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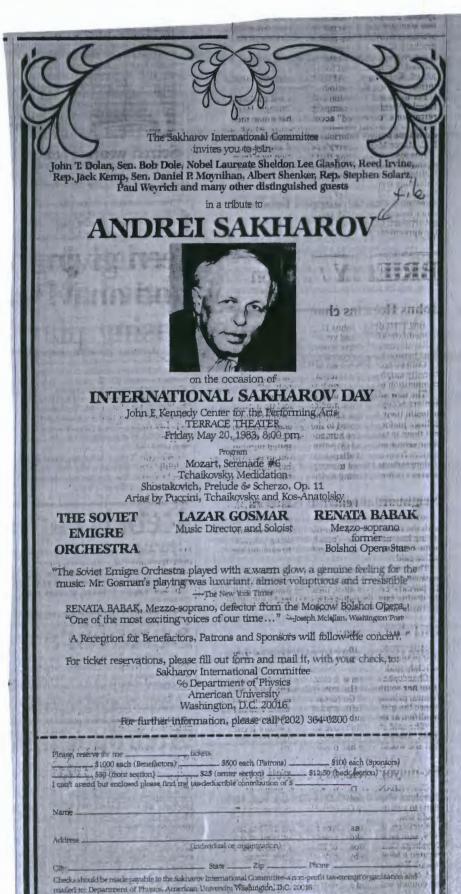
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*Andrei Sakharov World Renowned Physicist Peace Nobel Laureate Exiled to Gorki, U.S.S.R.

Dear Morton:

On May 10, 1982 a group of Soviet citizens named "Committee of Divided Families" whom I represent in the West begin a hunger strike which will continue untill they receive permission to leave the Soviet Union to be reunited with their husbands, wives and children living in the United States, France and West Germany. One of those people is my wife Tatyana Lozansky. We have 10-years-old daughter Tanya whom I have not seen since 1976.

The group "Young Republicans" has decided to take the case of supporting the strikers as a national project. The have been instrumental in getting Senator Bob Dole and Rep. Jack Kemp to introduce a joint resolution in both House and Senate which will demand from the Soviet authorities to respect the Helsinki Final Act's statement about family reunification.

The press-conference with Bob Dole and Jack Kemp will take place on Monday May 10, 1982 at 10 am in the US Capitol Building, Room EF 100. The religious wedding ceremony between my wife and me will be performed.

I am asking you to approach the President of the United States Ronald Reagan to see whether he will agree to make a statement on this matter. In this case we hope this statement can be read at the pressconference.

Thank you very much for your support. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Edward Lozansky Executive Director

P.S. We hope that you and your wife will be able to attend the wedding ceremony which will take place during the press-conference.

AN OPEN LETTER

To: President Francois Mitterand, President of the Republic of France Chancellor Helmut Schmitt, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany President Ronald Reagan, President of the United States

Dear Sirs:

We, Soviet members of the Divided Families Group, appeal to you for your support and understanding. For if peace and goodwill among nations rests on mutual respect for the rights of each other's citizens, and especially their families, then our plight is surely more than regrettable.

Our situation: as Soviet citizens married to citizens of the USA, France and West Germany, we have been consistently denied the right to join our spouses, and in some cases children, now resident in your countries. Some of us have suffered such enforced separation for up to five years now. In no case have the Soviet authorities any valid reason for withholding our exit visas, a flagrant violation of the Final Act of the Helsinki Accords. Moreover, the personal agony of separation from our loved ones is aggravated by the extremely precarious position imposed upon us as "refuseniks" in a largely unsympathetic society.

Repeated applications to the Soviet authorities have served only to frustrate us still further. We are desparate. On April 2, 1982, we began a ten day hunger strike ending today. If no relief is forthcoming, we shall, on May 10, 1982, strike again in earnest until we are released from such cruel and unusual punishment -- either to join our families, or by death. We have no other choice.

We beg you, leaders of the countries we hope to raise our families in, to do all you can to end this inhuman, unmotivated and totally unnecessary tragedy.

Respectfully,

Tatiana Azure Yuri Balovlenkov Iosif Kiblitsky Tatyana Lozansky

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From District of Columbia See Box on

JACK ANDERSON

Soviet Woman Fights to Join Husband in U.S.

Most Soviets who want to leave their homeland belong to the oppressed side of communist society. But I can now report the case of a woman from the Soviet upper crust who is so desperate to emigrate that she plans to begin a hunger strike next week in hopes of forcing the Kremlin to let her go.

The woman's name is Tatyana Yershov Lozansky. She is 29 years old and the daughter of one of the 20 top generals in the Red Army. Her father, Ivan Yershov, is chief of staff of the Soviet Union's civil defense program.

Tatyana is a gray-eyed, darkhaired beauty who was raised in the lap of bourgeois luxury that is available to families of the Soviet hierarchy. The general and his wife live in a large, luxurious apartment in Moscow and own two dachas, one in the Moscow suburbs and the other in the Black Sea resort area.

Yershov has a chauffeured limousine at his beck and call, and his wife also has a car available—a true mark of distinction in the communist aristocracy. In short, if ever a

Soviet citizen should be content with her situation, it would be a pampered general's daughter like Tatyana Yershov.

But when she was 18, Tatyana made a serious mistake: She fell in love with Edward Lozansky, a Jewish physicist. They married and had a child.

As the years passed, Lozansky became increasingly disillusioned with the restrictive Soviet system. Then he was fired for discussing Andrei Sakharov, the dissident physicist, in less than the officially required terms of hostility. He was out of work for two years.

Lozansky's influential father-inlaw volunteered to help in getting an exit visa. But the general persuaded Lozansky that he must first divorce Tatyana. It was only a technicality, the general promised, a paper divorce that would be rectified when he sent his daughter and grandchild out later.

Gulled by Yershov's assurances, Lozansky left Russia and came to the United States, only to find that the general had lied to him. Yershov had no intention of letting Tatyana and the child leave the Soviet Union. He used his political clout, not to get Tatyana permission to leave Russia, but to keep her there.

That was in late 1976. Since then, Tatyana has tried desperately to leave the Soviet Union and join the father of her child. She applied for an emigrant visa on her own, and was promptly kicked out of the graduate program at the Zelinski Institute of Organic Chemistry.

From Washington, where he now lives, Lozansky did what he could to get his family out. He even wrote an appeal to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, to no avail.

Tatyana's despair is clear in a letter she managed to amuggle out to friends in this country. My associate Lucette Lagnado has seen the letter.

"On May 10 I will begin my final hunger strike, which will continue until my daughter and I receive permission to emigrate," she wrote.

Her father "refuses to sign the papers releasing me from any material obligations toward his retirement," she wrote. This is a reference to one of the official reasons Soviet authorities have given for not letting Tatyana emigrate: She must stick around to take care of her father in case his pension isn't large enough to support him in his old age.

That, of course, is a bucket of warm borscht. In the first place, the Soviet constitution obligates the state to take care of the elderly. And even without this guarantee, a three-star general's pension would need no supplement from an unemployed chemist.

"I begin my hunger strike because I have no other choice," Tatyana wrote. "I want only to reunite my family—a basic human right."

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Dear Morton:

The White House

Washington, D.C.

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell

Thank you very much for helping to pass this letter to Zubin Mehta. I am asking him to participate in our project in LA. I am looking forward to introduce my wife and daughter to you. I hope we can make a good public relation enterprize for the conservative cause when she will come to the United States. If you have any ideas let us know because the YR are planning something in this respect.

Thanks again, God bless you.

Edward Lozansky