now a Purdue student. Dmitry Ioffe, his wife and daughter (but not his sister and parents) were released in 1987. Naum, Irina, Woodford and Lena are now all active in our Committee.

Mikhail Gorbachev
The Kremlin
MOSCOW, USSR

Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union
912 W. State Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Dear General Secretary Gorbachev:

In recognition of glasnost and your peace efforts, we appeal for exit visas for Vladimir Prestin, Alex Ioffi, Yuri Balovlenkov, Iryne Antonov and their families in accordance with the family-reunification provisions of the 1975 Helsinki Accords. Vladimir first applied in 1970 and has been promised a visa by OVIR. Alex applied in 1976 and is anxious to be reunited with his son in Israel. Yuri has been trying to rejoin his American wife and children, and Iryne her mother and brother since 1979. Please help.

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Reforms in the Soviet Union

Some experts don't foresee many changes in lifestyle

By JACK ALKIRE
Journal and Courier

Two Purdue University experts on the Soviet Union and a recent Soviet emigre to the U.S. all expressed doubts Sunday that glasnost and perestroika would make any significant change in Soviet life.

Taking part in a panel discussion on the recent Soviet reforms were Victor Raskin, a professor of English and the chairman of Purdue's linguistics program; George Horwich, a professor of economics and the chairman of the Studies of Free Enterprise; and Rolf Theen, a professor of political science and a specialist on Soviet politics.

Raskin emigrated from the Soviet Union about 14 years ago.

The discussion was at the Hillel Foundation in West Lafayette.

Glasnost and perestroika are programs implemented by Soviet premier Mikhail S. Gorbachev. Glasnost means openness, and has resulted in the public discussion of Soviet problems that formerly were kept hidden from public view.

Perestroika is the term Gorbachev has given to his plans to restructure the Soviet economy, with a view of increasing productivity and improving the quality of life.

Raskin said some fellow Soviet immigrants recently returned to Russia for visits, and they reported that glasnost is viewed inside the Soviet Union just as it is in the United States — with suspicion and confusion.

Theen told a current Soviet joke to depict the ambivalence of the people toward glasnost:

One Soviet called another on the



By Greg Jensen

SOVIET TALK: George Horwich (from left), Victor Raskin and Rolf Theen don't predict significant change in the Soviet Union. telephone and said: "Ivan, you won't believe a story they printed on page two of Pravda today."

"What was it about?" Ivan asked.

"It's about something you don't talk about on the tele-

phone," his friend replied.

The three also shared doubts that Gorbachev's ambitious plans to streamline the economy would work. Theen said Gorbachev was surprised to learn

that perestroika is opposed by common citizens, the ones it is aimed at benefiting. They said the programs might only result in the destruction of Gorbachev.

Theen said Gorbachev's only support for the programs appears to be from the Soviet Union's intellectual community.

Horwich, the economist, said Gorbachev recognizes that the communist economic system simply doesn't work. He likened the Soviet system to the Pentagon, where all movement must come from the top, and orders have little to do with the reality of what is taking place at the bottom of the economic order.

But bureaucracy at the top and in middle management is so entrenched that Gorbachev might be unable to implement reforms, he said.

Theen compared the Soviet Union with China, where entrepreneurship and capitalist programs have been implemented quickly. He doubted that the Soviet Union could move rapidly in that direction because it has been instilled with Marxist theory for 70 years, while China has experimented with communism for little more than 30 years.

The Chinese, he said, still have the spirit of entrepreneurship beating strong in their breasts, while the Soviets do not.

Horwich disagreed: "Like Karl Marx, I believe people can be shaped by the economic system. If given an opportunity, entrepreneurs would appear" in the Soviet Union.

CHRSU continues drive; committee makes phone calls to Soviet refusniks

By KAREN ZUPANC
Region/World Editor

"We feel we'll have collected nearly 5,000 signatures by the time everything is all turned in," Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, spokesman for the Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union, said.

The CHRSU began this year's petition drive Oct. 30 and with the help of Alpha Phi Omega under the Stewart Center Mural and local churches, the committee was able to collect all the signatures.

The committee was also able to make four phone calls Oct. 30 to the people in the Soviet Union it is trying to assist in getting exit visas. These particular Soviets are known as refusniks because they have been refused exit visas by the Soviet government.

One of the families the committee is trying to reunite is the Balovenkovs. Yuri, the father and husband, has been requesting an exit visa since 1979. His oldest daughter, Katya, asked him, "Daddy, when are you coming home?" during the phone call.

According to Engel, when the committee attempted to make another phone call to Yuri Sunday, efforts were hindered by the operators. "We tried to call from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., which would have been 1 a.m. there, but the operators kept telling us no one was home."

Engel said this was somewhat ironic because before the phone calls had been attempted a discussion of "The Reality of Glasnost" was held but this action by the operators was in direct conflict with glasnost.

The petitions collected have already been forwarded to General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev with a letter asking him to comply with the family reunification provision of the 1975 Helsinki Accords. All four families mentioned on the petition are in divided status because some members cannot leave the Soviet Union.

Any other petitions collected will also be sent to Gorbachev in an effort to make the wishes of the committee known in light of the Dec. 7 summit visit of Gorbachev to the United States, Engel said.

Calendar

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1987

The Hillel Foundation will hold a refusnik Sabbath service at 7 p.m. Vadim Kreymerman, former refusnik and a sophomore in the School of Science, will discuss: "My family in the USSR."

Human rights group works to free refuseniks

By JOHN SHELTON, JR.
Staff Writer

"Just because it is one way today, it may not be the same way tomorrow," Rabbi Gedalyah Engel says of the Soviet Union and the way the country deals with people requesting exit visas.

Engel is the spokesman for the Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union, a group of people committed to helping those people the government will not allow out of the Soviet Union.

He says the committee was formed in 1977, at which time they were mostly concerned with the Jewish people unable to exit the country.

"We used to do things like picket the Bolshoi Theatre Dancers when they performed in the area," Engel says.

According to Engel, the slogan used was 'Let My People Go' in an attempt to draw attention to these people in hopes they would be let go. It did not make sense to just draw attention to the plight of the Jewish people because it gave a distorted picture of what was actually happening.

"Then I read in the New York Times the story about Irena and Woody McClellan. Woody was an American citizen in the Soviet Union. He married Irena in 1974 thinking she would be permitted to leave with him," Engel says.

"He (Woody) left the country thinking she would soon follow, but that was not the case. They were told to keep quiet and Irena would soon be let out," he says.

Engel says it was obvious the government was not going to grant an exit visa to Irena, and he offered the help of the committee to Woody.

"We offered to get a campaign to the head of the Soviets," he says.

Soon word got around about the committee and people began to ask if the committee would consider helping other people get exit visas. Fritz Friedlaender, professor of electrical engineering, approached the committee and asked if we could include his friend Salansky, Engel says. "We had two separate petitions going."

The committee began to enlist the help of elected officials in Washington, D.C. "Irena was going to commit suicide, so we had former Congressman Floyd Fithian talk to her. After their conversation, he was hooked; he offered to do anything to help her," Engel says.

He says the committee also added the Robinoff family to their list. Eventually Irena, Salansky and the Robinoffs were let out of the Soviet Union. "We thought, 'By God, this is easy,'" Engel says. But then it got dry.

The committee began to make it a once-a-year petition drive and have kept it going since their initial success.

Engel says mostly the committee wants to bring national and international attention to the people being denied the exit visas. By putting the people in the spotlight, the Soviet government is more pressured to let them leave.

Engel says the committee has learned a lot about dealing with the Soviets. For instance, rather than accusing the Soviets, the petitions contain such language as violating an

"It's not a game we're playing, we're dealing with people's lives," Engel says.

He says there are many such committees worldwide helping refuseniks. The Germans currently pay for the people like cash on the barrel. We used to pay but we don't anymore," Engel says.

Engel said the families they are currently helping are the Ioffis, Prestins, Balovlenkovs and Antonovs. Today they

are speaking to their families as well as Senators Dan Quayle, R-Ind., Alan Cranston, D-Calif., and Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., in long distance telephone calls.

"This was an extra special treat which came when AT&T contacted the families and told them they could have the free calls," Engel says.

The committee will hold a petition drive beginning Friday until Nov. 8.



Hazards of Universal Peace are no Threat to the Realities of War



November 5, 1987—The Lafayette Leader M R

Refuseniks hear from supporters

Four conference calls to Soviet refusenik families were made last Friday afternoon from West Lafayette. The calls, originating from the Church of the Good Shepherd, marked the beginning of Human Rights Week in Greater Lafayette. During the week, petitions addressed to Mikhail Gorbachev are being collected to appeal for exit visas for the families of Vladimir Prestin, Alex Ioffi, Yuri Balovlenkov and Iryne Antonov. Senators Barbara Mikulski and Alan Cranston, and Cong. John Myers spoke with the families as well as Tim Sanders, a representative for Indiana Senators Richard Lugar and Dan Quayle.

For the first time since 1977, each phone call was completed on time with no interference from USSR. The first phone call was to Vladimir Prestin, who had been promised exit visas by OVIR emigration authorities over a month ago. Although he has not yet been given the exit visas for his family, Vladimir informed Myers that he and thousands of others will be given the right to emigrate soon.

Vladimir's viewpoint was restated by Sen. Mikulski of Maryland, in speaking to Yuri Balovlenkov in Moscow and his wife, Elena, in Baltimore. The Maryland Senator said that she and several other colleagues would visit the USSR in the spring and would be concerned about Human Rights. In particular, Sen. Mikulski stressed that she believes that Soviets will release 2,000-3,000 more refuseniks before the year end. Yuri, who is one of nine separated spouses, a Russian citizen married to a US citizen, should be among those allowed to leave before Gorbachev and President Reagan meet on December 7.

Alex Ioffi, who spoke from Moscow, told Irena McClellan, in Virginia, that the situation remains the same. Vadim is still hopeful that he will be allowed to rejoin his son, Dimitry, his wife and grandchild.

Cranston encouraged Alex Antonov in Leningrad. Alex is married to Iryne, whose mother Susanna Kreymerman is in California, while her brother, Vadim, is a student at Purdue. Alex complained of not feeling well, but advised his supporters in West Lafayette that he had been advised by OVIR to complete a new application so that he can leave with Iryne.

The petitions addressed to Gorbachev will be collected through November 8, and will be presented to Sanders for forwarding to Lugar and Quayle.

A special Human Rights brunch will be held at the Hillel Foundation, West Lafayette on Sunday at 11 a.m. The "Lox and Bagels" brunch is \$3.00 per person.

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The Jewish Studies program will sponsor a lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the Krannert Auditorium. Victor Raskin, professor of English, will speak on "Soviet Emigration 10 Years Later," as part of the Lafayette Human Rights Week.

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Calendar

SUNDAY

Human Rights Week will sponsor a brunch, phone calls to refusenik families and a petition presentation beginning at 11 a.m. at the Hillel Foundation, 912 W. State St.

Wife contacts refusenik

A Baltimore woman was unable to contact her husband in the Soviet Union for six months until a telephone call was allowed through this week, according to a West Lafayette human rights group leader.

Rabbi Gedalyah Engel of the West Lafayette-based Committee On Human Rights in The Soviet Union says Soviet authorities allowed Elena Balovlenkov to speak with her husband earlier this week for the first time since April.

"She's been trying and trying to reach her husband," Engel said. "She's been trying three and four times a week. They finally permitted the call to go through."

But the news she heard wasn't good. She learned that her husband, Yuri, is being watched by a military official posted outside his apartment building. And, Mrs. Balovlenkov said, her husband is apprehensive about his attempts to join his wife and two children in the United States.

The Balovlenkovs are one of four couples being supported by the West Lafayette committee, which will hold a Human Rights Week Oct. 30 through Nov. 8.

During the week the committee will collect thousands of signatures on petitions asking the Soviets to release four refuseniks and their families.

In addition to Balovlenkov, the others are Alexander and Rose Ioffi, Vladimir Prestin — who has been told he and his wife will be allowed to leave, but haven't received a visa yet — and Iryne and Alexander Antonov. Mrs. Antonov is the sister of a Purdue University student.

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Soviets announce decision to let families leave USSR

Soviet refusenik Vladimir Prestin received word that he, his wife and son will be granted exit visas from the Soviet Union, Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, spokesman for the Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union, said Wednesday evening.

According to Engel, the Prestins are one of 12 families getting the exit visas in this round of the refusenik fight for freedom.

A refusenik is someone who has applied to leave the Soviet Union but has not been permitted for some reason or another.

The Prestins have been applying for the exit visas since 1970. The Committee on Human Rights have been lobbying for their freedom since 1978.

Engel says he received the word about the Prestins from former refusenik Irina McClellan.

Prestin worked as a computer engineer until he quit his job in 1968.

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Human rights group reports efforts to reunite separated Soviet spouses

Elena Balovlenkov was finally able to get a call through to her husband Yuri, in Moscow, Tuesday after trying to reach him four times a week since last April, Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, spokesman for the Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union, said.

According to Engel, the Balovlenkovs are one of nine remaining separated spouse couples left. Separated spouses means one spouse is detained in a country separate from the other spouse.

The committee on human rights has

been petitioning and calling for Yuri's release from the Soviet Union for a number of years and he will once again appear in the petition drive scheduled to begin Oct. 31, Engel said.

According to Engel, because of the American status of Elena, Yuri is scheduled to meet with George Shultz next week as he travels to the Soviet Union.

Yuri and Elena were married in 1978 and since that time Yuri has been denied exit visas, Engel said.

Elena currently lives in Baltimore.

Refusenik: Wife talks to husband—

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There are nine U.S.-USSR couples being kept separated by the Soviets.

"Yuri Balovlenkov has been trying to leave since 1979," Engel said. "He's gotten nowhere."

But he has scheduled a meeting this week with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who is in Moscow.

Engel said the Balovlenkovs

appreciate the support they've received from the Lafayette area.

During Human Rights Week the committee will call Balovlenkov in Moscow and Mrs. Balovlenkov will join in the telephone conversation from Baltimore.

Engel believes the telephone call will be allowed through.

"They know about our committee," he said. "Lafayette is known throughout the USSR by all the refuseniks. It's to the Soviets'

advantage to allow our telephone calls to go through. They want to say, 'You see, we let three of four telephone calls go through. Isn't that nice?' It is nice, but it shows you how limited glasnost really is."

"Glasnost" is a move toward Soviet openness.

Since 1978, the West Lafayette group has assisted in the successful release of four families from the Soviet Union.

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Calendar

TODAY

A human rights callout will be held at 8 p.m. in the Christian Ministry Center, 1000 W. State St., concerning the plight of refuseniks in the U.S.S.R.

Refusenik rally starts Human Rights Week

By JOHN NORBERG
Journal and Courier

Human Rights Week in the Lafayette area begins Friday with a 12:15 p.m. rally on the Stewart Center Mall at Purdue University.

The goals of the week, sponsored by the West Lafayette-based Committee on Human Rights in The Soviet Union, are to educate the public and obtain thousands of signatures on petitions supporting Russian refuseniks.

Refuseniks are Russian citizens who have been denied exit visas.

After the freedom rally Friday, four refusenik families will be contacted by telephone from the Church of The Good Shepherd, 435 State St., West Lafayette.

Also on Friday, a special refusenik sabbath will be held at the Hillel Foundation, 912 W. State St. Vadim Kreymerman, a sophomore at Purdue, will discuss the plight of his sister, Iryne, and her husband, Alex Antonov. They have been denied visas to leave the Soviet Union.

Petitions calling on Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to release refusenik families will be available in churches and synagogues throughout the community

and will be distributed on campus.

The petitions will be presented to U.S. elected officials from this area on Sunday, Nov. 8, at noon at the Hillel Center and later will be taken to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C.

There also will be second phone calls to the refuseniks at Hillel at 11:45 a.m. Nov. 8.

Other events during the week include: a talk by former refusenik Victor Raskin, at the Krannert Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3; a talk by Jacob Kogan, a former refusenik, at the Hillel Foundation, 8 p.m. Nov. 4; and a human rights brunch, 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8 at Hillel.

The four refuseniks supported by the local committee are: Vladimir Prestin, Alexander Ioffi, Yuri Balovlenkov, Antonov and their families.

Prestin has been denied an exit visa since 1970, although he recently was informed he will be able to leave. Ioffi has been trying to leave since 1976. Iryne Antonov last saw her mother and brother when they emigrated to the United States in 1979. Balovlenkov is married to a U.S. citizen and has been trying to leave since 1978. The couple has two children.



Courtesy of Hillel Foundation

WHERE'S DADDY?: Yuri Balovlenkov has been trying to leave Russia since 1978.

Journal and Courier

Thursday, Oct. 29, 1987

Life & Times



Act-ing on human rights

Hillel Foundation director Gedalyah Engle and Lafayette Mayor James Riehle listen to West Lafayette Mayor Sonya Margerum speak to a group of area leaders as she prepares to sign the Greater Lafayette Human Rights Sabbath proclamation Wednesday afternoon. The proclamation is to promote a greater awareness of Soviet Refusenik families being held in the Soviet Union.

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Human Rights Week to focus on four families

Human Rights Week opens with successful calls to the U.S.S.R.

By JOHN NORBERG
Journal and Courier

The West Lafayette-based Committee On Human Rights in The Soviet Union made telephone contact with four refuseniks Friday and found spirits were mixed.

Two of four refusenik families supported by the committee believe they will be allowed out of the Soviet Union, but two others are unsure about their future.

The telephone calls were placed Friday, opening Human Rights Week.

Throughout the next week, petitions will be distributed in the Lafayette area for people to sign. The petitions ask the Soviet leaders to allow the refuseniks to leave.

Contacted by phone Friday were Alexander and Rose Ioffi, Vladimir Prestin, Yuri Balovlenkov, Alexander Antonov.

Two former refuseniks joined in the conversations through conference calls — Naum Salansky, from Canada, and Irina McClellan, from Washington, D.C. The West Lafayette committee helped both win their release from the Soviet Union.

Salansky talked with Prestin in Hebrew. Prestin has been

told he will be allowed out of the Soviet Union, but he has not yet received his official papers.

McClellan spoke with Rose Ioffi in Russian. They were friends in the Soviet Union before McClellan left in 1986.

Vadim Kreymerman, a Purdue student, and his mother who lives in California talked with Antonov, who is married to Vadim's sister. Antonov said he also has been told they will be allowed to leave, but has not yet received official papers.

The fourth person contacted was Balovlenkov, who has been kept separated from his American wife, Elena, for nine years.

U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, of Maryland — Elena Balovlenkov's home state — was one of several U.S. officials who joined in the telephone conference calls and said she believes the Soviets will release 2,000 to 3,000 more people this year. So far this year, 10,000 people have been allowed to leave Russia.

"In 1979 they let out 51,000 people," said Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, a human rights committee spokesman. "So in comparison to the high water year, this is not a lot of people. But compared to recent times, it's a great deal."

Greater Lafayette will demonstrate concern for four refusenik families in the USSR during Greater Lafayette Human Rights Week, Oct. 30 — Nov. 8. A series of events will focus attention upon four families that have been trying to leave the USSR.

The Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union is asking General Secretary Gorbachev to make glasnost work and provide exit visas for Vladimir Prestin, Alex Ioffi, Yuri Balovlenkov, Iryne Antonov and their families. Prestin applied in 1970 and was recently promised a visa by OVIR. Ioffi has been refused since 1976, although his son, Dimitri was recently allowed to leave with his wife and child. Antonov last saw her mother and brother when they emigrated to the US in 1979. She and her husband, Alex have been denied exit visas since 1979.

The fourth family involves Elena Balovlenkov, an American citizen, who married Yuri in the USSR in 1978. Yuri's request to join his wife and two children have been repeatedly denied. This spring Yuri brought suit against a newspaper for labeling him the "assistant of the enemies of detente." His court action demonstrates the effect of Gorbachev's openness glasnost.

Human Rights Week begins with a Freedom Rally this Friday at 12:15 p.m. Representatives of each of the four families will appear on the Stewart Center Mall at Purdue University while signatures on their behalf are collected to be presented to

That afternoon, phone calls will be made to the four families beginning at 1:15 p.m. from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wesley Foundation building, West Lafayette.

That evening at 7 p.m. a special refusenik sabbath will be held at Hillel Foundation, 912 W. State St. West Lafayette. Vadim Kreymerman, a sophomore at Purdue will discuss the plight of his sister, Iryne, and her husband, Alex.

Petitions addressed to Gorbachev will be presented to Washington officials and their aids on Sunday, Nov. 8 at noon at the Hillel. This will be preceded by phone calls to refuseniks and followed by a panel discussion. "The Reality of Glasnost" will be moderated by Professor Victor Raskin, former refusenik. Panelist include Rolf Theen, a noted political scientist and Professor George Horwich, an internationally recognized economist.

Petitions will be circulated on campus in the religious organizations and will be collected from Monday, Nov. 2 through Friday, Nov. 6 under the mural at Stewart Center. Petitions are also available in the houses of worship in Greater Lafayette.

Several events are open to the public during the week including a talk by Raskin Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Krannert Auditorium, sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program. Jacob Kogan, a professor of mathematics at Purdue will discuss his own life in the USSR Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at the Sons of Abraham. 661 N. 7th

November 4, 1987

The Indiana
Jewish Post & Opinion

Refusniks aided for rights week

WEST LAFAYETTE — Telephone calls to the four refusenik families "adopted" by the Greater Lafayette community were made Friday, Oct. 30, the opening day of Human Rights Week.

The families are those of Vladimir Prestin, Alex Ioffi, Yuri Balovlenkov and Iryne Antonov. They also will be phoned Nov. 8, as the special week comes to a close.

Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation on the Purdue University campus, said four members of Congress would join in making the telephone calls: Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif.; Rep. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.; Sen. Dan Quayle, R-Ind., and Rep. John Myers, R-Ind.

Mikulski and Cranston each had relatives of one of the refuseniks in their districts, Engel said.

He said the week would include a gathering of petitions signed at houses of worship and on the Purdue campus. The petitions on behalf of the four families, addressed to Mikhail Gorbachev, will be presented to Indiana elected officials to carry to Washington on Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Hillel Foundation, he said.

The Soviets recently assured the family of Vladimir Prestin that they can leave. Alex Ioffi's son, Dimitry left for Israel with his wife and child last spring. Yuri Balovlenkov and Alexander Antonov and his wife, Iryne, have repeatedly been denied visas in violation of the Helsinki Accords of 1975.

Recent immigrants who formerly were refuseniks were among the people scheduled to talk to the present refuseniks by phone, Rabbi Engel said.

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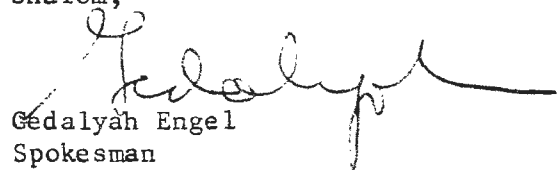
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Dear Mariam,

After we spoke today, I contacted Max Green who has indicated personal interest in the plight of Yuri and Elena Balovlenkov. Hopefully, it will be possible for the world to help Elena and Yuri commemorate their 9th wedding anniversary apart by the actions of President Reagan.

Thanks for your expressed concern on behalf of the Balovlenkov's and our other families.

Shalom,


Gedalyah Engel
Spokesman

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cc: Max Green

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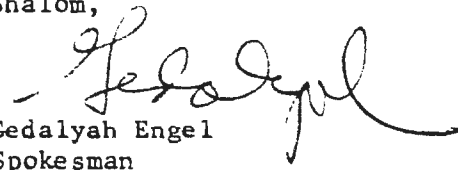
Dear Max,

I am following through on your suggestion concerning our request written to President Reagan yesterday, asking that he help Elena and Yuri Balovlenkov commemorate their 9th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 5th by taking five minutes of his busy schedule to personally meet with Elena Balovlenkov and her two children, Katya and Masha, who have never met their father. Elena is a nurse in Baltimore, who married Yuri in 1978 while visiting the USSR. Since 1979, his request for an exit visa has been repeatedly denied. Elena, was allowed to visit him, but now even her personal phone calls are difficult. She and her children were able to speak to Yuri on October 30th, when our committee began our local Human Rights Week. Included in our request to Mikhail Gorbachev are exit visas for Yuri Balovlenkov as well as the families of Vladimir Prestin, Alex Ioffi and Iryne Antonov.

In the event that a personal meeting cannot be arranged between now and December 4th, a letter from the President to Elena and Yuri noting their 9th wedding anniversary would be meaningful. Elena could then read the President's remarks when she speaks to Yuri on Friday, December 4th at 2:00 PM, when our community will join with them in their wedding celebration apart. We have asked Senators from Maryland and Indiana, as well as Paul Simon, who has been active in promoting the cause of refuseniks and separated spouses, to participate.

Thanks so much for your expressed interest in the case of Elena and Yuri Balovlenkov.

Shalom,


Gedalyah Engel
Spokesman

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cc: Mariam Bell



PLEASE HELP OUR SEPARATED FAMILIES



SIGN OUR PETITION TO GORBACHEV

FOR THEIR FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITH RELATIVES IN THE WEST



THE IOFFIS

Alexander Ioffi, a mathematician, applied for a family visa to immigrate to Israel in 1974. His salary at the Research Institute of High Speed Highways and Airports was then cut in half. His wife, Rose, an electronics teacher, is unable to find work. Alex is on the board of the International Journal on Control & Optimization of the Society for Industrial & Applied Mathematics. The couple has two children, Dmitry and Ann. Dmitry, now married and in Israel, has a daughter. Harassment included throwing garbage outside door and setting fires.

ADDRESS: Profsoyuznaya 85
Korpus I Apt. 203
Moscow, USSR



THE PRESTINS

Vladimir Prestin, a computer engineer, quit his job in 1968 to avoid being denied an exit visa because of the excuse that he knew "secrets." He found employment which does not use his skills and then applied for an exit visa in 1970. He has been repeatedly denied visas because he knows "secrets." He has been arrested several times and held incommunicado. His wife and son are also harassed.

ADDRESS: Uralskaja 6/4 #11
Moscow, USSR



THE BALOVLENKOVs

Yuri Balovlenkov, a computer engineer, married Elena, an American nurse visiting the USSR in 1978. Since 1979 Yuri's request for an exit visa has been repeatedly denied, despite painful hunger strikes and arrests. Elena and their two children, Katya and Masha, now live in Baltimore. Elena leads American pleading for family reunification with their Soviet spouses.

ADDRESS: 10 Smolenskaya UL. Apt 21
Moscow USSR



THE ANTONOVs

Iryne and Alexander Antonov have been repeatedly denied exit visas. Both are computer specialists. Iryne's mother, Susanna, her brother, Vadim, and her grandparents were allowed to emigrate to the United States in 1979 and they have been separated ever since. Vadim, now a student at Purdue, is the student chairman for our Human Rights Committee.

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**THE PRESTINS HAVE FINALLY BEEN PROMISED
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WE HOPE THAT GLASNOST WILL FREE OUR OTHER FAMILIES SOON

The Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union, an ecumenical Greater Lafayette group based at the Hillel Foundation (912 W. State Street, W. Lafayette, IN 47906) helps separated families, both Jews and non-Jews. Success came in 1977 with the release of Naum Salansky and family, and in 1978 with the emigration of the Rabinovs. In 1986, Irina McClellan, who was forcibly separated from her American husband, Woodford, for eleven years, was finally allowed to leave Moscow with her daughter, Lena, who is now a Purdue student. Dmitry Ioffe, his wife and daughter (but not his sister and parents) were released in 1987. Naum, Irina, Woodford and Lena are now all active in our Committee.

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Balovlenkov leaves USSR, refusenik rejoins his family

By KAREN ZUPANC
Region/World Editor

On Nov. 8 when Katya and Masha Balovlenkov asked "Daddy, when are you coming home," little did they now it would take less than four weeks for their wish to be fulfilled.

Yuri Balovlenkov was allowed to leave the Soviet Union and rejoin his family in the United States. He landed at Baltimore International Airport Monday, Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, spokesman for the Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union, said.

The CHRSU circulated a petition around the Greater Lafayette Area asking the Soviet government to release members of four families, Yuri was listed on the petition. According to Engel, "The exciting thing is we were able to help."

Yuri and the other members listed on the petition are known as refuseniks because the Soviet government has refused to grant them exit visas. Yuri has been applying for an exit visa since 1979.

Engel said the Balovlenkovs were put on a priority list for rejoining families

because of their seperated spouse status. Elena, Yuri's wife, lives in Baltimore with their two daughters.

The Balovlenkovs will now be able to celebrate their wedding Dec. 9 anniversary together, Engel said.

He said the CHRSU had been planning a conference call for Friday to let the Balovlenkovs speak but the call will no longer be necessary. Instead Engle is hoping to arrange a call for two of the other families listed on the petition, the Ioffis and the Antonovs.

According to Greg Wilkens, legislative correspondent for Sen. Dan Quayle, R-Ind., the primary focus of the call on Friday will be changed to include a statement on human rights.

Wilkens said Quayle's office is also planning to deliver some of the petitions to the Soviet Embassy on Friday. "The situation at the Soviet Embassy is of non-stop chaos because of the upcoming summit meeting but we're hoping to go ahead with the plans."

According to Wilkens they want to avoid getting the petitions lost in shuffle.

Tuesday

Dear Max -

Billi Sam Fishman
will represent Hill
this Friday during pathos.
A letter from the White
House would help our other
refugee families. ~~Best of~~
~~all!~~

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION
BASED AT:
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December 1, 1987
Rabbi Gedalyah Engel
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TO ASSIGNMENT EDITORS
TO NEWS EDITORS

I. Date: Friday, December 4

Time: 12:00

Place: Gates of the Soviet Embassy, 1124 16th St. Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20036.

The event: The ecuminical, Indiana based Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union will deliver petitions addressed to General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev on behalf of four refusenik families including Vladimir Prestin, Alex Ioffi, Iryne Antonov and Yuri Balovlenkov. This past Monday, Yuri Balovlenkov was reunited with his wife, Elena at Dulles International Airport. Among those bringing petitions will be Irena McClellan, a former refusenik, aided in her family reunification with Professor Woodford McClellan of the University of Virginia, as a result of the first summit meeting between Gorbachev and Reagan in Switzerland. Greg Wilken, representing Senator Dan Quayle, plus a Catholic and Jewish member will complete the delegation.

In February, 1987 the committee's petitions were accepted for the first time by members of the USSR Embassy. Elena Balovlenkov was among their group.

II Date: Friday, December 4

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Hart Office Building, Washington, D.C./ Room 306 Senator Lugar's office
Hillel Foundation, 912 West State Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906

Participants: Senators Dan Quayle and Richard Lugar of Indiana, Senators Barbara Mikulski and Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, Senators Pete Wilson and Alan Cranston of California as well as Senator Paul Simon have been invited to participate in phone calls to refusenik families. They will join in speaking to two of the refusenik families. Elena and Yuri Balovlenkov will participate in the phone calls to Alex Ioffe and his wife, Rose in Moscow and Iryne and Alex Antonov in Leningrad. The phone calls will originate in West Lafayette, Indiana from the Hillel Foundation, 912 West State Street. The refuseniks will also be greeted by Vadim Kreyerman, brother of Iryne Antonov.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE BALOVLENKOVs TO PHONE REFUSENIKS THIS FRIDAY

Elena Balovlenkov, the nurse from Baltimore, who was reunited with her husband from Moscow this Monday during a tumultuous welcome at Dulles International Airport, will share a message of hope with the other refusenik families linked together in an appeal to Gorbachev for their family reunification, this Friday December 4th at 2:00 PM. On Sat. they will celebrate their 9th wedding anniversary.

The Balovlenkovs will speak from their home in Baltimore, but will be joined by their friends in Greater Lafayette who will gather at the Hillel Foundation, 912 West State Street, West Lafayette, and a group of Senators in Washington from Indiana, Maryland and California who have shown their concern for the Balovlenkovs. They will meet in Senator Lugar's office.

The Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union in Greater Lafayette for the second year gathered petitions on behalf of Yuri and three other families. Last February, Elena Balovlenkov joined Woodford McClellan, a history professor at the University of Virginia whose wife from Moscow, was on earlier petitions, to present the signatures at the gates of the USSR Embassy asking for Gorbachev's intervention on behalf of Yuri, Vladimir Prestin, Alex Ioffe and Iryne Antonov, and their families.

Ambassador Dubinin was notified that petitions were again being circulated on behalf of these families. He was urged to intercede on behalf of the Balovlenkovs so that they could celebrate their 9th wedding anniversary together. The alternative was a phone call linking Baltimore and Moscow with Yuri's children asking when he would come home, as they did on October 30th during an earlier conference phone call arranged by the Committee.

On the same Friday at noon, the petitions addressed to Gorbachev and carried to Washington by the staff of Senators Richard Lugar and Dan Quayle and Congressman John Myers, will be brought to the USSR Embassy in Washington on 16th Street. This time, Irena and Woodford McClellan will be present. The good will being expressed at this time, prior to the December 7th summit conference between Gorbachev and President Reagan could lead to their being invited for a chat with Ambassador Dubinin. Last year, Professor McClellan was delighted to have the petitions accepted for the first time at the gates of the USSR Embassy in Washington.

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

Date: 12-8-87

TO: Linda Watson

FROM: MAX GREEN
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison
Room 196 OEOB, Ext. 6270

Subject: Message for Benjamin Meed

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Comments:

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December 7, 1987

Mr. Max Green
Assistant to the President on Jewish Affairs
Room 196
O.E.O.B.
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Max:

You will recall our phone conversations and letters in the past at the suggestion of Malcolm Hoenlein regarding a message from President Reagan to a major Israel Bond Dinner.

We would now like to request a letter from the President for the National Holocaust Survivors Dinner honoring Benjamin Meed in Miami Beach on December 20.

Mr. Meed is prominent in the American-Jewish community as the President of the American Gathering and Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. He was the prime force behind the major international reunions of survivors in recent years, including the Gathering in Israel in 1982, attended by 10,000 people from 14 countries; the Gathering in Washington in 1983, attended by 20,000 people from every state in the union; the Inaugural Assembly of the American Gathering in Philadelphia in 1985; and the "New Life" event at the Statue of Liberty in 1987.

At the Washington Gathering, President Reagan said of him: "Ben Meed, by serving as the catalyst for this historic event, you exemplify the meaning of good citizenship. America is lucky to have you."

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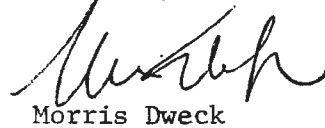
I am enclosing an invitation to the dinner, which will be attended by 1200 Survivors from all over the world, with further background on Mr. Meed and the dinner.

I am also attaching some suggestions for the President's message, which may be helpful to you. If you have any questions, I can be reached at the above phone number.

If a message from the President is approved, please send it to Mr. Meed, c/o The Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Fl. 33140.

With our deep appreciation.

Cordially,



Morris Dweck

MD/lk
Enc.

P.S. -- We would appreciate receiving an information copy ~~at~~
at the same time to our 730 Broadway address.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MESSAGE

My congratulations to you on receiving the Third Annual Elie Wiesel Remembrance Award at the National Holocaust Survivors Dinner in Miami Beach.

As the President and moving spirit behind the American Gathering and Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, you are assuring that the world will never forget the Six Million who perished in the Holocaust.

In carrying out your mission, you also personify the determination of free people everywhere to ensure human rights and the dignity of all people.

Nancy joins me in sending our congratulations to you and our best wishes to all who are gathered at the National Remembrance Dinner in your honor.



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Mr. James Kuhn
Special Assistant to the President
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The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

We recently sent you the enclosed letter regarding the
HIAS Awards Dinner on December 7th.

In following up on our request that President Reagan
might send greetings to our distinguished guests of
honor, we were advised by Charlie Shepherd of the
White House Special Message Unit that no instructions
had yet been forwarded to her unit from your office.
We understand that, without such instructions, her unit
will be unable to fulfill the request.

In the event that our letter to you may have gone astray
in the mails, we felt it would be best to send you a
photo copy at this time.

We look forward to receiving the President's message to
Rep. Solarz and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brenda Schaefer
Brenda Schaefer
Director of Public Affairs

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cc: Karl Zukerman

Enclosure



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IRVING HABER

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

We are pleased to enclose an invitation to the 1987 HIAS Awards Dinner to be held at the Helmsley Palace Hotel in New York City on December 7th. We hope that you can be with us on that evening when we will be privileged to present Representative Stephen J. Solarz with the Liberty Award and Mr. Yehuda Dominitz, former Director-General of Immigration & Absorption of the Jewish Agency for Israel, with the Zvi Hirsch Masliansky Award.

The agency's most prestigious honor, the Liberty Award is presented each year for outstanding contributions to the furtherance of peace and freedom. The Masliansky Award is given in memory of the Rev. Zvi Hirsch Masliansky, a founder of HIAS and a leader in Jewish immigrant affairs.

The presentations will take place at our annual gala event, the HIAS Awards Dinner. The banquet will be attended by Jewish leadership from around the country and promises to be a truly memorable occasion.

An invitation has also been sent to the President. If he is unable to attend, we feel sure that he would wish to send his greetings to our most worthy guests of honor. We would be most appreciative if this request could be conveyed to him.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Karl D. Zukerman
Executive Vice President

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MISS WATSON,

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PRESIDENT REAGAN CANNOT ATTEND.

ENCLOSED IS ALL INFORMATION. IF YOU
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December 9, 1987

Mr. Max Green
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Dear Mr. Green:

As per the instruction of the head of the speakers' Bureau of the Anti-Defamation League, Howard Weinstein; enclosed you will find a copy of a letter requesting a message from President Reagan.

As is stated in the letter our **deadline is January 5,** and I would appreciate any attention you could give to this matter.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Feldman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mark A. Feldman
Journal Coordinator

MAF/gg
Encl:



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December 8, 1987

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Reagan:

James Wood, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. (A&P Supermarkets), will receive the prestigious 1988 David Karin Human Relations Award, Saturday evening, January 23, 1988. He is receiving the award as a tribute to his leadership in business, philanthropy, and the struggle for human rights.

As an integral part of this event, his colleagues are creating a Souvenir Journal. The Journal is a permanent testimonial of our deep feelings for the man whose life and work embodies the highest aims and aspirations of our business community.

The Journal will contain greetings from prominent national and business figures. But even more than that, it will provide a real sense of the League's many-faceted efforts to secure equal rights for all Americans. A personal greeting from you to James Wood would be a meaningful and permanent reminder of the occasion for him.

In order to guarantee your presence in this unique testimonial Journal, we need to receive your message by January 5, 1988. Please mail the message (on your unfolded letterhead) to Mark A. Feldman, Journal Coordinator, c/o The Anti-Defamation League, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York 10017. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call him at 212/490-2525, Ext. 329.

We are very grateful for your honored support.

Sincerely,

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Aaron Malinsky

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Mr. Max Green
Director of Public Liaison
Room 196 OEB
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Green:

Enclosed is the up-dated letter requesting a congratulatory letter from President Reagan. I am sending you the original copy in hopes that you will be able to expedite matters a little sooner. As you can see our deadline is January 5th, and I appreciate all of your help.

Let me also add how much I appreciate you disposing of the first letter I sent; you performed a real "mitzvah" today.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me, 212-490-2525, ext. 329.

Sincerely,

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Mark A. Feldman
ADL Coordinator

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MR. Brown

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Re: Letter for
Francis Stelov
in NY City

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Draft Birthday greetings

It is a great pleasure to send you greetings on the occasion of your 100th birthday. What a 100 years they have been! The contribution you have made to our culture has been truly unique. I congratulate you on your many accomplishments and join your many, many friends and admirers in toasting you on this very happy day.

May this year bring you nothing but the best.

Happy Birthday!

Sincerely, R.R.

December 28, 1987

Max Green
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison
Room 196
Old Public Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Green:

I understand you are a Presidential Advisor on Jewish Affairs. I am hopeful you can assist me on what must seem a very small matter but is of considerable importance to a great many people.

Frances Steloff will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 31. A large reception will be held in her honor on January 4, 1988 in New York City. Because of Ms. Steloff's extraordinary contributions to the cultural arts in the United States and Israel, we had hoped for a brief tribute from President and Mrs. Reagan which would recognize her special contribution rather than the simple fact she had lived to an advanced age.

Unfortunately, her birthday comes at a very busy time of year and I am aware that many in Washington D.C. are on a much-needed vacation. Perhaps this explains why the Friends of Frances Steloff Committee received only a printed acknowledgement from the President.

If you can take a brief moment to review the enclosed information on Ms. Steloff you will see that she deserves something more than a simple printed card. Not only has she dedicated her entire life to the creative arts but she has also donated more than one million dollars to charitable causes in the United States and Israel.

If you are able to request something a little more personal from the President it would be most appreciated. If it arrived by Monday afternoon, January 4 it would be a crowning tribute to a remarkable woman and an extraordinary life of generosity.

Communications should be directed to:

Frances Steloff
100th Birthday Celebration
Gotham Book Mart & Gallery, Inc.
41 West 47th Street
New York, New York 10036

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Teddy Kollek
Ruth Popkin
Rabbi Weinberg
et al

Sincerely,

Philip Lyman
Philip Lyman
Chairman

Dear Miss Steloff

PRESS RELEASE:

Frances Steloff and the Gotham Book Mart

In 1920 Frances Steloff, a daughter of Russian-born immigrants, opened her outpost of vanguard culture in a small basement shop in the center of New York City. Starting as a young woman with a storehouse of determination and very little money, she dedicated herself to nurturing and encouraging creative people. The Gotham Book Mart soon became a headquarters for New York City's writers and artists, the famous and the unknown. Gathering in the tiny shop during the early years were George and Ira Gershwin, Ina Claire, Eugene O'Neill, Rudolph Valentino, H.L. Mencken, Theodore Dreiser and John Dos Passos. As customers and friends they were soon followed by T.S. Eliot, Ezra Pound and James Joyce.

Frances Steloff championed the experimental and challenged the censors. Purchasing shipments of the banned Lady Chatterly's Lover directly from D.H. Lawrence in Italy, and ordering smuggled copies of Tropic of Cancer from Henry Miller in Paris, Steloff's courage led to lawsuits and victorious landmark court decisions on censorship. The Great Depression brought new problems but her bookshop survived. In the 1930s and 1940s a new wave of avant-garde and expatriate writers was drawn to the Gotham Book Mart. Gertrude Stein, Edmund Wilson, Nathanael West, Wallace Stevens, Anais Nin, E. E. Cummings, Kay Boyle, Marianne Moore, Thornton Wilder and Djuna Barnes received encouragement and support. Artists Max Ernst, Marcel Duchamp, Andre Breton, Alexander Calder, Georgia O'Keefe, Salvador Dali, Ben Shahn, Man Ray and Noguchi were welcomed. Dancers Martha Graham, Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn frequented the bookshop.

The Gotham Book Mart survived the rigors of World War II, and a new generation of innovative writers arrived at Steloff's door. W.H. Auden, Randall Jarrell, James Agee, Delmore Schwartz, J.D. Salinger, the Sitwells, Dylan Thomas, Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams were among them. Noel Coward came with Marlene Dietrich. Jean Cocteau was delivered to his Gotham Book Mart reception by Charlie Chaplin. Composers Aaron Copland, Virgil Thomson and the Stravinskys became Ms. Steloff's friends. Robert Lowell, Kenneth Patchen, Stephen Spender, Lawrence Durrell, Katherine Anne Porter and Allen Tate were loyal customers. From the theater and film world came Laurence Olivier, Helen Hayes, Katharine Hepburn, Woody Allen, Warren Beatty, Montgomery Clift, Marilyn Monroe, Barbra Streisand, Peter Bogdonovich, Francis Ford Coppola, Faye Dunaway and Sydney Lumet.

Now in her eightieth year of bookselling, Frances Steloff continues to keep a protective eye on the Gotham Book Mart and is still an active consultant in its operation. In honor of her lifetime of dedication Ms. Steloff has received many honors including the National Institute of Arts and Letters Distinguished Service to the Arts Award, and an honorary doctorate from Skidmore College. Today's writers maintain the tradition of the bookshop as a sanctuary for creative people. Current customers include John Updike, Norman Mailer, Samuel Beckett, Susan Sontag, Saul Bellow, Edward Gorey, John Ashbery, Joyce Carol Oates, John Guare, James Dickey, Alfred Kazin, Brendan Gill and Allen Ginsberg. Frances Steloff's unique Gotham Book Mart remains alive and well on the eve of her one-hundredth birthday.

BROOKE ASTOR:

"The Gotham Book Mart is unique--nothing worth reading is ever unavailable there. It can only be compared to the London Library in London and the Society Library in New York, with the exception that one can buy the prized book and take it home...I am a great admirer of Miss Steloff..."

JACQUELINE ONASSIS:

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"Bookstores provide continuity to the democratic tradition of the dissemination of information and knowledge. For years the Gotham Book Mart has carried the mantle of this tradition with incomparable dignity, determination, imagination and dedication."

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KITTY CARLISLE HART:

"The Gotham Book Mart is one of New York's special treasures... a unique literary experience for the citizens of New York."

NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW:

"The Gotham Book Mart has been both keystone and touchstone of the literary life of New York City for over half a century...an honest-to-goodness shrine."

ARTHUR MILLER:

"The Gotham Book Mart & Gallery is invaluable as a source of books for research of all kinds, and perhaps above all for literature that is more than a few months old. It is impossible to imagine New York City without it."

HUGH CAREY (former Governor of New York):

"If Americans were to adopt the Japanese idea of identifying 'National Treasures,' the Gotham Book Mart would have to be numbered among ours."

KATHARINE HEPBURN:

"Nothing can take the place of the Gotham Book Mart--the one place! Ask a question. Get an answer."

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"Just knowing that the Gotham Book Mart is there, in its old place on 47th Street, lifts the heart and the pride of us oldtime clients whom it has served so well."

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"The most legendary and beloved bookstore in the United States and one of the most famous in the world...the bookstore, perhaps more than any other, where the spirit and the enterprise of literature is kept alive."

MANHATTAN, INC.:

"The Gotham Book Mart stands alone in the literary marketplace... New York's greatest bookstore...It is a monument as valuable as any museum."