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E/W --FORMER KGB OFFICER SAYS RAOUL WALLENBERG ALIVE IN SOVIET UNION

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TEL AVIV, ISRAEL, JAN 19 (AP) - A FORMER KGB OFFICER SAID SUNDAY THAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO DISAPPEARED AFTER SAVING THOUSANDS OF JEWS IN WORLD WAR II, IS ALIVE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

"I HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS (INDIRECTLY) FROM WALLENBERG, THE LATEST SENT 12 DEC. 1986 TO MY ADDRESS IN TEL AVIV," EFIM MUSHINSKI SAID IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW.

MUSHINSKI SAID HE WAS AN OFFICER IN SMERSH, THE COUNTER-ESPIONAGE UNIT OF THE KGB SOVIET SECRET POLICE DURING THE WAR. HE SAID HE ARRESTED WALLENBERG IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, IN 1945.

WALLENBERG WENT TO BUDAPEST IN 1944 AS THE NAZIS BEGAN SENDING HUNGARIAN JEWS TO DEATH CAMPS IN POLAND. USING DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE AND DISTRIBUTING FAKE SWEDISH PASSPORTS, HE SUCCEEDED IN SAVING SOME 100,000 JEWS.

WALLENBERG WAS ARRESTED BY THE SOVIET ARMY IN JANUARY 1945 AND SENT TO THE SOVIET UNION. DESPITE SOVIET CLAIMS THAT HE DIED IN PRISON THERE IN 1947, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS THAT HE HAS BEEN SEEN ALIVE IN RECENT YEARS IN SIBERIAN LABOR CAMPS AND SOVIET PRISONS.

MUSHINSKI TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HE ESCAPED FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO ISRAEL IN 1965 AND SAID HE HAS RECEIVED LETTERS FROM WALLENBERG THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES IN THE SOVIET UNION. HE SAID THE LETTERS PROVE WITHOUT DOUBT THAT WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE.

HE SAID HE DID NOT DARE DISCLOSE THE CORRESPONDENCE BECAUSE HIS SON LIVED IN THE SOVIET UNION UNTIL 1973 AND HE FEARED FOR HIS SON'S SAFETY.

HE SAID HE FINALLY TOLD THE ISRAELI SECRET SERVICE SHIN BET ABOUT WALLENBERG IN 1976.

MUSHINSKI SAID HE WAS SENT TO BUDAPEST IN JANUARY 1945 TO UNCOVER DOUBLE AGENTS. ON JAN. 15, THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS ORDERED HIM BY RADIO TO ARREST WALLENBERG.

MUSHINSKI SAID WALLENBERG WAS SUSPECTED OF STEALING JEWISH PROPERTY AND WAS INTERROGATED FOR TWO WEEKS. HE SAID THAT DURING THE QUESTIONING IT BECAME CLEAR THAT WALLENBERG WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS.

HE SAID THAT HE AND OTHER OFFICERS REPORTED THIS TO MOSCOW, THEY WERE ORDERED TO SEND WALLENBERG TO THE SOVIET UNION. ON FEBRUARY 4, 1945, THE SWEDE WAS PUT ABOARD A MILITARY PLANE FOR MOSCOW, MUSHINSKI SAID.

ON ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL IN 1965, MUSHINSKI SAID HE BEGAN SEARCHING FOR WALLENBERG THROUGH FRIENDS IN THE KGB, IN RETURN FOR FOOD AND CLOTHING HE SENT THEM. THEY, IN TURN, FORWARDED WALLENBERG'S LETTERS TO MUSHINSKI.

USING FALSE NAMES, MUSHINSKI'S CONTACTS IN THE KGB WROTE TELLING HIM THAT WALLENBERG WAS INITIALLY HELD UNDER A PSEUDONYM IN A HOSPITAL FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, HE SAID.

WALLENBERG WAS LATER MOVED TO A LABOR CAMP AT KRASNOYARSK, SIBERIA, MUSHINSKI SAID, ADDING THAT HE RECEIVED THREE LETTERS FROM HIS CONTACTS DURING 1986.

"ALL THE LETTERS PROVE WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE. ONE SAID, 'YESTERDAY I HEARD FROM YOUR FRIEND AND HE ASKED ME TO SEND YOU THE ENCLOSED LETTER.'"

MUSHINSKI DECLINED TO SAY WHAT THE ENCLOSED LETTER SAID.

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E/W - AMERICANS REMEMBER RAOUL WALLENBERG
(ACTUALITIES AVAILABLE IN AUDIO SECTION)

WASHINGTON, JAN 16 (SPECIAL/WINTER) - HUNDREDS OF AMERICANS WILL ATTEND PRAYER AND CANDLE VIGILS TOMORROW IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ILLEGAL ARREST AND DISAPPEARANCE OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG.

WALLENBERG IS CREDITED WITH SAVING THE LIVES OF 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY SOVIET FORCES ADVANCING INTO BUDAPEST IN 1945 AND HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE.

THE U.S. RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEE, A PRIVATE GROUP BASED IN NEW YORK CITY, HAS ALREADY HELD A CEREMONY AT NEW YORK'S CITY HALL TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE. MANY OF THE 11 OTHER RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEES IN THE U.S. ARE COUNTRY ARE ORGANIZING SIMILAR OBSERVANCES.

A DECADE AGO, FEW AMERICANS HAD HEARD OF WALLENBERG, BUT NOW MANY WHO WERE NOT EVEN BORN WHEN HE WAS SAVING THOUSANDS FROM THE GAS CHAMBERS HAVE JOINED IN THE EFFORT TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SAID IN 1957 THAT WALLENBERG HAD DIED IN PRISON TEN YEARS EARLIER. BUT IT HAS NEVER GIVEN A FULL ACCOUNTING OF HIS FATE AND THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE SOMEWHERE IN A SOVIET PRISON. HE WOULD BE 75 YEARS OLD THIS AUGUST.

ANNETTE LANTOS, ONE OF THOSE RESCUED BY WALLENBERG, BELIEVES HE IS ALIVE. SHE AND HER HUSBAND, CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS, BOTH ORIGINALLY FROM HUNGARY, HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR MANY YEARS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON HIS CASE.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH RFE/RL, SHE SAID: "I WILL NEVER GIVE UP HOPE.... ANY OF US WHO REMEMBER WALLENBERG AND HIS DEEDS WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE AND FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS LIFE."

MRS. LANTOS SAID HER HUSBAND WILL HEAD A DELEGATION OF AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN THAT IS GOING TO THE SOVIET UNION IN APRIL, AND PLANS TO RAISE THE WALLENBERG CASE WITH OFFICIALS THERE DURING THE VISIT.

SHE SAID SHE AND HER HUSBAND WILL PRESS SOVIET AUTHORITIES "TO ENTER INTO A DIALOGUE" AND WILL "CONVEY TO THEM THAT THIS ISSUE WILL NOT GO AWAY."

SIMILAR REQUESTS HAVE PREVIOUSLY GONE UNANSWERED. BUT MRS. LANTOS SAID SHE AND HER HUSBAND "HAVE GREATER HOPE THAN EVER BEFORE THAT FINALLY WE WILL GET A FULL ACCOUNTING."

SHE SAID THE RECENT RELEASES OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY AND ANDREI SAKHAROV FROM PRISON AND EXILE LEAD HER TO BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTING A MORE LIBERAL STANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF GENERAL SECRETARY MIKHAIL GORBACHEV.

IN THE U.S., LANTOS SAID HER FIRST EFFORTS 15 YEARS AGO ON WALLENBERG'S BEHALF WERE FUTILE. "I COULD NOT GET A PARAGRAPH PRINTED ABOUT RAOUL WALLENBERG IN ANY OF THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS," SHE SAID. "NOBODY WAS INTERESTED."

SINCE THEN, HUNDREDS OF ARTICLES HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT WALLENBERG. MILLIONS WATCHED A TELEVISION MINISERIES ABOUT HIS LIFE THAT WAS BROADCAST IN THE U.S. TWO YEARS AGO.

WALLENBERG HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PLAYS AND BOOKS. STREETS, LIBRARIES, SCHOOLS AND PARKS HAVE BEEN NAMED AFTER HIM FROM NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO.

ONE OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INTEREST IS ELENORE LESTER, WHOSE BOOK "WALLENBERG: MAN IN THE IRON WEB" WAS PUBLISHED IN 1982 AND IS NOW OUT OF PRINT.

LESTER SAID IN AN RFE/RL INTERVIEW THAT SHE FIRST HEARD OF WALLENBERG DURING A VISIT TO SWEDEN IN THE LATE 1970S, BUT DID NOT BELIEVE THE STORY.

"I FELT THAT NOBODY COULD HAVE SAVED SO MANY JEWS DURING THE HOLOCAUST," SHE SAID, "AND IF HE WERE A PRISONER IN THE SOVIET UNION THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HIS CASE." (PTO)

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AFTER RESEARCHING WALLENBERG'S HISTORY, WHICH WAS ABUNDANTLY DOCUMENTED, LESTER SAID SHE BECAME DETERMINED "TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING THIS CASE OUT BEFORE THE WORLD."

SHE WROTE AN ARTICLE WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES IN MARCH, 1980, WHICH SHE SAID WAS "THE FIRST TIME THE WHOLE DRAMA OF THE STORY EMERGED." LESTER SAID THE NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE "GOT THE BALL ROLLING," AND THAT AFTERWARD OTHERS BECAME INTERESTED IN THE CASE AND WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP.

THE U.S. RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED IN NEW YORK IN 1981. ANOTHER COMMITTEE WAS FORMED IN PHILADELPHIA IN 1982, AND SOON OTHERS FOLLOWED. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE MOVEMENT TODAY HAS 25,000 SUPPORTERS.

LESTER EXPANDED HER ARTICLE INTO A BOOK BECAUSE, SHE SAID, SHE WANTED TO FIND OUT HOW IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR WALLENBERG TO DO WHAT HE DID, AND HOW HE COULD THEN DISAPPEAR SO COMPLETELY.

SHE SAYS SHE HAS EXAMINED ALL THE EVIDENCE AVAILABLE, AND THAT NONE OF IT PROVES WALLENBERG IS DEAD. LESTER SAID MUCH OF IT INDICATES THAT HE WAS SEEN LONG AFTER THE SOVIET UNION CLAIMED HE HAD DIED.

LESTER SAID SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE NEW SOVIET LEADERSHIP WILL BE ANY MORE FORTHCOMING ABOUT WALLENBERG THAN PREVIOUS SOVIET GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN. BUT SHE STRONGLY ADVOCATES CONTINUED EFFORTS ON HIS BEHALF.

SAID LESTER: "TO ABANDON THE CASE IS TO ABANDON RAOUL WALLENBERG, IN EFFECT.... AT THE RISK OF HIS OWN LIFE, RAOUL WALLENBERG DID NOT ABANDON THE JEWS IN BUDAPEST AND WE MUST NOT EVER IN OUR LIFETIME ABANDON HIM." TB/66

E/W - SOVIETS LOSE RULING IN WALLENBERG CASE

WASHINGTON, OCT. 17 (SPECIAL) - THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY RUTH MARCUS APPEARS TODAY IN THE WASHINGTON POST:

A FEDERAL JUDGE HAS RULED THAT THE SOVIET UNION VIOLATED INTERNATIONAL LAW BY SEIZING AND DETAINING SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG AND TERMED "SUSPECT" SOVIET ASSERTIONS THAT WALLENBERG, CREDITED WITH SAVING AS MANY AS 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II, DIED IN PRISON IN 1947.

THE RULING BY U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE BARRINGTON D. PARKER CAME IN A LAW SUIT BROUGHT ON BEHALF OF WALLENBERG BY HIS HALF-BROTHER AND HIS LEGAL GUARDIAN. THEY ASKED FOR DLRS 39 MILLION IN DAMAGES AND AN ORDER THAT THE SOVIET UNION EITHER PRODUCE WALLENBERG OR, IF HE IS DEAD, HIS REMAINS.

WALLENBERG WAS SEIZED BY THE SOVIETS AS THEY OCCUPIED BUDAPEST IN 1945, AND, ACCORDING TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES, DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES IN PRISON TWO YEARS LATER. THE LAWSUIT CHARGED THAT TESTIMONY OF FORMER SOVIET PRISONERS AND OTHER EVIDENCE "ESTABLISHES THAT RAOUL WALLENBERG DID NOT DIE IN 1947 AND MAY IN FACT BE ALIVE TODAY."

PARKER GRANTED A DEFAULT JUDGMENT TO THE PLAINTIFFS AFTER SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES REFUSED TO APPEAR IN THE CASE, CLAIMING IMMUNITY FROM SUIT IN A NON-SOVIET COUNTRY.

IN A 40-PAGE OPINION FILED TUESDAY, PARKER SAID HE FOUND "INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE... TO SUPPORT A DEFINITIVE FINDING AS TO WHETHER AT THIS TIME, WALLENBERG IS DEAD OR ALIVE." BUT HE CALLED SOVIET ASSERTIONS THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN 1947 "INCONSISTENT WITH AND AT ODDS WITH CREDIBLE AND UNCONVERTED EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY THE PLAINTIFFS..."

SOVIET EMBASSY SPOKESMAN BORIS MALAKHOV SAID HE HAD NO COMMENT ON PARKER'S RULING. BUT, HE SAID, "I THINK THAT THE CASE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS CLOSED IN 1957 WHEN IT WAS STATED THAT MR. WALLENBERG DIED OF A HEART ATTACK." AS TO REPORTS THAT WALLENBERG, WHO WOULD NOW BE 73, IS STILL ALIVE, MALAKHOV SAID, "THERE IS NO EVIDENCE EXCEPT OF RUMORS."

THE SOVIET UNION DENIED IN 1947 HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF WALLENBERG, WHOSE EFFORTS TO SAVE HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM EXTERMINATION AT THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS WERE FUNDED BY THE U.S. IN 1957, HOWEVER, THEN-DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI A. GROHYKO ADMITTED THAT WALLENBERG HAD BEEN A SOVIET PRISONER AND SAID HE HAD DIED 10 YEARS EARLIER.

PARKER FOUND THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD ENGAGED IN A "GROSS VIOLATION OF THE PERSONAL IMMUNITY OF A DIPLOMAT, ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW."

ALTHOUGH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS GENERALLY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO LAWSUITS IN U.S. COURTS, PARKER SAID, THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS WHEN THERE HAVE BEEN "CLEAR VIOLATIONS OF UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE VIOLATION OF THE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY OF RAOUL WALLENBERG IS SUCH A VIOLATION."

MORRIS H. WOLFF, A LAWYER FOR THE PLAINTIFFS, HAILED PARKER'S DECISION. KR/JMO

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E/W - OFFICIALS CALL ON SOVIETS TO REVEAL FATE OF WALLEMBERG
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WASHINGTON, OCT 8 (AP) - MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS, A CABINET MEMBER AND THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION WEDNESDAY TO REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT THE FATE OF ANTI-NAZI HERO RAOUL WALLEMBERG.

GATHERING IN THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL, THE OFFICIALS DEDICATED A BRONZE PLAQUE TO THE MEMORY OF WALLEMBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO IS CREDITED WITH SAVING THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS DURING THE HOLOCAUST.

WHILE ON A MERCY MISSION TO HUNGARY IN 1944, WALLEMBERG WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY SOVIET FORCES. IN 1957, THE SOVIETS SAID HE HAD DIED OF A HEART ATTACK A DECADE EARLIER IN PRISON CAMP, BUT RUMORS PERSISTED LONG AFTERWARD THAT HE WAS STILL ALIVE.

INTERIOR SECRETARY DONALD P. HODEL CALLED ON JOURNALISTS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO EXERT AS MUCH PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET UNION CONCERNING WALLEMBERG'S FATE AS THEY DID OVER THE ARREST THIS SUMMER OF U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT NICHOLAS DANILOFF ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES.

THE PLAQUE IS SET IN GRANITE STONE ON THE SIDEWALK OF RAOUL WALLEMBERG PLACE, A SECTION OF 15TH STREET NEAR THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT RENAMED BY CONGRESS IN DECEMBER. IT IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SITE OF A U.S. MUSEUM BEING BUILT IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST.

THE PLAQUE'S INSCRIPTION, WRITTEN BY ANNETTE LANTOS, WIFE OF REP. TOM LANTOS READS:

"RAOUL WALLEMBERG'S MISSION OF MERCY ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES BEHIND ENEMY LINES DURING WORLD WAR II IS UNPRECEDENTED IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES DURING THE HOLOCAUST. A SHINING LIGHT IN A DARK AND DEPRIVED WORLD, HE PROVED THAT ONE PERSON WHO HAS THE COURAGE TO CARE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

MRS. LANTOS AND HER MOTHER, THROUGH WALLEMBERG'S EFFORTS, WERE ABLE TO FLEE HUNGARY TO SWITZERLAND IN DECEMBER 1944, ACCORDING TO BOB KING, A LANTOS AIDE. AS A TEEN-AGER, THE CONGRESSMAN WAS SHELTERED IN A SAFE HOUSE IN BUDAPEST SET UP BY WALLEMBERG, KING SAID.

COUNT WILHELM WACHTMEISTER, THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, SAID U.S. ACTIONS TO REMEMBER WALLEMBERG AID SWEDEN IN ITS EFFORTS TO LEARN WALLEMBERG'S FATE.

"FOR THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, RAOUL WALLEMBERG IS ALIVE UNTIL THE EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY IS PRODUCED," HE SAID.

WALLEMBERG, THE SCION OF AN INFLUENTIAL SWEDISH FAMILY, WAS 32 WHEN HE WAS DISPATCHED BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, IN MID-1944. IN THE SIX MONTHS BEFORE HE WAS CAPTURED BY THE SOVIETS, HE IS CREDITED WITH SAVING 100,000 JEWS FROM EXTERMINATION.

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E/W -- HUNDREDS HONOR WALLEMBERG AT U.S. FUNCTION

PHILADELPHIA, MAY 8 (AP) - BARONESS ELISABETH KEMENY FUCHS, WHO PRESSED HER HUSBAND TO HELP SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLEMBERG SAVE THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM THE NAZIS, JOINED 400 PEOPLE HONORING WALLEMBERG 40 YEARS AFTER HE DISAPPEARED.

SHE SAID THERE WAS EVIDENCE WALLEMBERG LIVED PAST 1947, WHEN SOVIET OFFICIALS SAID HE DIED IN A PRISON CAMP.

"THEY DO NOT FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AFTER THE WAR BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID OF THE RUSSIAN BEAR," SAID THE BARONESS, A GUEST OF HONOR AT A CONCERT WEDNESDAY ORGANIZED BY THE WALLEMBERG COMMITTEE OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA.

U.S. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN CALLED ON THE SOVIETS FOR AN ACCOUNTING ON JAN. 17, 1985, THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIPLOMAT'S DISAPPEARANCE. LEONA FELDMAN, FOUNDER OF THE WALLEMBERG COMMITTEE, SAID THERE IS EVIDENCE THE DIPLOMAT IS ALIVE.

THE BARONESS, WHO NOW LIVES IN MUNICH, SAID WALLEMBERG ASKED FOR HER HELP. SHE PRESSED HER HUSBAND, BARON GABOR KEMENY, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TO PUSH FOR RECOGNITION OF THE SAFE TRAVEL PASSES WALLEMBERG ISSUED TO NEARLY 100,000 JEWS IN BUDAPEST.

THE BARONESS RECALLED WALLEMBERG'S RESPONSE WHEN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT SAID THE TRAVEL PASSES WERE INVALID AND HER HUSBAND WAS CALLED TO A CABINET MEETING.

"RAOUL IMplored ME TO HELP. HE WAS DESPERATE. I TALKED TO MY HUSBAND AND SAID HE MUST DO SOMETHING. HE TOLD ME 'I CAN'T FIGHT THE WHOLE CABINET.' BUT AFTER MIDNIGHT WORD CAME THAT 9,000 PASSES WOULD BE HONORED. I CAN STILL REMEMBER RAOUL'S ELATION, HIS HAPPINESS," SHE SAID. GL

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E/W - RAOUL WALLENBERG TO BE HONORED AT CONCERT IN PHILADELPHIA
BY DON BEHAN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PHILADELPHIA, APRIL 22 (AP) - SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, CREDITED WITH SAVING THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM THE NAZIS IN HUNGARY, SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN, SAYS THE ORGANIZER OF A CONCERT TRIBUTE TO THE WAR HERO.

"WE ARE COMING TOGETHER TO BRING ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF MR. WALLENBERG AND TO WHAT HE HAS DONE," SAID LEONA FELDMAN, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE WALLENBERG COMMITTEE OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA INC.

WALLENBERG'S FEATS WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN AN NBC TELEVISION NETWORK TWO-PART SERIES LAST SEASON. ACCORDING TO SOVIET OFFICIALS, HE DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES IN A SOVIET PRISON CAMP IN 1947.

MANY HAVE NEVER ACCEPTED THE SOVIET EXPLANATION. "THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT HE IS ALIVE," SAID MS. FELDMAN, "AND WE WOULD LIKE TO GET HIM OUT."

THE WAY TO DO THAT IS TO KEEP REMINDING PEOPLE OF WHAT WALLENBERG DID, SHE SAID. THAT IS THE TASK OF THE COMMITTEE SHE FOUNDED IN PHILADELPHIA AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

"WE ARE ASKING FOR HELP NOW IN THE SAME WAY THAT MR. WALLENBERG GAVE HELP 40 YEARS AGO TO THOSE WHO NEEDED IT," MS. FELDMAN SAID. "HE DIDN'T HAVE TO GET INVOLVED BACK THEN EITHER, BUT HE DIDN'T TURN ASIDE THEN AND WE SHOULDN'T NOW."

THE CONCERT IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7 AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

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Munich, April 11 - (CND/EC) - following appeared in the NEUE ZÜRCHER ZEITUNG of April 11, 1986; titled:

Neue Untersuchung des Falls Raoul Wallenberg Im Räderwerk des Totalitarismus

Auf den schwedisch-sowjetischen Beziehungen lastet der Schatten Raoul Wallenbergs, des Retters zahlreicher Budapester Juden in den Jahren 1944/45, der nach dem Krieg von den Sowjets verschleppt wurde. Wallenberg, der heldenmütige Kämpfer gegen die braune Unmenschlichkeit, der allem Anschein nach der roten Tyrannei zum Opfer fiel, soll noch Mitte der siebziger Jahre in einem sowjetischen Kerker gesehen worden sein.

R. F. L. Kopenhagen, Anfang April

Sollte Raoul Wallenberg, der Retter Zehntausender ungarischer Juden, noch am Leben sein - und dies wird von der schwedischen Regierung und von Wallenbergs Freunden angenommen -, so stünde er heute im 74. Lebensjahr. Und sollte zutreffen, was allgemein vermutet wird, so schmachtete er seit mehr als 41 Jahren in sowjetischen Gefängnissen. Im Alter von 32 Jahren liess sich der Architekt, Spross einer schwedischen Magnatenfamilie mit internationalen gesellschaftlichen und Wirtschaftsbeziehungen, im Sommer 1944 vom Ausenministerium als Dritter Sekretär an die schwedische Gesandtschaft nach Budapest senden. Dort übernahm er die Leitung der Rettungsaktionen für die zu jenem Zeitpunkt schon stark dezimierten jüdischen Verfolgten.

Kampf der «Endlösung»

Wallenberg stellte sich unter Einsatz seines Lebens den «Endlösern» entgegen, den zu jener Zeit schon kompromisselischen Horthyisten, den Mordbanden der Pfeilkreuzler, der deutschen Okkupationsmacht, den Helfern Eichmanns und auch Adolf Eichmann selber. Er verteilte Tausende und aber Tausende schwedischer Schutzpässe, verbrachte die Bedrohten in eigens zu diesem Zweck in aller Hast erworbene, von der schwedischen Legation verwaltete «Schwedenhäuser» und holte Todgeweihte aus den Transporten. Schliesslich organisierte Wallenberg sogar eine Schutztruppe, die sich mit der Waffe in der Hand gegen die Häscher zur Wehr setzte. Wie durch ein Wunder entkam Wallenberg, der auf dem Gipfel seiner Aktivitäten über 355 Angestellte und 40 Ärzte gebot, zwei Spitäler sowie eine Volksküche und 32 «Schwedenhäuser» unterhielt, den gegen seine Person gerichteten Anschlügen der «Endlöser». 20 000 bis 25 000 Juden verdankten ihm das Leben direkt; mehr als 100 000 Menschen konnten nur deshalb überleben, weil dieser junge Schwede mit seinen Mitarbeitern systematisch Sand in das Mordgetriebe streute.

Am Tage der Befreiung durch die Rote Armee, dem 17. Januar 1945, begab sich Wallenberg unverzüglich nach Debrecen ins Hauptquartier der Zweiten Ukrainischen Front zu Marschall Rodion Malinowski. Seit jenem Tag blieb er nahezu spurlos verschwunden. - Die sowjetischen Interessen in Budapest hatte während des Krieges übrigens Schweden vertreten.

Sowjetische Versionen - und ihre Widerlegung

Zwei Jahre lang leugneten die Russen, Wallenberg je auch nur zu Gesicht bekommen zu haben; sie stellten sich völlig unwissend. Erst 1947, nach wiederholten Interventionen Stockholms, liess Aussenminister Andrei Wjachsinski der schwedischen Regierung die offizielle Mitteilung zukommen, Wallenberg sei im Chaos der letzten Kampftage von Pfeilkreuzlern ermor-det worden.

Doch diese «Katyn-Lüge en miniature» (eine Formulierung von Wallenbergs Biograph



Ein undatiertes Archivbild Wallenbergs, das aus den frühen vierziger Jahren stammen könnte.

Josef Wulf) war bald entlarvt: Aus sowjetischen Lagern zurückgekehrte Gefangene wussten über den Aufenthalt Wallenbergs in einer Vielzahl sowjetischer Haftanstalten Genaues zu berichten. Zehn Jahre später, 1957, nach weiteren schwedischen Demarchen, bequeme sich Moskau zum Eingeständnis, Wallenberg sei 1947 im Moskauer Gefängnis Lubyanka einem Herzversagen erlegen. Die entsprechende Dokumentation war allerdings nach dieser sowjetischen Lesart nicht mehr auffindbar; der zuständige und verantwortliche Minister, Abakumow, sei 1953 hingerichtet worden.

(Pte)

Auch diese amtliche Erklärung erwies sich als völlig *unhaltbar*. Eine Anzahl von Zeugen war dem Schweden nach seinem angeblichen Tod in sowjetischen Kerkern begegnet und hatte mit ihm gesprochen. Noch in den sechziger Jahren, ja sogar noch um die Mitte der siebziger Jahre gelangte der Häftling Wallenberg in Kontakt zu Leidensgenossen, denen später die Ausreise in den Westen glückte.

Ehrungen und Demarchen

In den Vereinigten Staaten und in Israel gilt Wallenberg als einer der *vornehmsten Helden* in einer der dunkelsten Zeiten Europas. Strassen, Plätze und Schulen werden nach ihm benannt, Parks in seinem Namen angelegt. Der «verschollene» Schwede erhielt 1981 die amerikanische Ehrenbürgerschaft, im Dezember 1985 die kanadische und im Januar 1986 – reichlich spät – die israelische; er wurde auch schon wiederholt für den Friedensnobelpreis vorgeschlagen, der allerdings nicht postum verliehen wird. In verschiedenen Ländern der freien Welt gibt es Wallenberg-Gesellschaften, so auch in Schweden, wo Wallenbergs opferbereite Grösse nach Ansicht kritischer Beobachter bisher aber noch *nicht das gebührende Echo* gefunden hat.

Stockholm ist – folgt man den Ausführungen von Beamten des schwedischen Ausserminister-

riums – unzählige Male bei den Sowjets vorstellig geworden, um das Schicksal Wallenbergs zu klären; doch ohne Erfolg. Auch die Regierung *Palme*, die in ihrer Sowjetpolitik alles andere als einen Konfrontationskurs gesteuert hatte, soll diese Bemühungen fortgesetzt haben. Moskau beharrt bis heute ungehalten auf der zweiten Version von 1957 über das Schicksal Wallenbergs, obwohl auch diese längst als Lüge entlarvt wurde.

Leisetreterei Stockholms und Unterstellungen Moskaus

Kritiker äussern die Überzeugung, dass am bisherigen Misserfolg der schwedischen Fährdung nach Wallenberg Stockholm selber zu einem gewissen Grad mitschuldig sei. Man weiss inzwischen, dass sich Ausserminister *Östen Undén* mit Wyschinskis Version von 1947 zufrieden gab. Dem ihm von seiten der Familie Wallenberg damals nahegebrachten Verdacht, der sowjetische Ausserminister und ehemalige Ankläger in den Moskauer Schauprozessen der dreissiger Jahre habe einfach gelogen, wies Undén mit Entrüstung zurück. Erst in der zweiten Hälfte der fünfziger Jahre, nach Vorlage *eindeutiger Zeugenaussagen*, scheint das offizielle Schweden den Fall Wallenberg *erneut aufgegriffen* zu haben, offenbar vor allem unter Anwendung stiller Diplomatie.

Die Sowjets nahmen dagegen kein Blatt vor den Mund, als der Fall Wallenberg Wellen zu schlagen drohte. So warnte 1965 der sowjetische Botschafer *Belochwasnikow* den schwedischen Diplomaten *Gunnar Jarring* im Zusammenhang mit der Veröffentlichung eines die UdSSR blossstellenden Buches über Wallenberg, man werde in Moskau die «wirklichen Aktivitäten»

Wallenbergs in den Kriegsjahren enthüllen. Und *Leonid Iljitschew*, das damalige Sprachrohr des Kreml, verstieg sich an der Madrider Konferenz von 1981 zur Behauptung, der schwedische Retter Todgeweiht sei ein «kriminelles Element» gewesen.

Über diese zynischen Ausfälle sind verschiedentlich Spekulationen angestellt worden. Ein Verwandter des später «Verschollenen» hatte sich in der Zeit der nazistischen Götterdämmerung zu *Vermittlungsdiensten* bereit erklärt, als Himmler mit dem Gedanken spielte, Verhandlungen mit den Westmächten über einen Separatfrieden zu führen. Eine andere Spekulation: Raoul Wallenberg unterhielt vor seiner Reise nach Budapest enge Beziehungen zu *Jvor C. Olsen*, dem Stockholmer Vertreter des amerikanischen War Refugee Board und Mitarbeiter des damaligen amerikanischen Nachrichtendienstes (Office of Strategic Services; OSS).

Doch zurück zur Haltung Schwedens. Der pensionierte schwedische Diplomat *Fer Anker*, in der Schreckenszeit Wallenbergs Mitarbeiter in Budapest, beurteilt das offizielle schwedische Vorgehen gegenüber Moskau in der Sache als *ungenügend*. Einen vollen Einsatz schwedischer Stellen will Anker erst in der zweiten Hälfte der siebziger Jahre vermerkt haben, nachdem Wallenberg noch 1975 in sowjetischer Haft geortet worden war. Die norwegische Zeitung «Aftenposten» fährt gegen die Behörden im Nachbarland noch schwereres Geschütz auf: Es habe offiziellerseits *am Willen gemangelt*, einen Landsmann zu retten, und es sei beispielsweise kein Versuch unternommen worden, in Schweden verhaftete Sowjetspione gegen Wallenberg auszutauschen. Wallenbergs Schwester *Nina Lagergren* schliesslich wirft den Behörden offen «Feigheit und Unterwerfung» vor.

(BIOKRE)

Zwanzigtausend Aktenseiten

Im vergangenen Oktober wurde in Skandinavien ein zweiteiliger amerikanischer Fernsehfilm über Raoul Wallenberg ausgestrahlt. Offenbar verdankt man diesem das *senenliche Aufleben* des Falles: Die «Gesellschaft der Freunde der Juden» rief in Stockholm zur Stiftung eines «Wallenberg-Fonds» auf; dem Aufruf schlossen sich neben anderen Persönlichkeiten Erzbischof *Bertil Werkström* und der Vorsitzende der Liberalen Partei, *Bengt Westerberg*, an. Mit Nachdruck wurde ein neuer behördlicher Vorstoß gefordert – nicht zur Beschaffung weiterer Informationen, sondern zur Erzwingung einer sofortigen *Freilassung* und *Repatriierung* Raoul Wallenbergs.

Im Rahmen einer parlamentarischen Interpellation der Liberalen und Konservativen erklärte Außenminister *Sven Andersson* Mitte November 1985, ein Beamter – es handelt sich um Botschafter *Rune Nyström*, der vormalig in Ostberlin stationiert war – sei eingesetzt worden, um den Fall Wallenberg von neuem zu untersuchen und der Regierung Vorschläge zu neuen Initiativen zu unterbreiten.

Laut Informationen eines Beamten des Außenministeriums, der sich ständig mit dem Fall Wallenberg befasst, hätte die Sonderarbeit bis Ende März abgeschlossen sein sollen. Die Unterlagen, die Nyström zu untersuchen hatte, umfassen inzwischen 92 Aktenordner von insgesamt 20 000 Seiten, von denen ein Drittel erst in den letzten fünf Jahren hinzugekommen ist. In einer Kartothek werden überdies 3000 Namen und Örtlichkeiten angeführt, die sich auf den «Fall Raoul Wallenberg» beziehen. Was man von *sowjetischer Seite* zu erwarten hat, deutete Kabinettssekretär *Pierre Schori* nach seiner Rückkehr von einem Besuch in Moskau im Januar 1986 an, als er trocken vermerkte: «Man kommt nicht weiter...»

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E/W - SWEDISH DIPLOMAT REPORTED ALIVE, CHRISTIAN NEWSLETTER SAYS

ZURICH, MARCH 5, REUTER - RAOUL WALLEMBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS IN WORLD WAR TWO, MAY STILL BE ALIVE IN A SOVIET JAIL, A SWISS-BASED CHRISTIAN NEWSLETTER REPORTED TODAY.

THE REPORT IS BASED ON A LETTER SMUGGLED OUT OF A SOVIET CAMP BY UKRAINIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC PRISONER JOSYF TERELJA LAST FEBRUARY AND LATER PASSED TO THE WEST BY HIS WIFE OLENA.

TERELJA, PUBLISHER OF A UKRAINIAN CHURCH CHRONICLE, TELLS OF EFFORTS BY THE KGB SECURITY APPARATUS TO FORCE HIM TO DECLARE PUBLICLY THAT HE WAS MISLED BY WESTERN AGENTS.

AT ONE POINT, HE SAID, A KGB OFFICER TOLD HIM: "WE CAN DO EVERYTHING. TAKE THE CASE OF WALLEMBERG...IF NECESSARY WE CAN LOCK YOU IN A CELL WITH HIM. THEN YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER."

TERELJA ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT THE DIPLOMAT WAS STILL ALIVE. "THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS," HE QUOTED THE OFFICER AS REPLYING.

WALLEMBERG, FIRST SECRETARY IN NAZI-OCCUPIED BUDAPEST, WAS DETAINED BY SOVIET LIBERATION TROOPS AND NEVER RETURNED. THE RUSSIANS SAY HE DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN HIS CELL IN 1947.

TERELJA'S ACCOUNT WAS PUBLISHED BY THE GROUP CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL AFTER A TRANSLATION BY A PARIS-BASED INFORMATION SERVICE MONITORING HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UKRAINE.

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E/W -- ANOTHER APPEAL FOR WALLEMBERG ON DISAPPEARANCE ANNIVERSARY

MUNICH, JANUARY 16 (BROWN/CND) -- AN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP HAS APPEALED TO SOVIET GENERAL SECRETARY MIKHAIL GORBACHEV TO FREE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL (WALLEMBERG) WHOM THE SOVIETS CLAIMED DIED MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO.

THE APPEAL BY THE MUNICH WORKING GROUP OF THE FRANKFURT-BASED INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS TIMED TO TOMORROW'S 41TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLEMBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE IN BUDAPEST.

THE MESSAGE TO GORBACHEV SAYS: "LET RAOUL WALLEMBERG, THIS COURAGEOUS FIGHTER AGAINST HITLER'S RACIAL MADNESS, BE FOUND AND BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE FOR THE COUNTRY OF HIS CHOICE."

WALLEMBERG IS CREDITED WITH SAVING AN ESTIMATED 100,000 JEWS IN HUNGARY FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. HE WAS TAKEN INTO SOVIET CUSTODY IN HUNGARY IN 1945. A DECADE LATER, THE SOVIETS SAID HE HAD DIED IN A MOSCOW PRISON IN 1947.

BUT SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE WALLEMBERG MAY HAVE SURVIVED THE HARSH CONDITIONS OF SOVIET CONFINEMENT AND MAY STILL BE ALIVE. AFTER 1947 AND UNTIL RECENT YEARS NUMEROUS FORMER SOVIET PRISONERS REPORTED EITHER SEEING A MAN THEY BELIEVED TO BE WALLEMBERG IN SOVIET CAMPS AND HOSPITALS OR KNOWING OTHERS WHO SAID THEY HAD SEEN HIM.

WALLEMBERG WAS SENT BY SWEDEN IN 1944 TO HUNGARY TO SAVE THE LAST LARGE COMMUNITY OF JEWS IN EUROPE. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD SET UP THE AMERICAN WAR REFUGEE BOARD IN JANUARY 1944 TO ORGANIZE RESCUE OPERATIONS. THE BOARD, WITH THE SUPPORT OF U.S. PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, ASKED NEUTRAL SWEDEN TO ORGANIZE THE RESCUE OF JEWS IN HUNGARY, WHICH WAS TAKEN OVER BY GERMAN TROOPS IN MARCH 1944.

STOCKHOLM APPOINTED WALLEMBERG, A 31-YEAR-OLD GENTLE FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY AND A WIDELY-TRAVELLED DIPLOMAT. HE ARRIVED IN BUDAPEST ON JULY 9, 1944 TO TAKE UP THE POST OF FIRST SECRETARY AT THE SWEDISH LEGATION.

WALLEMBERG, WHO HAD A LARGE AMOUNT OF AMERICAN MONEY AT HIS DISPOSAL, BOUGHT MORE THAN 30 HOUSES, WHICH HE DECLARED SWEDISH TERRITORY AFTER HANGING OUT THE SWEDISH FLAG. HE SHELTERED JEWS IN THE HOUSES AND BOUGHT THEM CLOTHES AND MEDICINE. HE PRINTED SWEDISH PASSPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT HE GAVE TO JEWS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DEPORTATION.

ONE OF THOSE HOUSES SHELTERED TOM LANTOS, A HUNGARIAN JEW, WHO IS NOW A U.S. CONGRESSMAN -- A DEMOCRAT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. LANTOS WAS 16 WHEN HE ESCAPED FROM A LABOR CAMP NEAR THE TOWN OF VAC. HE MADE HIS WAY TO BUDAPEST AND TO ONE OF THE HOUSES SET UP BY WALLEMBERG TO SHELTER JEWS.

LANTOS VOLUNTEED TO DO CHORES AND HAS RECOUNTED HOW HE ACCOMPANIED WALLEMBERG ON HIS ROUNDS, WHICH INCLUDED CATTLE TRAINS TAKING JEWS TO NAZI DEATH CAMPS. LANTOS SAID WALLEMBERG, WHO HAD NO AUTHORITY, BLUFFED HIS WAY THROUGH THE GERMAN GUARDS AND OFFERED SWEDISH DOCUMENTS TO FRIGHTENED JEWISH PRISONERS HUDDLED IN THE CARS. WALLEMBERG THEN INSISTED ON THE RELEASE TO HIS CUSTODY OF ANYONE HOLDING SWEDISH PAPERS.

BY JANUARY 1945 SOVIET TROOPS WERE IN BUDAPEST. ON JANUARY 15, THEY CHECKED A HOUSE AT 16 BENCZUR STREET, WHERE WALLEMBERG WAS STAYING. THE HOUSE WAS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND SOME 25 JEWS HAD ALSO FOUND REFUGE THERE.

THE SOLDIERS ASKED WALLEMBERG TO GO WITH THEM TO SOVIET HEADQUARTERS. HE WENT ALONG BUT TURNED UP TWO DAYS LATER. ON JANUARY 17 HE TURNED UP AT THE SWEDISH LEGATION, WHICH HAD MOVED TO 6 TATRA STREET.

WALLEMBERG SAID HE WAS BEING TAKEN TO DEBRECEN, WHERE THE SOVIETS HAD SET UP THE PROVISIONAL HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT SETTING UP A RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ORGANIZATIONS, SEARCHING FOR LOST FAMILIES AND CARING FOR ORPHANS AND WAR VICTIMS. BUT HE SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER HE WAS THE SOVIETS' GUEST OR THEIR PRISONER. (PTO) W

WALLEMBERG LEFT FOR DEBRECEN IN THE COMPANY OF TWO SOVIET OFFICERS WEARING ARM BANDS OF THE N.K.V.D. SECURITY POLICE. HE AND HIS DRIVER VILMOS LANGFELDER WERE NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN.

THE REASONS FOR WALLEMBERG'S DETENTION ARE NOT KNOWN, BUT IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT THE SOVIETS CONSIDERED HIM TO BE A SPY. LARS BERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO WORKED WITH WALLEMBERG IN BUDAPEST, BELIEVES THAT AS SOON AS WALLEMBERG WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE SOVIETS, "HE TOLD THEM HE WAS ONLY A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT, THAT HE WAS SENT BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND THAT HE WAS WORKING WITH AMERICAN MONEY TO SAVE JEWISH LIVES." BERG SAID THE SOVIETS SIMPLY COULD NOT BELIEVE THE STORY AND THAT IS WHY WALLEMBERG DISAPPEARED.

ABOUT THE TIME OF WALLEMBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MOSCOW TOLD SWEDISH DIPLOMATS THAT SOVIET MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD TAKEN MEASURES TO PROTECT WALLEMBERG AND HIS BELONGINGS. THERE FOLLOWED YEARS OF SILENCE AND FRUITLESS QUERIES BY THE SWEDISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS. THE SOVIETS SAID THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WALLEMBERG'S WHEREABOUTS.

THEN MORE THAN A DECADE AFTER HIS DISAPPEARANCE, ON FEBRUARY 6, 1957, ANDREI GROMYKO, WHO WAS THEN SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, SAID WALLEMBERG HAD DIED IN 1947 IN MOSCOW'S LYUBYANKA PRISON. GROMYKO SAID A SEARCH OF THE PRISON ARCHIVES HAD TURNED UP A SINGLE ITEM. IT WAS A REPORT BY THE HEAD DOCTOR THAT A PRISONER BY THE NAME OF WALCHBERG -- NOT WALLEMBERG -- HAD DIED SUDDENLY IN HIS CELL IN JULY 1947, PROBABLY OF A HEART ATTACK. GROMYKO SAID THAT WAS THE ONLY TRACE OF WALLEMBERG AND THAT REMAINS THE SOVIET POSITION TO THIS DAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BORIS MALAKHOV, REPEATED THE POSITION IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR WHEN A FEDERAL JUDGE RULED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD VIOLATED INTERNATIONAL LAW BY SEIZING AND DETAINING WALLEMBERG.

THE RULING CAME IN A LAW SUIT BROUGHT ON BEHALF OF WALLEMBERG BY HIS HALF-BROTHER, WHO ASKED FOR 39 MILLION DOLLARS IN DAMAGES AND AN ORDER THAT THE SOVIET UNION EITHER PRODUCE WALLEMBERG OR, IF HE IS DEAD, HIS REMAINS.

THE JUDGE SAID THE U.S. HAD JURISDICTION IN THE CASE BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN CLEAR VIOLATIONS OF UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE SOVIET UNION DECLINED TO COMPLY WITH A NOTICE OF THE SUIT DELIVERED THROUGH THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, CLAIMING SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.

U.S. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN LAST YEAR ASKED THE SOVIET UNION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WALLEMBERG, WHO BECAME AN HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZEN IN 1981 UNDER LEGISLATION SIGNED BY REAGAN. THE ONLY OTHER HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN IS WINSTON CHURCHILL.

LAST YEAR GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD MARKED THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLEMBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE. REAGAN ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THE SOVIET UNION OWED THE WORLD A FULL AND COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF HIS FATE.

TODAY'S APPEAL BY THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP SHOWS WALLEMBERG'S FATE IS STILL A MATTER OF UNIVERSAL CONCERN. TW

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E/W -- U.S. ENVOY HONORS WALLEMBERG IN BUDAPEST

BUDAPEST, NOV. 23 (SPECIAL/EGGLESTON) --- THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AT THE BUDAPEST CULTURAL FORUM, WALTER STOESEL, TODAY LAID A WREATH IN HONOR OF THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAUL WALLEMBERG, WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE NAZIS.

STOESEL PLACED THE WREATH OF RED ROSES ON A WALL IN WALLEMBERG STREET, WHICH IS NEAR THE MARGARETOE BRIDGE IN CENTRAL BUDAPEST.

A RIBBON ON THE WREATH SAID: "FROM AMBASSADOR STOESEL TO A GREAT HERO

IN A BRIEF ADDRESS, STOESEL SAID WALLEMBERG BELONGED TO ALL MANKIND. HE SAID NO-ONE KNEW HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE SAVED BY WALLEMBERG IN 1944 BUT THEY NUMBERED IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS.

"THIS COURAGEOUS MAN ACCOMPLISHED MORE IN THE SPACE OF A FEW MONTHS THAN MOST DO IN A LIFETIME," STOESEL SAID.

OUR CORRESPONDENT IN BUDAPEST SAYS THE WREATH WAS HUNG UNDER A PLAQUE ON THE WALL WHICH DESCRIBES WHAT WALLEMBERG DID AND ADDS THAT HE DISAPPEARED IN THE FINAL SIEGE OF BUDAPEST.

WALLEMBERG WAS DETAINED BY SOVIET TROOPS WHEN THEY CAPTURED BUDAPEST IN 1945. THE SOVIETS CLAIM WALLEMBERG DIED IN A MOSCOW PRISON IN 1947 BUT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT HE WAS SEEN ALIVE LONG AFTER THAT DATE.

THE SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER EXPLAINED WHY WALLEMBERG WAS DETAINED.

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E/W -- TEXT OF STOESSEL STATEMENT ON WALLENGERB
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BUDAPEST, NOV 23 (SSPECIAL/EGGLESTON) -- FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF TODAY'S STATEMENT BY THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AT THE BUDAPEST CULTURAL FORUM, WALTER STOESSEL, HONORING THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENGERB.

STOESSEL MADE THE SPEECH WHILE LAYING A WREATH IN HONOR OF WALLENGERB.

"WE COMMEMORATE TODAY THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A REMARKABLE MAN. RAOUL WALLENGERB WAS BORN IN SWEDEN, CARRIED OUT HIS NOBLE WORK HERE IN HUNGARY AND BECAME AN HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZEN, BUT HE BELONGS TO ALL MANKIND.

THIS DECENT MAN, THIS "RIGHTEOUS GENTILE," RESCUED FROM CATASTROPHE THOSE BELONGING TO A FAITH NOT HIS OWN. AS JEWS WERE BORNE AWAY TO ANNIHILATION IN AUSCHWITZ, WALLENGERB ESTABLISHED HIS SAFE-HOUSES AND PROTECTIVE PASSPORTS, RECRUITED A STAFF OF 400 PERSONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF BUDAPEST, AND WORKED TIRELESSLY DAY AND NIGHT TO SAVE THOSE MARKED FOR DEATH.

HIS HUMANITY KNEW NO BOUNDS, FOR HE SAW THESE PERSECUTED PEOPLE, THESE FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS, AS HIS OWN. WE CAN NEVER KNOW HOW MANY HE DID IN FACT SAVE, FOR THEY NUMBER IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS. BUT IN THOSE DARK DAYS OF 1944, THIS COURAGEOUS MAN, AT THE AGE OF 32, ACCOMPLISHED MORE IN THE SPACE OF A FEW MONTHS THAN MOST DO IN A LIFETIME.

TODAY, WITH THIS WREATH, WE HONOR A MAN OF UNCOMMON VALOR, A MAN WHOM ELIE WIESEL HAS CALLED "A FLAME." AND INDEED, THAT FLAME STILL BURNS AS RAOUL WALLENGERB CONTINUES TO ILLUMINATE OUR LIVES."

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E/W -- GREEK TELEVISION TO REPEAT SHOWING OF WALLEMBERG FILM

ATHENS, NOV. 22 (SPECIAL/CONDOULIS) -- THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED STATE TELEVISION TO REPEAT A SCREENING OF A FILM ABOUT FORMER SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLEMBERG FOLLOWING A COMPLAINT FROM THE SWEDISH EMBASSY.

THE AMERICAN-PRODUCED FILM WAS SHOWN ON ERT-2 EARLIER THIS MONTH BUT PARTS OF IT CRITICAL OF THE SOVIET UNION WERE OMITTED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SWEDISH EMBASSY SAID TODAY THAT THE EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED ITS DISSATISFACTION TO THE GREEK GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THE NETWORK CUT OUT PARTS OF THE DOCUMENTARY, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE DIPLOMAT WAS TAKEN AWAY BY SOVIET TROOPS AFTER THE LIBERATION OF BUDAPEST IN WORLD WAR TWO. IT ALSO OMITTED COMMENTS BY THE DIPLOMAT'S MOTHER IN WHICH SHE SAID SOVIET AUTHORITIES WOULD GIVE HER NO INFORMATION ABOUT HER SON'S FATE.

WALLEMBERG SAVED THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 100,000 JEWS IN HUNGARY DURING THE WAR. THE SOVIETS CLAIM HE DIED IN 1947 IN A MOSCOW PRISON ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT HE WAS SEEN ALIVE LONG AFTER THAT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SWEDISH EMBASSY ASKED THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN WHY THE FILM HAD BEEN DISTORTED. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT PROMISED TO SCREEN THE ORIGINAL, UNEDITED VERSION IN THE FUTURE.

THE CENSORSHIP DREW SHARP CRITICISM FROM THE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION NEW DEMOCRACY PARTY, WHILE THE OPPOSITION ATHENS PRESS CALLED IT AN "UNPRECEDENTED POLITICAL SCANDAL."

IN A QUESTION TABLED BEFORE PARLIAMENT THIS MONTH, INDEPENDENT DEPUTY VIRGINIA TSOUDEROU TERMED THE ACT AN "EXHIBITION OF SERVILITY" AIMED AT SATISFYING SOVIET INTERESTS. A GROUP OF CONSERVATIVE DEPUTIES ASKED FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CENSORSHIP.

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E/W - THE WALLENBERG COVER-UP

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WASHTON WASHIN

WASHINGTON, NOV. 18 (SPECIAL) - THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN TODAY'S WALL STREET JOURNAL:

THE WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE SOVIETS MAY RELEASE SOME AMERICANS' SPOUSES NOW HELD BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN WILL BE GOOD NEWS WHEN IT HAPPENS. THERE'S RARELY BEEN ANY APPARENT POLITICAL REASON FOR THE SOVIET PRACTICE OF DIVIDING AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN SPOUSES. IT'S IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, THAT SOME DISTINCTION BE MADE BETWEEN SUCH WELCOME GESTURES AND HUMAN-RIGHTS ISSUES THAT RAISE MORE ACUTE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE SOVIET SYSTEM.

ONE PROFOUNDLY SYMBOLIC HUMAN-RIGHTS CASE IS ESPECIALLY POIGNANT. IN WORLD WAR II, THE RUSSIANS TOOK HUNGARY FROM THE NAZIS. THEY ALSO TOOK POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE COUNTRY SAFE FOR COMMUNISM. ONE OF THOSE IMPRISONED WAS RAOUL WALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO MANAGED TO SAVE 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE NAZIS BY GRANTING THEM SWEDISH PASSPORTS AND OTHERWISE WHISKING THEM OUT OF NAZI CONTROL. SUCH A HUMAN-RIGHTS CAMPAIGNER WOULD HAVE CAUSED TROUBLE FOR THE TOTALITARIANISM BEING IMPLEMENTED IN HUNGARY.

MR. WALLENBERG WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY THE SOVIETS IN 1945, BUT IN 1947 THEY DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF HIS CASE. IN 1957, THE SOVIETS ADMITTED HE HAD BEEN IMPRISONED (BY A STALINIST, THEY SAID) BUT CLAIMED HE HAD DIED IN 1947. DOZENS OF CITINGS BY GULAG SURVIVORS HAVE RAISED HOPE IN THE WEST THAT MR. WALLENBERG MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE. THE RESEARCH CENTER FOR SOVIET CONCENTRATION CAMPS, AN ISRAEL-BASED GROUP, CONTACTS ALL SOVIET EMIGRES COMING INTO ISRAEL, AND REPORTS CITINGS OF MR. WALLENBERG UP TO 1982. HE WOULD BE 73 YEARS OLD IF ALIVE.

THE SOVIETS CONSIDER THE CASE CLOSED. THEY REFUSE TO ACCEPT INQUIRIES MADE BY SWEDEN OR THE U.S., WHICH GRANTED MR. WALLENBERG HONORARY CITIZENSHIP IN 1981. OUT OF DESPERATION, MR. WALLENBERG'S HALF BROTHER AND LEGAL GUARDIAN ASKED A U.S. COURT TO GET THE SOVIETS TO ACCOUNT FOR MR. WALLENBERG. DESPITE THE USUAL RULES ABOUT IMMUNITY FOR SOVEREIGN NATIONS, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE BARRINGTON PARKER RECENTLY RULED THAT "WHILE THE U.S.S.R. HAS CONTINUOUSLY REPRESENTED THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN 1947, THOSE REPRESENTATIONS ARE INCONSISTENT WITH AND AT ODDS WITH CREDIBLE AND UNCONTROVERTED EVIDENCE."

JUDGE PARKER FOUND THAT THE SOVIET UNION "HAS ALWAYS HAD KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION ABOUT WALLENBERG; THAT IT HAS FAILED TO DISCLOSE AND HAS CONCEALED THAT INFORMATION; AND THAT OTHERWISE DEFENDANT'S REPRESENTATIONS ARE SUSPECT AND SHOULD BE GIVEN LITTLE, IF ANY, CREDIT." THE SOVIETS WERE TOLD TO EXPLAIN THEIR "GROSS VIOLATION" OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

THE JUDGE MAY HAVE TO WAIT A LONG TIME FOR THE SOVIETS TO COMPLY WITH A REPORT ON WHO'S LANGUISHING WHERE IN THE GULAG. FOR ONE THING, UNACCOUNTED-FOR PRISONERS ARE AN EXTREMELY TOUCHY SUBJECT FOR THE SOVIETS' EASTERN EUROPEAN "ALLIES." THE EXACT FIGURES ARE HARD TO COME BY, BUT IN 1972 THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORTED THERE WERE TENS, PERHAPS HUNDREDS, OF THOUSANDS OF EASTERN EUROPEANS IN SOVIET GULAGS. POLES WERE SENT DURING WORLD WAR II, HUNGARIANS AFTER THEIR 1956 REVOLT, CZECHS AFTER THEIRS IN 1968 AND POLES DURING THE SOLIDARITY ERA.

NONETHELESS, THE SOVIETS STILL EVEN DENY THE 1940 KATYN FOREST MASSACRE OF 15,000 POLISH OFFICERS AND SERVICEMEN. SO IT'S ENTIRELY UNLIKELY THAT THE SOVIETS WILL EVER TELL THE FULL STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED TO MR. WALLENBERG. IT WOULD BE ENCOURAGING TO SEE THIS WEEK'S SUMMIT PROVE OTHERWISE.

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E/W -- SENATORS ASK REAGAN TO CONFRONT GORBACHEV ON WALLEBERG CASE

BY HENRY GOTTLIEB

WASHINGTON, NOV. 8 (AP) - A GROUP OF 40 SENATORS HAS ASKED PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN TO ASK SOVIET LEADER MIKHAIL GORBACHEV ABOUT RAOUL WALLEBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO RESCUED THOUSANDS OF JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II, BUT WAS SENT TO A PRISON CAMP BY THE SOVIET UNION.

A LETTER SIGNED BY 40 SENATORS, NOTING THAT REAGAN HAD LISTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AS A TOP SUBJECT OF THE SUMMIT, SAID: "WALLEBERG DISPLAYED COURAGE AND COMPASSION FOR THE JEWS VICTIMIZED BY NAZI TYRANNY AND HAS BECOME A UNIFYING FORCE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS."

"THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FOLLOWING HIS CAPTURE 40 YEARS AGO, WALLEBERG MAY STILL BE ALIVE AND IS BEING HELD IN A SOVIET PRISON," THE SENATORS SAID IN THEIR LETTER, RELEASED THURSDAY BY REPUBLICAN SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER.

THEY ASKED REAGAN TO REQUEST WALLEBERG'S REPATRIATION TO SWEDEN. IN A RESPONSE MADE PUBLIC BY SPECTER'S OFFICE, M.B. OGLESBY JR., REAGAN'S ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, SAID THE PRESIDENT WOULD RAISE THE "FULL RANGE" OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AT THE SUMMIT.

BUT HE WOULD NOT PROMISE THAT REAGAN WOULD BRING UP THE WALLEBERG CASE SPECIFICALLY, ONLY THAT THE REQUEST WOULD BE SENT TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY ADVISERS PLANNING THE SUMMIT SESSIONS.

WALLEBERG WAS POSTED BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO NAZI-DOMINATED HUNGARY IN LATE 1944, AFTER MORE THAN 47,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS HAD ALREADY BEEN DEPORTED TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS. HE IS CREDITED WITH TIRELESSLY USING DIPLOMATIC MEANS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF 100,000 OTHER JEWS IN HUNGARY BEFORE HE WAS CAPTURED BY THE ADVANCING SOVIET ARMIES IN 1945.

THE SOVIET UNION SAYS HE DIED IN A PRISON CAMP IN 1947, BUT WITNESSES HAVE SAID THEY SAW HIM IN LATER YEARS AND ASSERT HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE. HE WOULD NOW BE IN HIS MID-70S.

IN 1981, REAGAN SIGNED LEGISLATION TO MAKE WALLEBERG AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN, AN AWARD GRANTED ONLY ONCE BEFORE IN AMERICAN HISTORY -- TO WINSTON CHURCHILL. JMO

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E/W-JUDGE SAYS USSR VIOLATED INTERNATIONAL LAW IN SEIZING WALLEMBERG

WASHINGTON, OCT. 16 (AP) -- THE SOVIET UNION VIOLATED INTERNATIONAL LAW 40 YEARS AGO BY SEIZING RAOUL WALLEMBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT CREDITED WITH SAVING THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM EXTERMINATION BY THE NAZIS, A FEDERAL JUDGE RULED WEDNESDAY.

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE BARRINGTON D. PARKER FOUND AGAINST THE SOVIETS IN A SUIT FILED ON BEHALF OF WALLEMBERG'S HALF BROTHER, GUY VON DARDEL, AND HIS LEGAL GUARDIAN, SVEN HAGSTROMER, WHO CHARGED THE SEIZURE AND DETENTION OF WALLEMBERG IN 1945 VIOLATED THE LAWS AND TREATIES OF THE SOVIET UNION, THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE LAW OF NATIONS.

THEY SOUGHT EITHER WALLEMBERG'S RELEASE FROM THE SOVIET UNION OR, IF HE IS DEAD, THE RETURN OF HIS REMAINS FOR A HERO'S BURIAL.

THE SUIT ALSO ASKED FOR A DECLARATION OF ILLEGAL ACTION ON THE PART OF THE SOVIETS, ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING WALLEMBERG'S DETENTION AND A JUDGMENT OF 39 MILLION DOLLARS -- 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR EACH YEAR OF HIS CAPTIVITY UP TO THE TIME THE COMPLAINT WAS FILED ON FEB. 2, 1984.

THE SOVIETS WERE SERVED NOTICE OF THE SUIT THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT BUT RETURNED ALL DOCUMENTS TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW ON APRIL 19, 1984, WITH A NOTE ASSERTING ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.

IN ENTERING A DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST THE SOVIETS, PARKER SAID, "THE SOVIET UNION'S TREATMENT OF RAOUL WALLEMBERG IS UNLAWFUL UNDER ANY STANDARD OF APPLICABLE LAW. IT HAS NEVER ARGUED OTHERWISE; IT HAS DENIED AND DISCLAIMED ITS ACTIONS, BUT IT HAS NEVER DEFENDED THEM."

PARKER SAID THERE ARE FEW PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW THAT ARE AS UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED AS THAT OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.

WALLEMBERG WAS 32, THE SCION OF AN INFLUENTIAL SWEDISH FAMILY, WHEN HE WAS DISPATCHED BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO BUDAPEST. BY THE TIME HE ARRIVED, ON JULY 9, 1944, ALL THE JEWS OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL -- 47,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN -- ALREADY HAD BEEN DEPORTED TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS. WALLEMBERG'S MISSION WAS TO SAVE AS MANY OF THE JEWS OF BUDAPEST AS HE COULD.

IN THE SIX MONTHS BETWEEN HIS ARRIVAL IN BUDAPEST AND THE OCCUPATION OF HUNGARY BY SOVIET FORCES, WALLEMBERG IS CREDITED WITH SAVING 100,000 LIVES. IN JANUARY 1945, AS SOVIET FORCES COMPLETED THE OCCUPATION OF BUDAPEST, WALLEMBERG WAS ARRESTED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

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E/W - BREZHNEV SAID TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WALLENBERG FATE

MUNICH, OCT. 8 - (CND) ¹⁹⁸⁵ THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS CARRIED BY
DEUTSCHE TAGESPOST, WUERZBURG TRI-WEEKLY:

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Der durch seine Rettungsaktion für über 100 000 Juden bekannte schwedische Diplomat Raoul (Wallenberg) ist 1945 in Budapest möglicherweise direktes Opfer des nachmaligen sowjetischen Staats- und Parteichefs Leonid Breschnew geworden. Wallenberg war dort Legationsrat an der schwedischen Botschaft, Generalmajor Breschnew Politchef der sowjetischen 18. Armee, die an der Eroberung der ungarischen Hauptstadt mitwirkte.

Der dänische Journalist Jens Thomsen, ein Mitarbeiter der angesehenen Kopenhagener Zeitung „Berlingske Tidende“ und zuvor Chefredakteur des Blattes des dänischen Verteidigungsministeriums, ist bei seinen Ermittlungen zu dem Ergebnis gekommen, daß Breschnew Wallenbergs Auto haben wollte und den schwedischen Diplomaten deshalb festnehmen und in die Sowjetunion bringen ließ.

Thomsen stützt sich dabei auf die Aus-

sagen eines inzwischen in den Westen übergetretenen ehemaligen sowjetischen Offiziers namens Jakob Leontowitsch Lachotski-Menaker. Lachotski-Menaker war Leutnant in der 18. Armee und erklärte der schwedischen Zeitung „Aftonbladet“: „Ich bin mit mehreren Offizieren jener politischen Spezialeinheit zusammengetroffen, die die Festnahme Wallenbergs plante und ausführte. Diese Einheit unterstand direkt Breschnew.“

Breschnew, der von Oktober 1964 bis zu seinem Tode im November 1982 an der Spitze der sowjetischen Kommunistischen Partei stand, war für seine Wertschätzung westlicher Automobile bis ins hohe Alter hinein bekannt. Zu Zeiten der Brandt/Scheel-Regierung in Bonn konnte er seinen privaten Fuhrpark um ein leutes Mercedes-Modell vergrößern.

Wallenbergs Schicksal beschäftigt die westliche Welt seit Jahrzehnten, zumal im-

mer wieder Zeugen erklären, sie hätten den 1911 geborenen Schweden in der Sowjetunion gesehen oder sogar noch vor wenigen Jahren mit ihm in einer Zelle gelebt. Die Sowjets leugneten zwölf Jahre lang, daß sich Wallenberg jemals in ihrem Gewahrsam befunden habe. Schließlich erklärten sie 1957, der Schwede sei 1947 in der Lubjanka an Herzschwäche verstorben.

Einer der Zeugen, die Wallenberg nach 1947 lebend gesehen haben wollen, war der sowjetische General Kyprianow. Nachdem er dies westlichen Vertretern mitgeteilt hatte, ließ ihn der damalige Geheimdienstchef und spätere Breschnew-Nachfolger Juri Andropow festnehmen. Kyprianow verstarb in der Haft.

Die Verstrickung Breschnews in den Fall Wallenberg wird nach Ansicht des dänischen Autors Thomsen durch die Tatsache untermauert, daß die Sowjets nach

Stalins Tod (1953) leicht die ganze Angelegenheit Stalin in die Schuhe hätten schieben können. Sie taten es nicht und auch Nikita Chruschtschow tat es nicht einmal nach seiner berühmten Enthüllungssrede auf dem 20. Parteitag 1956. Breschnew war damals sein Verbündeter.

Besondere Bedeutung kommt nach Meinung Thomsens der Äußerung der Vorsitzenden des Wallenberg-Komitees, Ingrid Widemar, zu. Frau Widemar ist Richterin am schwedischen Obersten Gericht. Thomsen zitiert sie mit den Worten: „Wir wissen schon seit langer Zeit, daß Breschnew persönlich die Verhaftung Wallenbergs anordnete. Wir sind absolut sicher, daß unsere Information richtig ist. Aber wir sind damit bisher nicht an die Öffentlichkeit gegangen, um nicht die Versuche zur Freilassung Wallenbergs zu nichte zu machen. Wallenberg wurde 1981 zum Ehrenbürger der Vereinigten Staaten ernannt.“

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E/W--SWEDEN DENIES REPORT OF WALLENBERG RELEASE OFFER

STOCKHOLM, JUNE 10 (UPI) -- THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SUNDAY FIRMLY DENIED A CLAIM BY AN AMERICAN LAWYER THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD OFFERED TO FREE MISSING DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG IN A PRISONER SWAP IN 1962.

"WE HAVE FOUND NO TRUTH WHATSOEVER TO THESE ALLEGATIONS" ABOUT A PROJECTED DEAL TO SWAP SOVIET SPIES IN SWEDEN FOR THE DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED AN ESTIMATED 20,000 JEWS FROM NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS, SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESWOMAN BIRGITTA AHLEN SUNDAY.

"THE SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER ADMITTED OR EVEN HINTED AT WALLENBERG BEING ALIVE AFTER 1947 AND THUS THE ENTIRE DISCUSSION ABOUT A SWAP IN 1962 GETS KILLED," AHLEN SAID.

SHE WAS RESPONDING TO CLAIMS MADE IN A NEW JERSEY WEEKLY, THE JEWISH RECORD.

WALLENBERG SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWS BY HANDING OUT PROTECTIVE SWEDISH CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENTS WHEN WORKING AS A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT IN HUNGARY DURING WORLD WAR II. HE VANISHED IN 1945 WHEN BEING TAKEN INTO "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY" BY THE RED ARMY.

THE SOVIETS SAID IN 1957 THAT HE HAD DIED IN JAIL 10 YEARS BEFORE -- A CLAIM REJECTED BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT.

IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE JEWISH RECORD, A NEW JERSEY WEEKLY, ATTORNEY MORRIS WOLFF CLAIMED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD OFFERED WALLENBERG TO SWEDEN WHEN SWAPPING U.S. SPY PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS FOR A SPY HELD BY THE UNITED STATES.

"WHEN THEY EXCHANGED THE TWO OF THEM IN 1962, THE RUSSIANS WERE ALSO CONSIDERING TURNING OVER WALLENBERG TO THE SWEDES, BUT THEN APPARENTLY SWEDEN DID NOT PUT ENOUGH RUSSIAN SPIES IN THE DEAL," WOLFF TOLD THE JEWISH RECORD.

AN ATTORNEY FROM PHILADELPHIA, HE HAS FILED SUIT AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT IN BEHALF WALLENBERG'S HALF-BROTHER AND SISTER, DEMANDING AN ACCOUNT OF WALLENBERG'S WHEREABOUTS.

THE KREMLIN HAS NEVER EXPLAINED WHY ITS RED ARMY ARRESTED THE SWEDE, WHOSE EXPLOITS FOR THE AMERICAN WAR REFUGEE BOARD WERE DIRECTED ONLY AT NAZISM.

BUT IT REPORTEDLY SUSPECTED HIM OF BEING AN AMERICAN SPY, HATED HIS CAPITALIST BACKGROUND AND FEARED HIS PLANS FOR THE RESTORATION OF JEWISH CULTURE IN THE CAPITAL OF HUNGARY.

PRESIDENT REAGAN, ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE JAN. 17 THIS YEAR "A FULL AND COMPLETE ACCOUNTING" FROM THE SOVIETS ON WALLENBERG'S FATE. IL

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E/W- U.S. LAWYER ON WALLENBERG AFFAIR

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ATLANTIC CITY, 9 JUNI (DPA) - DIE SOWJETS SOLLEN 1942 BEREIT GEWESEN SEIN, DEN SCHWEDISCHEN DIPLOMATEN RAOUL WALLENBERG DER WAEHREND DES KRIEGES IN UNGARN TAUSENDE VON JUDEN VOR DEM KZ GERETTET HAT, BEI EINEM GEFANGENENAUSTAUSCH AUF FREIEN FUSS ZU SETZEN. DIESER PLAN SEI DARAN GESCHEITERT, DASS DIE SCHWEDEN DAMALS IM GEGENZUG NICHT GENUEGEND SOWJETISCHE GEFANGENE ANBOTEN, BEHAUPTET DER AMERIKANISCHE RECHTSANWALT MORRIS WOLFF.

WIE DAS IN ATLANTIC CITY (US-BUNDESSTAAT NEW JERSEY) ERSCHEINENDE JUEDISCHE WOCHENBLATT "THE JEWISH RECORD" IN SEINER JUENGSTEN AUSGABE FERNER BERICHTETE, VERTRITT DER ANWALT DIE INTERESSEN EINER SCHWESTER UND EINES HALBBRUDERS VON WALLENBERG, DIE IN DEN USA LEBEN. MIT DEM ZIEL, DAS SCHICKSAL DES SEIT 1945 VERSCHOLLENEN WALLENBERG AUFZUKLAEREN, HABE WOLFF VOR EINEM GERICHT IN WASHINGTON EINE KLAGE GEGEN DIE SOWJETUNION EINGEREICHT. NACH SOWJETISCHER DARSTELLUNG IST WALLENBERG WENIGE JAHRE NACH DEM KRIEG VERSTORBEN. VON ANDERER SEITE HEISST ES DAGEGEN IMMER WIEDER, WALLENBERG LEBE NOCH UND WERDE IN EINEM GEFANGENENLAGER IN DER SOWJETUNION FESTGEHALTEN.

DER ANWALT BERICHTETE, MOSKAU HABE DIE FREILASSUNG WALLENBERGS ZU EINEM ZEITPUNKT ANGEBOten, ALS UEBER DEN - SCHLIESSLICH ERFOLGREICHEN - AUSTAUSCH DES AMERIKANISCHEN PILOTEN FRANCIS GARY POWERS VERHANDELT WURDE. POWERS WAR MIT SEINEM AUFKLAERER UEBER DER SOWJETUNION ABGESCHOSSEN WORDEN, KONNTE SICH ABER MIT DEM FALLSCHIRM RETTEN. DIE SCHWEDEN HABEN FUER EINEN AUSTAUSCH ZWISCHEN WALLENBERG UND SOWJETISCHEN SPIONEN OFFENBAR NICHT GENUEGEND KANDIDATEN ANGEBOten, UND SO KAM DIESER HANDEL NICHT ZUSTANDE", SAGTE WOLFF. NACH SEINEN ANGABEN LASSE EINE VIELZAHL VON HINWEISEN DEN SCHLUSS ZU, DASS WALLENBERG ZUMINDEST BIS ENDE 1981 NOCH LEBTE. 66

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E/W -- ATTORNEY SAYS SOVIETS OFFERED WALLEBERG IN 1962 TRADE

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, JUNE 8 (UPI) -- RAOUL WALLEBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS, WAS OFFERED BY THE SOVIETS TO SWEDEN IN A PRISONER SWAP IN 1962, 15 YEARS AFTER HE WAS SAID TO HAVE DIED, SAID A LAWYER FOR HIS HALF-BROTHER AND SISTER.

IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE JEWISH RECORD, A SOUTH JERSEY WEEKLY, PHILADELPHIA ATTORNEY MORRIS WOLFF SAID THE DEAL FELL THROUGH BECAUSE SWEDEN DID NOT OFFER ENOUGH SOVIET PRISONERS IN EXCHANGE.

A SCION OF SWEDEN'S MOST POWERFUL BANKING FAMILY, WALLEBERG VANISHED WHEN TAKEN INTO SOVIET "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY" IN 1945 TO SPEND HIS LIFE IN SOVIET JAILS.

HIS FATE WAS HIDDEN BY A WALL OF BUREAUCRATIC SILENCE BROKEN ONLY BY A CRYPTIC ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN 1957 THAT HE HAD DIED IN JAIL 10 YEARS BEFORE -- A CLAIM REJECTED BY MANY WESTERN INVESTIGATORS.

WALLEBERG STUDIED IN THE UNITED STATES, QUALIFYING AS AN ARCHITECT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IN 1935. THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AWARDED HIM THE TOP PRIZE IN HIS CLASS.

WORKING AS A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT IN HUNGARY DURING WORLD WAR II, WALLEBERG HANDED OUT THOUSANDS OF PROTECTIVE SWEDISH CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENTS TO HUNGARIAN JEWS AND HID THEM IN SAFE HOUSES PAID FOR BY PART OF HIS FAMILY'S EXTENSIVE FORTUNE.

HIS MOST CELEBRATED EXPLOITS WERE CLAMBERING ABOARD TRAINS CROWDED WITH JEWS BOUND FOR GERMAN DEATH CAMPS, HANDING OUT "WALLEBERG PASSPORTS" TO DESPERATELY REACHING HANDS AND DEMANDING THAT THE GUARDS FREE HIS CHARGES.

WOLFF HAS FILED SUIT AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT IN WASHINGTON ON BEHALF OF WALLEBERG'S HALF-BROTHER AND SISTER, DEMANDING AN ACCOUNTING OF WALLEBERG'S WHEREABOUTS.

WOLFF TOLD THE PAPER THAT THE SOVIET UNION OFFERED WALLEBERG TO SWEDEN IN 1962, AT THE SAME TIME THE SOVIETS WERE SWAPPING DOWNED SPY PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS FOR A SPY HELD BY THE UNITED STATES.

"WHEN THEY EXCHANGED THE TWO OF THEM IN 1962, THE RUSSIANS WERE ALSO CONSIDERING TURNING OVER WALLEBERG TO THE SWEDES, BUT THEN APPARENTLY SWEDEN DID NOT PUT ENOUGH RUSSIAN SPIES IN THE DEAL," WOLFF SAID.

WOLFF SAID THERE IS CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE WALLEBERG WAS ALIVE AT LEAST AS LATE AS 1981, WITH SEVERAL PRISONERS RELEASED BY THE SOVIETS SAYING THEY HAD SEEN HIM IN PRISON.

"WE KNOW OF A SWEDISH DOCTOR WHO ATTENDED A MEDICAL CONVENTION IN RUSSIA IN 1962 WHO SPOKE TO A RUSSIAN DOCTOR," WOLFF SAID. "THE DOCTOR TOLD HER THAT WALLEBERG WAS ALIVE IN A RUSSIAN HOSPITAL. 'HE IS MY PATIENT,' HE TOLD THE WOMAN.

"LATER, WHEN THEY FOLLOWED UP ON IT, THE RUSSIANS HAD GOTTEN TO HIM, THE DOCTOR CHANGED HIS STORY AND SAID THE CONFUSION WAS IN TRANSLATION.

"A FORMER PRISONER IN RUSSIA ALSO HAS TOLD US THERE IS A SWEDISH MAN IN CUSTODY THERE, SO WE HAVE HAD SOME SIGHTINGS, SOME AS LATE AS 1981," WOLFF SAID. DW

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U.S. - AMERICAN TV MOVIE CHRONICLES LIFE OF WALLENBERG WASHINGTON, APRIL 9 (SPECIAL/BOGGIN) - THE LIFE OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, WHO RISKED HIS LIFE TO HELP THOUSANDS OF EUROPEAN JEWS ESCAPE THE HOLOCAUST, IS GETTING ITS FIRST WIDE EXPOSURE ON AMERICAN TELEVISION THIS WEEK.

ADVANCE REVIEWS OF THE NEW MOVIE, BEING SHOWN IN TWO TWO-HOUR SEGMENTS (ON THE NBC TELEVISION NETWORK), HAVE BEEN MOSTLY FAVORABLE.

THE MOVIE, "WALLENBERG: A HERO'S STORY," STARS ACTOR RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN AS WALLENBERG, WHO WAS BORN IN BONN IN 1912 TO AN INFLUENTIAL SWEDISH FAMILY. WALLENBERG DISAPPEARED AFTER SOVIET TROOPS ENTERED BUDAPEST IN 1945, AND MANY OF HIS ADMIRERS BELIEVE HE IS STILL ALIVE IN A SOVIET PRISON.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT SAID IN 1957 THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN 1947, BUT HAS OFFERED NO DETAILS. PREVIOUSLY, THE SOVIET UNION HAD SAID WALLENBERG WAS NEVER IN A SOVIET PRISON.

CHAMBERLAIN, WHOSE LEAN GOOD LOOKS ARE FAMILIAR TO AMERICAN TELEVISION VIEWERS, HAS WON MODERATE ACCLAIM FOR HIS ROLE. ONE CRITIC (FRED ROTHENBERG OF ASSOCIATED PRESS) WROTE: "WALLENBERG DESERVES ALL THE BEST TV ADJECTIVES: BRASH, BRAVE, CHARISMATIC AND CHARMING, AND CHAMBERLAIN CUTS A DASHING FIGURE BRINGING HIM TO LIFE."

THE MOVIE TAKES WALLENBERG'S LIFE FROM THE TIME BEGAN TO REALIZE THAT ANTI-SEMITIC FORCES WERE THREATENING THE LIVES OF JEWS TO A SCENE SHOWING HIM PULLING JEWS OFF ONE OF ADOLF EICHMANN'S EXTERMINATION TRAINS, TO A RATHER ABRUPT END, SHOWING WALLENBERG BEING ARRESTED BY SOVIET OFFICERS.

THE NEW YORK TIMES SAID: "IT IS A RIVETING STORY, A RECOUNTING OF THE SIMPLE HUMANITY OF THE HEROIC FEW AS OPPOSED TO THE STAGGERING VICIOUSNESS OF THE MANY."

THE WASHINGTON POST SAID THE FILM WAS "BEAUTIFULLY SHOT" AND REVEALS CHAMBERLAIN "AT THE HEIGHT OF HIS ACTING POWERS."

THE POST SAID OF CHAMBERLAIN'S PORTRAYAL: "HE HAS FOUND SOME SORT OF POIGNANCE IN HIS OWN GOOD LOOKS, AND THAT SERVES HIM WELL AS RAOUL WALLENBERG, WHO MUST HAVE FELT A CERTAIN EMBARRASSED GUILT ABOUT ACCIDENTS OF BIRTH AND FATE THAT SEEMED TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE HELL RAINING DOWN ON EUROPE IN THE 1940S."

THE POST SAID THE SCRIPT "TENDS TO BE A GRAB BAG OF FACTS, INCIDENTS AND FICTIONALIZATIONS, SOMETIMES ABRUPTLY DISORGANIZED, BUT IT MAKES A POWERFUL CUMULATIVE IMPRESSION, AND IT IS FAULTLESSLY SERIOUS." "IN CELEBRATING THE FACT THAT THOUSANDS OF JEWS WERE SAVED BY WALLENBERG'S EFFORTS, THE FILM DOES NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT MILLIONS MORE DIED," THE POST SAID.

THE FILM CARRIES SOME ROMANTIC INTERLUDES INVOLVING WALLENBERG AND BARONESS KEMENY, PLAYED BY ACTRESS ALICE KRIGE, BUT MOST AMERICAN CRITICS DISMISSED THE LOVE ANGLE. SAID THE POST: "HER ATTRACTION TO WALLENBERG MAY GET TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME AND SEEMS TO SUGGEST THE VIEW THAT HUMANITARIANISM CAN BE SEXY."

THE MOVIE, WHICH WAS FILMED IN YUGOSLAVIA, DEPICTS WALLENBERG'S OUTRAGE IN BUDAPEST WHEN HE SEES CATTLE CARS PACKED WITH HUNGARIAN JEWS LEAVING THE TRAIN STATION.

THE AMERICAN-EDUCATED WALLENBERG IS DRAWN INTO THE DEEPENING POOL OF ANTI-SEMITISM THAT ENGULFED MUCH OF EUROPE BEFORE THE WAR. HE SETS UP SAFE HOUSES FOR HUNGARIAN JEWS, AND CUTS THROUGH BUREAUCRATIC INTRICACIES TO FURNISH SWEDISH CITIZENSHIP PAPERS FOR HUNGARIAN JEWS.

THE POST CRITIC, AMONG OTHERS, SAID THE SCRIPT WAS MURKY ON THE REASONS FOR WALLENBERG'S ARREST. THE CRITIC SAID THAT WHILE THE ARREST APPARENTLY WAS THE RESULT OF SOVIET SUSPICIONS THAT WALLENBERG WAS AN AMERICAN AGENT, "THE AUDIENCE IS OWED MORE OF AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS JOLT."

"WALLENBERG" WAS WRITTEN BY GERALD GREEN, WHO ALSO WROTE THE AMERICAN MINI-SERIOUS "HOLOCAUST." GREEN SAID: "IT IS OUR MOST FERVENT WISH THAT IF RAOUL WALLENBERG IS ALIVE IN A SOVIET PRISON, AS MANY BELIEVE HIM TO BE, THE DISSEMINATION OF HIS STORY MAY MOVE HIS JAILERS TO GRANT HIM THE FREEDOM HE GAVE TO SO MANY OTHERS." TB/RH

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E/W - WALLENBERG: A HERO'S STORY

BY HARRIET VAN HORNE NEWSDAY

NEW YORK, APRIL 3 - JUST IMAGINE THIS SCENE. A BLEAK DECEMBER DAY IN 1944. NAZI SOLDIERS WITH BAYONETS ARE SHOVING AND KICKING A CARGO OF HUNGARIAN JEWS INTO UNHEATED FREIGHT CARS. DESTINATION, AUSCHWITZ.

SUDDENLY A DUSTY OLD SEDAN, FLYING THE BLUE AND GOLD FLAG OF SWEDEN, WHEELS UP TO THE RAILWAY SIDING. OUT LEAPS A TALL, HANDSOME YOUNG MAN WITH A SHEAF OF PAPERS. SCREAMING "STOP!" HE ORDERS EVERYBODY OFF THE TRAIN.

"YOU ARE ALL UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE KING OF SWEDEN," THE YOUNG MAN TELLS THE TERRIFIED JEWS. MONEY CHANGES HANDS - NAZIS AT EVERY LEVEL ARE HIGHLY BRIBABLE - AND THE "CARGO," GIDDY WITH RELIEF, STEPS INTO THE CONVOY OF TRUCKS AND BATTERED CARS THAT WILL RETURN THEM TO BUDAPEST.

MULTIPLY THIS RESCUE OPERATION - IN VARIOUS SETTINGS - A HUNDRED TIMES OVER AND YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE COURAGE AND ENTERPRISE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG. THIS IS THE MAN WHO SAVED 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE GAS CHAMBER.

HE BROUGHT OFF THIS MIRACLE DURING THE SIX MONTHS HE SERVED AS UNDERSECRETARY OF THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN BUDAPEST IN THE LAST YEAR OF THE WAR.

ISSUING PRECIOUS DOCUMENTS CALLED "SCHUTZ PASSES," HE MADE "INSTANT SWEDES" OF JEWISH NATIONALS, SOME OF WHOM HAD ROOTS IN HUNGARY GOING BACK TO THE MIDDLE AGES.

THOUGH HE IS HONORED BY A TREE AND A PLAQUE IN ISRAEL'S AVENUE OF THE RIGHTEOUS (A MEMORIAL TO GENTILES WHO RISKED THEIR OWN LIVES TO AID JEWS IN THE HOLOCAUST), THOUGH HE WAS MADE AN HONORARY U. S. CITIZEN IN 1981, AND THOUGH HE HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF NUMEROUS BOOKS AND ONE NOTABLE TV DOCUMENTARY, FAR TOO LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT RAOUL WALLENBERG.

A FIRST-RATE TV FILM, "WALLENBERG: A HERO'S STORY," SHOULD ENLIGHTEN A PUBLIC THAT TOO OFTEN FAILS TO HONOR ITS MEN OF COURAGE.

RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN IS STARRED IN THIS FOUR-HOUR DRAMA SCHEDULED MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHTS ON NBC. IT SHOULD COMPEL THE RESPECTFUL ATTENTION OF ALL CARING CITIZENS.

REGRETTABLY, THE FILM ENDS WITH WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN IN JANUARY 1945. THE ABUNDANT EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS A PRISONER, STILL ALIVE IN THE '70S, IS NOT MENTIONED. BUT THE FILM DOES PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO THE NAGGING QUERY, WHAT SORT OF MAN WAS THIS WALLENBERG?

WE MEET HIM FIRST DURING A WALPURGIS NIGHT PARTY AT HIS FAMILY HOME IN SWEDEN. THE WALLENBERGS HAVE BEEN CALLED THE SWEDISH ROCKEFELLERS, AND YOUNG RAOUL WAS RAISED TO ENTER THE FAMILY BANKING BUSINESS.

IN HIS UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SWEATER (HE WAS AN ART STUDENT THERE IN THE '30S), DOING A WICKED IMPERSONATION OF HITLER, RAOUL SEEMS TOO ADVENTUROUS, TOO CURIOUS ABOUT LIFE AND PEOPLE, EVER TO LOSE HIMSELF AMONG THE BANK LEDGERS.

HE HAS LATELY HITCHHIKED HIS WAY ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS TRAVELED WIDELY IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. HORRIFIED BY THE ATROCITIES OF THE NAZIS, HE IS A MAN WAITING FOR A MISSION.

HIS CALL TO GLORY - VIEWED AT THE TIME SIMPLY AS A JOB TO BE DONE - COMES WHEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AUTHORIZES A U. S. WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO SPEED MONEY AND AID TO EUROPEAN JEWS.

THE EFFORT WAS SHAMEFULLY LATE, BUT WALLENBERG, APPOINTED TO HEAD THE OPERATION IN HUNGARY, QUICKLY MADE UP FOR LOST TIME.

IN SHOWING HOW THIS 32-YEAR-OLD SWEDEN ORGANIZED HIS RESCUE OPERATION THE FILM'S EXCITEMENT BEGINS TO BUILD.

FIRST, WALLENBERG ORGANIZED HIS OWN STAFF WITHIN THE LEGATION. IT NUMBERED 400, ALL JEWISH. THEIR DEVOTION WAS TOTAL. (PTO)

E/W - (1) WALLENBERG: A HERO'S STORY

WALLENBERG WON MANY CONCESSIONS FROM THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF HIS STAFF NOT TO WEAR THE PRESCRIBED YELLOW STAR ON THEIR COATS.

NEVER TRUSTING THE NAZIS, THE YOUNG DIPLOMAT BOUGHT A NUMBER OF VALUABLE PROPERTIES, CREATING "SAFE HOUSES" FOR "MY VIKINGS," AS HE CALLED THE RESCUED. HE ALSO STOCKPILED FOOD AND MEDICINE.

IN HER BOOK "WALLENBERG," KATI MARTON WRITES THAT NO JOB WAS TOO MENIAL FOR WALLENBERG.

"IF A MOTHER NEEDED BABY FORMULA, HE WOULD RESEARCH AVAILABLE MILK POWDERS. WHEN AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME COMPLAINED OF NOT HAVING ADEQUATE FOOTGEAR, HE SOMEHOW, IN WAR-RAVAGED BUDAPEST, PRODUCED DOZENS OF PAIRS OF SHOES. HE NEVER ASKED ANYBODY TO DO ANYTHING HE WOULD NOT DO. . . ."

WALLENBERG LOADED TRUCKS, WORKED IN THE SOUP KITCHENS HE SET UP IN THE GHETTO, VISITED THE SICK, AND BARGAINED, BRIBED AND TRICKED THE NAZIS INTO EASING THEIR PERSECUTIONS. "SOME NAZIS," HE NOTES, "ARE LESS INTERESTED IN THE WAR THAN THEY ARE IN MURDERING JEWS."

WILY AS A FOX, FORCEFUL BUT CHARMING, WALLENBERG MADE DEALS WITH ADMIRAL HORTHY, THE HUNGARIAN REGENT (GUY DEGHY); WITH BARON KEMENY (STUART WILSON), THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF HUNGARY'S NAZIS, THE ARROW CROSS; AND WITH ADOLF EICHMANN (KENNETH COLLEY).

IN ESTABLISHING EICHMANN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH WALLENBERG, THE FILM TAKES LIBERTIES THAT GO BEYOND DRAMATIC LICENSE.

THE BEST EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT WALLENBERG DINED WITH EICHMANN ONCE, AT THE HOME OF A MUTUAL FRIEND. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE HIGH-MINDED SWEDE LOOKED UPON THIS OBSESSED NAZI AS A KIND OF SEWER RAT.

STILL, WE SEE HIM DRINKING WITH EICHMANN IN A NIGHTCLUB AND, SHOCKINGLY, ENTERTAINING HIM AT DINNER IN THE SWEDISH LEGATION. IT'S A DINNER THAT ENDS WITH WALLENBERG OFFERING HIS DESPISED GUEST FINE COGNAC AND A HAVANA CIGAR.

TO BE SURE, THE CONVERSATION IS HOSTILE AND SUSPICIOUS, THOUGH VEILED IN CIVILITY. WHAT TROUBLES THE VIEWER IS THE PRESUMPTION OF THE WRITER - THE VERY ABLE GERALD GREEN, AUTHOR OF "HOLOCAUST" - THAT WALLENBERG WOULD EVER WINE AND DINE A MAN HE REGARDED WITH SUCH LOATHING.

GREEN DOES GIVE EICHMANN SOME WONDERFULLY IRONIC LINES, HOWEVER. "I SHALL GO TO MY GRAVE KNOWING THAT NO ONE HAD DONE MORE THAN I TO REMOVE THE JEWS FROM EUROPE," HE TELLS WALLENBERG. THEN HE ADDS, "AND I HAVE DONE IT WITH DISTINCTION."

AS IN GREEN'S "HOLOCAUST," THE PERSECUTION SCENES ARE ALMOST TOO PAINFUL TO WATCH. A DEATH MARCH OF JEWISH PRISONERS ISN'T SIMPLY A MARCH. IT IS AN AGONIZING TREK OVER MUDDY TERRAIN DURING A SLEET STORM.

THE STRIPPING AWAY OF JEWELRY AND EYEGASSES FOCUSES ON PATHETIC, SWEET-FACED OLD LADIES WHO ARE BLIND WITHOUT SPECTACLES. NO ONE DOUBTS THAT THIS IS THE WAY IT WAS. BUT VIEWERS WHO CANNOT FACE THE HARD TRUTHS OF HISTORY WILL TURN AWAY, WINCING, MANY TIMES IN THESE FOUR HOURS.

ALL THAT'S LACKING IN THE FACTUAL ACCOUNTS OF WALLENBERG'S SIX MONTHS IN BUDAPEST IS A LOVE INTEREST. AGAIN, DRAMATIC LICENSE TO THE RESCUE, THIS TIME JUSTIFIABLY.

IT'S NICE TO BELIEVE THAT THE BEAUTIFUL BARONESS ELIZABETH KEMENY (ALICE KRIGE), WIFE OF THE ARROW CROSS FOREIGN MINISTER, FELL IN LOVE WITH RAOUL, AND HE WITH HER.

ACTUALLY, SHE SEEMS TO HAVE LOVED HER HUSBAND, GABOR, DESPITE HIS NAZI LEANINGS. AND SHE WAS PREGNANT - AS THE FILM CONCEDES - DURING THE MONTHS SHE KNEW WALLENBERG.

IN TRUTH, THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE BARONESS IN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR HUNGARIAN JEWS WAS MUCH GREATER THAN THIS FILM INDICATES. SHE ALSO MANAGED - AND THIS WE SEE VIVIDLY - TO MODERATE THE BARON'S ANTI-SEMITIC VIEWS AND CAUSE HIM TO CANCEL CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON THE LIBERTIES OF JEWS.

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MISS KRIBE (SO GOOD IN "CHARIOTS OF FIRE") IS A LOVELY BARONESS (DESPITE SOME UNBECOMING FUR HATS), AND YOU WONDER HOW SHE COULD HAVE MARRIED THE OAFISH BABOR.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH CHAMBERLAIN - FROM ZIMBABWE BY SATELLITE - THE ACTOR WAS ASKED ABOUT WALLENBERG'S AFFECTION FOR THE BARONESS.

"MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY HAD A VERY, VERY CLOSE FRIENDSHIP," CHAMBERLAIN REPLIED. "THEY WERE EXTREMELY FOND OF EACH OTHER, BUT THERE WAS NO ACTUAL LOVE AFFAIR."

THE TELEPLAY SUGGESTS THAT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN, HOWEVER, AND THIS ROMANTIC TOUCH DOES GIVE AN EXTRA DIMENSION TO THE DRIVEN RAUL.

THE FILM HAS HIM TURNING UP SUDDENLY ON THE TRAIN TAKING THE BARONESS BACK TO AUSTRIA. HE BRINGS HER ROSES AND CHAMPAGNE, AND THE UNSPOKEN THOUGHT THAT LIES OVER THE SCENE IS PLAINLY: "OH, IF ONLY WE HAD MET YEARS AGO!"

THE DULL TRUTH IS THAT THE BARONESS WAS DRIVEN BACK TO AUSTRIA IN HER MERCEDES, AND THAT WALLENBERG GAVE HER A BOUQUET OF YELLOW ROSES AS SHE DEPARTED. THE TRAIN SCENE PLAYS MUCH MORE ROMANTICALLY. STORIES ABOUT WALLENBERG'S LAST DAYS IN BUDAPEST INDICATED THAT HE WAS EVERYWHERE, WRITING DIPLOMATIC PASSES ON CARDS BEARING THE TRIPLE CROWN OF SWEDEN, HANDING OUT HUGE AMOUNTS OF CASH AND DAILY RISKING HIS LIFE.

CHAMBERLAIN IS PARTICULARLY GOOD IN THE CONFRONTATION SCENES, STARING DOWN A YOUNG THUG'S DEATH THREATS, STOPPING TRAINS, TELLING OFF NAZI BUREAUCRATS.

WALLENBERG SLEPT, WE ARE TOLD, FOUR HOURS A NIGHT. BECAUSE OF DEATH THREATS, HE SLEPT IN VARIOUS SAFE HOUSES. HE WAS OFTEN HAGGARD AND UNKEMPT.

UNTIL THE END, THE TV WALLENBERG IS THE VERY MODE OF THE WELL-DRESSED DIPLOMAT. WE ALWAYS SEE HIM IN A WELL-TAILORED SUIT, WITH A HEAVY OVERCOAT AND GRAY FEDORA, AT THE READY FOR STOPPING TRAINS OR FIGHTING OFF ROVING BANDS OF NAZI YOUTH.

THIS FORMAL DRESS JARS OUR SENSE OF FITNESS. IT IS A RELIEF TO READ IN KATI MARTON'S BOOK THAT WALLENBERG WORE STURDY BOOTS AND HIKING CLOTHES AND ALWAYS CARRIED A RUCKSACK ON HIS BACK. WHY WASN'T THE COSTUME DEPARTMENT PUT IN TOUCH WITH THE FACTS?

IN THE END, WITH SOVIET TANKS APPROACHING THE CITY, WE DO SEE AN UNSHAVEN WALLENBERG IN HIS SHIRTSLEEVES WITH HIS TIE LOOSEMED.

BUT THE IMPRESSION THAT LINGERS IS OF A MAN TO WHOM AN ELEGANT APPEARANCE MATTERED. THE TRUTH WOULD SEEM TO BE OTHERWISE.

"I WAS VERY MUCH EMOTIONALLY WOUND UP IN THIS ROLE," CHAMBERLAIN TOLD TV EDITORS DURING THAT SATELLITE CONFERENCE.

STILL, THERE IS SOMETHING COOL AND DETACHED IN HIS PERFORMANCE. HE SAYS HE IMAGINED WALLENBERG AS KEEPING "A CERTAIN EMOTIONAL DISTANCE BECAUSE IT WAS NECESSARY - OTHERWISE, HE'D HAVE GONE NUTS."

FROM WALLENBERG'S SISTER, NINA, CHAMBERLAIN SAID HE LEARNED THAT THE ALOOF DIPLOMAT WAS "A VERY AMUSING STORYTELLER AND MIMIC." WILL THE FATE OF WALLENBERG EVER BE KNOWN? KATI MARTON - THE DAUGHTER OF HUNGARIAN JOURNALISTS AND THE WIFE OF NEWSMAN PETER JENNINGS - SOUNDS DOUBTFUL.

FOR YEARS, TOO LITTLE EFFORT WAS MADE. FOR REASONS NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT DID NOT MAKE A SERIOUS ISSUE OF WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE IN THE YEARS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WAR. THE UNITED STATES DID NOT MAKE A VERY GREAT EFFORT, EITHER, THOUGH FORMER AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW AVERILL HARRIMAN DID MAKE INQUIRIES. (PTO)

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A PLEADING LETTER FROM WALLEMBERG'S AGED MOTHER TO HENRY KISSINGER WAS NEVER ANSWERED. A SOVIET PHYSICIAN, WHO TOLD A SWEDISH COLLEAGUE THAT HE HAD TREATED WALLEMBERG IN A PRISON HOSPITAL, LATER - UNDER PRESSURE - RECANTED THE STORY. NOT LONG AFTER, THE DOCTOR WAS REPORTED DEAD OF A HEART ATTACK.

ALIVE, WALLEMBERG WOULD NOW BE 72 YEARS OLD. GIVEN THE RIGORS OF PRISON LIFE, HE IS ASSUMED DEAD. THE LAST SOVIET REPORT, SIGNED BY ANDREI GROMYKO, STATES THAT THE PRISONER DIED IN 1947.

SOMEWHERE, OUT THERE IN THE VAST GULAG, LIES THE TRUTH. KR/RH

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E/W -- WALLENBERG CAUSE GAINS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, MARCH 16 (SPECIAL/WINTER) -- A NEW STREET SIGN WENT UP IN NEW YORK CITY YESTERDAY, DESIGNATING A SIDEWALK ACROSS FROM UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS AS "RAOUL WALLENBERG WALK."

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE OPENING A WALLENBERG STUDY CENTER. WALLENBERG SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING ESTABLISHED WITH VOLUNTARY DONATIONS, AND NEXT MONTH A SPECIAL PROGRAM TELLING THE STORY OF WALLENBERG'S HEROISM WILL BE AIRED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION.

THESE AND OTHER CAMPAIGNS HONORING THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED THE LIVES OF SOME 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS IN THE CLOSING MONTHS OF WORLD WAR TWO REFLECT INCREASING INTEREST AMONG AMERICANS IN WALLENBERG'S STORY. EVEN THE ORGANIZERS SAY THEY ARE ASTONISHED.

WALLENBERG WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY SOVIET FORCES ADVANCING INTO BUDAPEST IN JANUARY 1945 AND DISAPPEARED INTO THE DESOLATION OF THE GULAG NEVER TO RETURN. THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT CLAIMED IN 1957 THAT WALLENBERG HAD DIED IN PRISON OF A HEART ATTACK TEN YEARS EARLIER, BUT MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE HE MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE SOMEWHERE IN A SOVIET LABOR CAMP.

IT IS NOW 40 YEARS SINCE WALLENBERG DISAPPEARED, AND TO AMERICANS HE HAS BECOME A SYMBOL OF COURAGEOUS RESISTANCE TO TYRANNY. PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE EFFORT TO KEEP HIS MEMORY ALIVE FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION AND TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO GIVE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF HIS FATE.

NEW YORK CITY MAYOR EDWARD KOCH SIGNED LEGISLATION YESTERDAY THAT NAMES PART OF FIRST AVENUE, ONE OF NEW YORK'S BUSIEST THOROUGHFARES, AFTER WALLENBERG. DURING THE CEREMONY, KOCH DESCRIBED WALLENBERG AS "ONE OF THE GREAT MARTYRS OF OUR AGE" AND SAID HIS LIFE WAS "A TRIBUTE TO COURAGE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE FACE OF EVIL AND TERROR".

THURSDAY NIGHT THE RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEE IN THE UNITED STATES HOSTED A DINNER TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S RAOUL WALLENBERG CENTER. ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR 250 PEOPLE, THE IDEA MET WITH SUCH OVERWHELMING RESPONSE THAT IT TURNED INTO A GALA OCCASION ATTENDED BY 1,200.

IN A SINGLE NIGHT, HALF A MILLION DOLLARS WAS RAISED FOR THE CENTER, WHICH WILL HOUSE A PERMANENT COLLECTION OF DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND MEMORABILIA. PART OF THE MONEY WILL BE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH INTO WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE.

THE DINNER GUESTS INCLUDED POLITICIANS, LEADERS OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, MUSICIANS, WRITERS AND A GROUP OF 40 JEWS WHOSE LIVES HAD BEEN SAVED BY WALLENBERG IN BUDAPEST. SOME OF THE SURVIVORS CAME FROM GERMANY AND SWEDEN AND AS FAR AWAY AS AUSTRALIA.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT WAS FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE NEW SOVIET LEADERSHIP RESPONDING MORE POSITIVELY TO ATTEMPTS TO FIND OUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO WALLENBERG, KISSINGER WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC. HE SAID: "IT'S PRETTY MUCH THE SAME GROUP."

KISSINGER SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO ALL PUBLISHED SOURCES, IT WAS SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO WHO SIGNED THE DOCUMENTS ALLEGING THAT WALLENBERG WAS DEAD. "IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO REVERSE," HE SAID, "BUT ONE CAN HOPE".

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS SO FAR IGNORED THE PUBLIC OUTCRY AND NEVER EXPANDED ON THE GROMYKO STATEMENT ISSUED IN 1957.

COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLENBERG'S ARREST, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN SAID: "THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY RAISED RAOUL WALLENBERG'S CASE WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, AND HAS REQUESTED A FULL AND SATISFACTORY CLARIFICATION OF HIS FATE...NO EXPLANATION HAS BEEN GIVEN OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS ARREST AND SUBSEQUENT DISAPPEARANCE".

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E/W -- (1) WALLEMBERG CAUSE GAINS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT IN U.S.

WALLEMBERG WAS MADE AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1981, THE ONLY NON-AMERICAN BESIDES BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WINSTON CHURCHILL TO BE HONORED IN THIS WAY.

THE DETAILS OF WALLEMBERG'S HUMANITARIAN MISSION IN THE SEVEN MONTHS LEADING UP TO HIS ARREST WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC IN A FOUR-HOUR TELEVISION DRAMA SERIES TO BE AIED APRIL 8 AND 9. CALLED "WALLEMBERG: A HERO'S STORY," IT STARS BRITISH ACTOR RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN IN THE TITLE ROLE WITH SWEDISH ACTRESS BIBI ANDERSSON AS WALLEMBERG'S MOTHER.

WALLEMBERG'S SISTER, NINA LAGREN, AND A NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE HE SAVED IN BUDAPEST HELPED WITH ADVICE AND FACTS IN THE WRITING OF THE TELEPLAY, WHICH WAS FILMED IN YUGOSLAVIA.

COMMENTING ON THE OUTPOURING OF AFFECTION AND ADMIRATION FOR HER BROTHER, WHO WOULD BE 72 THIS YEAR, LAGREN SAID: "IT IS JUST AS INPORTANT TODAY AS IT WAS THEN TO FIGHT OPPRESSION AND TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE PERSECUTED".

THE U.S. WALLEMBERG COMMITTEE IS CONTINUING TO PROMOTE THESE SENTIMENTS WITH LECTURES AND DEBATES IN SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY CENTERS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. FORMED IN MAY 1981, THE COMMITTEE NOW HAS 20 AFFILIATES IN ALL MAJOR U.S. CITIES. TB/TW

E/W--WALLENBERG, DISAPPEARED BUT STILL TROUBLE SOME

BRUSSELS, FEB 25 (SPECIAL)--THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY POL MATHIL APPEARED IN THE WEEKEND EDITION (23 " 24) OF LE SOIR UNDER THE HEADLINE "WALLENBERG, DISPARU ET ENCORE GENANT"

QUARANTE ANS APRES L'ENLEVEMENT DE RAOUL WALLENBERG PAR LES SOVIETIQUES EN HONGRIE, MILLE EXEMPLAIRES D'UN LIVRE QUI RACONTE LES EVENEMENTS DE JANVIER 1945, ECRIT PAR JOHN BRIMAN, ONT ETE SAISIS PAR LA POLICE A BUDAPEST. C'EST UN DES NOMBREUX LIVRES SUR WALLENBERG. IL A ETE TRADUIT EN HONGROIS ET PUBLIE EN SAMIZDAT (EDITION CLANDESTINE) A BUDAPEST.

DIPLOMATE SUEDOIS, ALORS AGE DE TRENTE-DEUX ANS, WALLENBERG A PERMIS LE SAUVETAGE DE PLUSIEURS DIZAINES DE MILLIERS DE JUIFS HONGROIS. IL N'A PAS HESITE A DELIVRER DES PASSEPORTS SUEDOIS DE COMPLAISANCE NI A ACHETER DES FASCISTES HONGROIS ERT MEME DES NAZIS. SON ACTION, COMPLETEMENT DESINTERESSEE, A CEPENDANT PARU SUSPECTE AUX SOVIETIQUES. LE 17 JANVIER 1945, APRES LA LIBERATION DE BUDAPEST PAR L'ARMEE ROUGE, UN COLONEL SOVIETIQUE L'A INVITE A SE RENDRE QU QUARTIER GENERAL. "JE NE SAIS PAS SI JE M'Y RENDS EN HOTE OU EN CAPTIF", A-T-IL DECLARE AVANT DE MONTER DANS LA VOITURE.

AUJOURD'HUI, ON SAIT. WALLENBERG N'A PLUS JAMAIS ETE VU EN LIBERTE. MOSCOU A PENDANT LONGTEMPS DEMENTI LA PRESENCE DE WALLENBERG EN URSS ET PUIS, UNE SEULE FOIS, EN 1957, PAR L'INTERMEDIAIRE DE M. BRONYKO, A ANNONCE QU'IL ETAIT MORT EN 1947 DANS UNE PRISON DE MOSCOU "D'UN ARRET DU COEUR". DEPUIS LORS, LE MYSTERE WALLENBERG N'A JAMAIS CESSE D'EMOUVOIR L'OPINION PUBLIQUE, ET A INSPIRE DE NOMBREUX ECRIVAINS. EN 1981, WALLENBERG A ETE FAIT "CITOYEN D'HONNEUR DES ETATS-UNIS", DIGNITE A LAQUELLE N'ONT ACCEDE QUE CHURCHILL ET LA FAYETTE.

LA SAISIE DU LIVRE DE BIRMAN A DEUX ASPECTS IMPORTANTS. ELLE MET EN LUMIERE TOUT D'ABORD LES LIMITES DE LA SOUVERAINETE HONGROISE. LES HONGROIS ONT POUR WALLENBERG BEAUCOUP DE SYMPATHIE ET MEME D'ADMIRATION. EN 1947, ILS ONT MEME DECIDE DE LUI ENLEVER UN MONUMENT. IL A ETE ENLEVE PAR LES SOVIETIQUES DANS LA NUIT QUI PRECEDAIT L'INAUGURATION. LA SAISIE DU LIVRE NE PEUT ETRE DANS CE CONTEXTE QU'UN ORDRE DE MOSCOU.

CETTE AFFAIRE QUI EST GENANTE POUR LES HONGROIS EST CARREMENT COMPROMETTANTE POUR L'URSS, CAR L'ACHARNEMENT AVEC LEQUEL LE KREMLIN S'OBSTINE A EFFACER TOUTE TRACE DE WALLENBERG ET DE SON ROLE DANS SA DISPARITION RESSEMBLE BIEN A UN AVEU.

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EAST--HUNGARIAN POLICE SAID TO CONFISCATE BOOKS ABOUT RAUL WALLENBERG

WIEN, 22. FEBRUAR (AFP) - DIE UNGARISCHE POLIZEI BESCHLAGNAHME DIESE WOCHEN BEI EINER HAUSDURCHSUCHUNG 1.000 EXEMPLARE EINES IN EINER UNGARISCHEN SAMIZDAT-AUSGABE ERSCHEINENEN BUCHES VON JOHN BIERMAN UEBER DEN SCHWEDISCHEN DIPLOMATEN RAUL WALLENBERG, DER 1944 MEHREREN ZEHNTAUSEND UNGARISCHEN JUDEN DAS LEBEN GERETTET HAT. DIES VERLAUTETE AUS UNGARISCHEN EMIGRANTENKREISEN AM FREITAG IN WIEN.

DEM ORGAN DER JUEDISCHEN KULTUSGEMEINDE IN OESTERREICH, "GEMEINDE", ZUFOLGE WURDE DAS IM PINGVIN-VERLAG ERSCHEINENE ENGLISCHE BUCH VON JOHN BIERMAN VOM UNGARISCHEN SAMIZDAT-VERLAG "ABC" INS UNGARISCHE UEBERSATZT UND HERAUSGEBEBEN.

DAS WERK BEHANDELT INSBESONDERE DIE GEHEIMNISVOLLEN UMSTAENDE, UNTER WELCHEN WALLENBERG NACH SEINER FESTNAHME DURCH SOWJETISCHE ARMBEE-MITGLIEDER 1945 VERSCHWUNDEN IST. DEN SOWJETISCHEN BEHOERDEN ZUFOLGE IST DER SCHWEDISCHE DIPLOMAT 1947 IN DER UDSSR GESTORBEN. VERSCHIEDENE AUGENZEUGENBERICHTE BESTREITEN DIESE VERSION UND BEHAUPTEN, WALLENBERG SEI NOCH AM LEBEN.

IM VERGANGENEN JAHR WURDE WALLENBERG ANLAESSLICH DES 40. JAHRSTAGS DER DEPORTATION DER UNGARISCHEN JUDEN IN UNGARN OEFFENTLICH GEWUERDIGT.

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WORLD -- HUNGARIAN SAYS WALLENBERG WAS WARNED TO SHUN SOVIETS

BEERSHEBA, ISRAEL, FEB. 6 (UPI/CND) -- HUNGARIAN-BORN THOMAS MERON REMEMBERS TELLING RAOUL (WALLENBERG), THE MISSING SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO HELPED SAVE THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM THE NAZIS, THAT IT WAS FOOLHARDY FOR HIM TO MEET SOVIET FORCES.

MERON, WHO WENT TO THE ISRAELI TOWN OF BEERSHEBA AFTER THE WAR, IS NOW A 55-YEAR-OLD DESIGNER AT ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER.

HE RECALLED THAT WALLENBERG MET A GROUP OF JEWS BEFORE HE WENT TO MEET THE VICTORIOUS SOVIET ARMY IN HUNGARY ON JAN. 17, 1945. HE SAID THEY TOLD HIM NOT TO DO SO.

"I SAID IT WAS THE SILLIEST IDEA I EVER HEARD," MERON SAID. "WE THOUGHT IT WAS FOOLHARDY BUT WE UNDERSTOOD HIS MOTIVE."

MERON SAID WALLENBERG WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE A DEAL TO SAVE JEWS JUST AS HE HAD DONE WITH THE NAZIS. THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WAS TAKEN AWAY BY SOVIET TROOPS AND THEN VANISHED.

MERON SAID A CZECH JEW WHO WAS WALLENBERG'S INTERPRETER REPORTED THAT HE HAD MANAGED TO ESCAPE "BUT THE RUSSIANS WERE REFUSING TO LET WALLENBERG GO."

THE SOVIETS HAVE NEVER MADE CLEAR WHY THEY ARRESTED WALLENBERG, WHO HAD SAVED HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS BY GIVING THEM SWEDISH PASSPORTS.

THE OFFICIAL SOVIET VERSION IS THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN MOSCOW'S LUBYANKA PRISON IN 1947. BUT HIS RELATIVES AND OTHERS THINK HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE IN A SOVIET PRISON.

SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME LAST MONTH MARKED THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE BY SAYING STOCKHOLM WOULD KEEP INVESTIGATING TO GET A CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

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(THE ABOVE WILL APPEAR IN THE FEATURES FILE.)

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UKRAINIAN DISSIDENT BLAMES BREZHNEV FOR

WALLENBERG'S ARREST

Bohdan Nahaylo

KRASHYI ARKHIV

An unofficial Ukrainian publication that has recently reached the West provides information on the case of the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg. Issue No. 8 of the new Ukrainian samizdat journal Chronicle of the Catholic Church in the Ukraine,¹ dated last summer, contains a letter to the Wallenberg Committee in Stockholm from the Ukrainian religious and national rights campaigner Iosyp Terelya. The dissident and former longstanding political prisoner² places the responsibility for Wallenberg's arrest and tragic fate on Leonid Brezhnev.

The Swedish diplomat, who during the war saved the lives of tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews, disappeared forty years ago on January 17, 1945, after being taken into custody by Soviet troops. His subsequent fate has remained a mystery ever since and has aroused international concern. In February, 1957, the Soviet deputy foreign minister at the time, Andrei Gromyko, announced that Wallenberg had died of "heart failure" in the Lubyanka prison on July 17, 1947. There have, nonetheless, been numerous reported sightings of Wallenberg in Soviet penal institutions after this date, one even as late as 1980. If he were still alive today, he would be seventy-three years old.³

The Brezhnev connection was first suggested in 1981 by Yaakov Menaker, a former Soviet army officer who later emigrated to Israel. Menaker claimed that Brezhnev had headed the political

1. On the appearance of the journal, see RL 3/85, "Chronicle of the Catholic Church in the Ukraine," January 7, 1985. Issues No. 7 and 8 of the Chronicle have been published in Ukrainian in Rome (see "Okremyy dodatok," supplement to Visti z Rymu, No. 12, 1984, pp. 1-13.

2. On Terelya, see RL 220/83, "Group Formed to Defend Catholics' Rights in the Ukraine," June 6, 1983.

3. See Judith Listowel, "The Wallenberg Mystery," The Times, July 27, 1981.

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section of the 18th division of the Red Army that entered Budapest and had ordered the arrest of Wallenberg. A spokesman for the Swedish foreign ministry, however, announced that "no conclusion" could be drawn from Menaker's testimony whether or not Brezhnev was involved.⁴

The following is a translation of the full text of Terelya's letter to the Wallenberg Committee. Radio Liberty cannot, of course, verify the information it contains.

To the Raoul Wallenberg Committee
P.O. Box 16076,
10322 Stockholm, Sweden

Dear Friends!

By some foresight of God, fate predetermined the path I followed for twenty long years through the huge Soviet concentration camp.

I was only released in 1976, and then heard for the first time that the case of Raoul Wallenberg had been lifted from the darkness of oblivion. I heard nothing about Wallenberg in the camps; but one day, while I was in the central hospital in the Mordoviya prison camp, they brought in a "zek" named Vorobei from the zone for foreign prisoners. He was a Pole who, during his time as a Bolshevik agent, brought Soviet agents into Poland. But after a number of failed missions, he was summoned to the Soviet Union, where, in 1934, he was sentenced to ten years in labor camps. Vorobei said he had met Wallenberg's driver in 1947. I do not remember where now, since at the time I did not think the story would have any connection with my future quest. In 1973, while in the Sychevskaya Special Psychiatric Hospital, where there were also political prisoners, I met a Lithuanian named Bogdanas who was a German citizen. During the war Bogdanas had been an officer in the Wehrmacht. In 1945, he was arrested by Soviet counterintelligence and imprisoned in a camp that contained only foreigners. This was in the Norilsk labor camp complex. There Bogdanas met Wallenberg. For many years after this, their fates seemed to be inseparably intertwined. In 1951, after the Norilsk uprising,* all foreigners who were still alive were transferred to a small sixth zone. Of 8,000 people, only 420 were

4. Reuters, August 19, 1981.

* This is an error. The Norilsk uprising took place in the spring of 1953.

still alive. In 1953, Wallenberg and Bogdanas were sent to a special psychiatric hospital in Kazan'. In the hospital they began to cure Wallenberg of himself--he was diagnosed as suffering from "a mania of grandeur, he thinks he is a Swedish diplomat." In 1962, Bogdanas was moved from Kazan', and no one heard anything more about Wallenberg. What has been said about Wallenberg in recent years is probably untrue, since no one [claiming to have seen him] has described him correctly.

At this point I would conclude, if it were not for the fact that in 1976, by the dictates of chance, I came to found the Ukrainian Committee for the Case of Raoul Wallenberg.

This began in 1975 when a cousin of mine, Gobiya Siklo-Kalman, came from Hungary to ask me whether I had seen Wallenberg anywhere in the prison camp network. (I was still in a camp at that time and therefore the request did not reach me.) My cousin asked my aunt [her mother] Anna Maiorenko for photographs of Wallenberg. My aunt had married Jyulo Siklo, an employee and a shareholder of the Hungarian National Bank in Budapest. Siklo came from an old aristocratic family who, like the family of my uncle Ivan Fales, were legitimists. After the German occupation of Budapest, the monarchists assembled semilegally in various apartments. It was already known that the Gestapo had ordered a list to be compiled of rich Jews. It was then that my aunt and her husband met Raoul Wallenberg. Jyulo Siklo and his brother Ishtvan had dealings with other countries, and they often went to Karlovy Vary and Kosice to visit my relatives, or to Novi Sad. Evidently this enabled them during the period of their acquaintance with Wallenberg to help Jews who had received papers to leave the country. I know little of these matters, but anyway they are not of great importance for our purposes.

My aunt--a member of the Greek Catholic Church--was expecting Wallenberg for the New Year celebrations on January 14, and on January 9 he called to say that he would come. Budapest was in ruins, and there were food shortages. Soviet troops were carrying out mass plunders. You were lucky even to get a piece of horseflesh. But Raoul did not show up on the 14th... At that time we thought he was dead; even when a monument was erected to Wallenberg, no one knew that he was still alive.

Knowing the approximate date of the "murder," we began our search, which continued for eight long years. It is clear that we would not have found out anything if it had not been for a coincidence. In 1981, in the Hungarian town of Pecs, my cousin [Gobiya Siklo-Kalman] happened to meet a man who had witnessed the arrest of Raoul Wallenberg. From that moment on we pursued our search in an entirely different direction.

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In 1982, we found another witness, a Soviet officer who had taken part in Wallenberg's arrest. Over the years this man had become a devout believer and told his confessor what had happened. Thus we managed to establish that Raoul Wallenberg had been arrested without the knowledge of the supreme command. He had in fact been arrested on the direct orders of Brezhnev. The captain of Brezhnev's guards robbed Wallenberg and confiscated his diplomatic car. Wallenberg demanded his car back, but Brezhnev had made a present of the car to one of his superiors. Knowing that Wallenberg would protest directly to Marshal Malinovsky, Brezhnev ordered the arrest of the Swedish diplomat. Wallenberg and his driver were accused of being German spies not in possession of papers and were sent to Uzhgorod prison. From there they were sent to the Norilsk camps where the Soviets brought the flower of Europe and persuaded them to cooperate with Soviet intelligence...

There are two living witnesses who will give evidence if any international commission on Wallenberg's case requires them to, but patriots are counting on "quiet diplomacy." Citing the events described above, the Swedish government may come to some agreement with the Soviet government for Wallenberg's release, if he is still alive. We believe that Wallenberg is dead, but that his driver is still alive. In any case the diplomat's body should be returned to his homeland. Thus the marauders have hidden someone who was an incomparably GREAT man, modest and courageous, and also very unfortunate. It is not difficult to imagine what awaits me. Two daughters have been born in my absence--in 1977, Maryana, and in 1983, Kalyna Tereza. Obviously, the Soviet authorities will now arrest me again. I am waiting to be arrested, I am expecting the worst... And my third child, who will come into the world in two months time, will not see me. They know how to take their revenge. This letter is my death cry, I can feel it. They did not threaten me; no, they warned me: "Don't concern yourself with Wallenberg, keep your nose out of other people's business, and they won't touch you-- keep quiet!" It is difficult to say what will become of me and of my wife and children. The gauntlet has been thrown down. GOD is with us.

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E/W - WHERE IS RAOUL WALLENBERG

WASHINGTON, JAN 22 (SPECIAL) - THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARS TODAY IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES:

CHURCH BELLS THROUGHOUT THE METRO AREA, INDEED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TOLLED 40 TIMES LAST THURSDAY IN MEMORY OF AN HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE HE ACCOMPANIED A SOVIET OFFICER TO RED ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN DEBRECEN, HUNGARY, IN 1945. HIS NAME IS RAOUL WALLENBERG.

MR. WALLENBERG, WHO WOULD BE 72 IF STILL ALIVE, WAS SENT BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO ITS LEGATION IN BUDAPEST IN 1944. HIS MISSION: TO SAVE AS MANY JEWISH LIVES AS POSSIBLE IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF WORLD WAR II. A MAN OF INDOMITABLE COURAGE, HE SET UP SAFE HOUSES FOR JEWS AND EVEN DRAGGED THEM FROM CATTLE TRUCKS BOUND FOR DEATH CAMPS. WAVYING FICTITIOUS SWEDISH PAPERS IN THE FACES OF STARTLED NAZI GUARDS, HE CLAIMED THE WRETCHED MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN WERE SWEDISH CITIZENS..

THE PLOY WORKED, AT LEAST FOR AN ESTIMATED 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS WHO OWE THEIR LIVES TO THIS AUDACIOUS, INSPIRED SWEDE. BUT THE "LIBERATION" OF HUNGARY BY THE SOVIETS RESULTED IN MR. WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE. FREQUENT REPORTS SUGGEST THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE IN A SOVIET PRISON. BUT THE KREMLIN HAS STUCK TO THE TALE IT PUT OUT IN 1957, NAMELY THAT HE DIED OF A "HEART ATTACK" WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF THE KGB IN 1947.

IT WAS NOT CREDIBLE THEN AND ISN'T NOW. PERSISTENT RUMORS, SUBSTANTIATED BY INMATES OF THE GULAG, ALLEGE THAT MR. WALLENBERG IS ALIVE AND LANGUISHING IN A SOVIET LABOR CAMP. RECENTLY, UNDERGROUND UKRAINIAN SOURCES REPORT HAVING SEEN HIM IN A SOVIET PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL IN 1962.

NO EXPLANATION HAS EVER BEEN OFFERED AS TO WHY MR. WALLENBERG WAS ARRESTED OR WHY HE DISAPPEARED. PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS AMONG THOSE DEMANDING AN EXPLANATION LAST WEEK. "THE WORLD OWES A TREMENDOUS AND ETERNAL DEBT TO THIS GREAT MAN," THE PRESIDENT SAID, "AND THE SOVIET UNION OWES THE WORLD A FULL AND COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF HIS FATE." AT THE VERY LEAST. SL/

Munich, Jan. 21 - (CND/EC) - following appeared in the Vienna daily DIE PRESSE of Jan. 19/20, 1985; titled:

Neue Appelle im Fall Wallenberg

KRASNYI ARKHIV

STOCKHOLM/WASHINGTON (ag.). Zum 40. Jahrestag des Verschwindens des schwedischen Diplomaten forderten die USA und Großbritannien neuerlich die Sowjetunion auf, dem Rätselraten um das Schicksal Raoul Wallenbergs ein Ende zu setzen. Der Schwede, der Zehntausenden von Juden das Leben gerettet hatte, war am 17. Jänner 1945 von Angehörigen der Roten Armee verhaftet worden. 1957 hatte die Sowjetunion - ohne jedoch Beweise zu erbringen - erklärt, er sei 1947 in einem Moskauer Gefängnis gestorben.

Wallenberg, der heute 72 Jahre alt wäre, war 1944 in die schwedische Botschaft nach Budapest gesandt worden mit dem Auftrag, möglichst viele Juden vor den Gaskammern der Nationalsozialisten zu retten. Er organisierte Schlupfwinkel, statierte die Juden mit schwedischen Pässen aus, holte viele sogar noch aus den Transportern heraus und beschwor die deutschen Machthaber, das jüdische Getto in Budapest nicht in die Luft zu jagen. Stalins Geheimdienst hatte ihn aber der Spionage für den Westen verdächtigt, worauf der damalige Po-

litkommissar der Roten Armee, Leonid Breschnjew, die Verhaftung angeordnet hatte.

In Washington erklärte nun Präsident Reagan, die Sowjetunion schulde der Welt eine umfassende Erklärung. UN-Botschafterin Jane Kirkpatrick, New Yorks Bürgermeister Ed Koch, sieben von Wallenberg gerettete Juden sowie Angehörige seiner Familie nahmen an einer Gedenkfeier im New-Yorker Rathaus teil, die Stadtverwaltung von Los Angeles schlug den Diplomaten für den Friedensnobelpreis vor, der allerdings nicht postum verliehen wird, in Stockholms Kathedrale feierte Bischof Stendahl einen Gottesdienst für Wallenberg.

Schwedens Regierungschef Olof Palme erklärte, seine Regierung werde alles unternehmen, um Klarheit über das Schicksal dieses „Symbols der Menschlichkeit“ zu erhalten. In einem Interview bezichtigte jedoch Wallenbergs Halbschwester die schwedische Regierung der Untätigkeit, um ihre Beziehungen zu Moskau nicht zu gefährden. „Man kann sagen, daß Raoul ein Opfer der Politik der Neutralität wurde.“

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E/W - RAOUL WALLENBERG'S FATE

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KRASNYI ARKHYV

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WASHINGTON, JAN. 18 (SPECIAL) - THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARS TODAY IN THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER:

NO HERO OF RAOUL WALLENBERG'S STATURE SHOULD HAVE HAD TO PAY SUCH A FEARFUL PRICE FOR GREATNESS.

THE HANDSOME YOUNG SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WAS SENT TO BUDAPEST BY THE SWEDISH AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS IN 1944 TO TRY TO SAVE JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS. WITH GREAT DARING, HE RESCUED TENS OF THOUSANDS BY ISSUING THEM SWEDISH PASPORTS AND PERSUADING THE NAZIS NOT TO BLOW UP THE JEWISH GHETTO IN BUDAPEST.

BUT EXACTLY 40 YEARS AGO YESTERDAY, ON JAN. 17, 1945, A SOVIET ARMY PATROL ARRESTED MR. WALLENBERG IN BUDAPEST. APPARENTLY THE SOVIETS SUSPECTED HIM OF BEING A WESTERN SPY. HE WAS TAKEN TO A SOVIET PRISON AND NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN.

FOR 12 YEARS THE SOVIETS DENIED HOLDING MR. WALLENBERG, BUT IN 1957 ANDREI GROMYKO, THEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, TOLD SWEDEN THAT HE HAD DIED IN A SOVIET PRISON IN 1947. YET FORMER INMATES OF SOVIET PRISONS HAVE REPORTED MEETING THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT IN CAPTIVITY IN RECENT YEARS; FRIENDS AND RELATIVES BELIEVE THE HOLOCAUST HERO, WHO WOULD BE 72, MAY STILL BE ALIVE.

HAVING MADE MR. WALLENBERG THE SECOND HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN OF THIS CENTURY, ALONGSIDE WINSTON CHURCHILL, AMERICA HAS A DUTY TO PRESS THE SOVIETS ON HIS FATE. WASHINGTON, IN THE CONTEXT OF RENEWED DIALOGUE WITH MOSCOW, ALONG WITH EUROPEAN NATIONS MUST RENEW PRESSURE ON MOSCOW TO PRODUCE EITHER MR. WALLENBERG OR A COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF HIS END.

THE WORLD OWES MR. WALLENBERG "A TREMENDOUS AND ETERNAL DEBT," IN THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE MINIMUM PAYMENT IS TO RESCUE HIM OR HIS MEMORY FROM TERRIBLE DARKNESS.

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WALLENBERG'S BRITISH TRIBUTE

By Judy Dempsey (S)

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LEAD IN: A meeting was held yesterday (Thursday) in the Grand Committee Room of the British House of Commons to pay tribute to Raoul Wallenberg, the young Swedish diplomat who disappeared 40 years ago this week after saving the lives of thousands of Hungarian Jews from the extermination camps. It was attended by leading members of the British Jewish community, British Members of Parliament, churchmen and diplomats. Our reporter, Judy Dempsey of the BBC, was there:

Whether Raoul Wallenberg is alive or dead; whether he is in good health or ill; whether he is in a prison camp or a Soviet hospital, his universal humanity, his search for truth and his pursuit of goodness, will always be remembered. These were the sentiments expressed by all the speakers who addressed a gathering of some 250 people last night at the House of Commons.

Many of those present were Hungarian Jews now living in Britain. Some were the sons and daughters of those who had been saved by Raoul Wallenberg. In an attempt to save Hungarian Jews from deportation to the concentration camps, the young Swedish diplomat issued Swedish passports to them, which guaranteed them safe passage out of Hungary and some safety within Hungary too. Others were personally saved by Wallenberg - people like Mr.Laszlo Kovacs who acknowledged applause from the meeting but was too emotional to address it. The occasion was organised by British Labour Party Member of Parliament, Mr.Greville Janner, a leading member of the Jewish community in Britain.

Those who did address the meeting spoke warmly and respectfully of Wallenberg. The Swedish Ambassador to Britain, Mr.Leif Leifland, recalled his early days in the Swedish Embassy in Bonn. "It was 1956 and the Chancellor of West Germany, Konrad Adenauer, had just signed an agreement with the Soviet Union whereby all West German prisoners of war would be released from the Soviet camps. Thousands came back to West Germany." Then, Mr.Leifland explained, with the help of the Red Cross, "we talked to every one of them". The same question was asked: "Did they ever meet or hear about a Swede called Raoul Wallenberg?" Some had heard the name. And, as Mr.Leifland recounted, he has spent the past 30 years seeking the whereabouts of Wallenberg in different cities, in East and West and in the Kremlin itself. "One of my most rewarding experiences", he concluded, "was to be intimately connected with Raoul Wallenberg."

Others were connected with the young Swedish diplomat in a different way. Dr.Harry Levy, in 1945, was sent as chaplain to Belsen concentration camp, one of the toughest and most horrific of the many camps. "I stood between the living and the dead", he recalled. Some Jews had survived the horrific ordeals of Belsen;

others had died, not just from the torture but from the inner pain and suffering. It was my task to bury them. Raoul Wallenberg saved five times as many as I buried."

The spirit which moved Wallenberg to save so many people and to exercise such courage was remembered by Monsignor Bruno Heim, the first Papal Nuncio to Britain since the Reformation. He recalled the help and support offered by the Papal Nuncio to Istanbul during the War, Monsignor Roncalli - the future Pope John XXIII. Monsignor Heim said of Wallenberg; "He let light shine where there was darkness, he is an example of universal values."

There were other values of Wallenberg which were not immediately apparent to those who worked with him in Budapest. His half brother, Professor Guy Von Dardel, spoke of his days with the younger Raoul - his eagerness to learn, his sense of discipline. But Professor Von Dardel said that while Wallenberg may still be alive in a Soviet prison, "we should not be anti-Soviet - that would only be counterproductive". Instead, Professor Dardel said, "we should reach out across the frontiers - into the heart of Raoul - his gaolers who keep him incommunicado and who report about their prisoner. We should reach out too, to Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to change Soviet attitudes without causing their reputation to suffer." A minute's silence was respected. And the meeting closed with a reading from Oscar Wilde's "The Ballad of Reading Gaol" and the Book of Job.

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WORLD -- WALLENBERG'S HALF BROTHER PLEAS: DON'T TREAT HIM AS MARTYR
(ACTUALITIES AVAILABLE IN AUDIO)

LONDON, JANUARY 18 (SPECIAL/PARROTT/HAMMAN) -- THE HALF-BROTHER OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG PLEADED YESTERDAY THAT WALLENBERG SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS A MARTYR OR A SAINT, SINCE THIS COULD SINK ANY HOPE OF PERSUADING THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO COOPERATE IN HIS CASE.

GUY VON DARDEL, A SWEDISH SCIENTIST, ISSUED THE PLEA IN A COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT AT AN EMOTIONAL CEREMONY TO MARK THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY YESTERDAY OF WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE IN HUNGARY AFTER HIS ARREST BY INVADING SOVIET TROOPS. IT WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF SUCH CEREMONIES MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY AROUND THE WORLD.

WALLENBERG IS REGARDED AS A SWEDISH NATIONAL HERO FOR HIS WORK IN SAVING AN ESTIMATED 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. TO THE WEST HE HAS BECOME A SYMBOL OF SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

VON DARDEL, WHO BELIEVES HIS HALF-BROTHER IS STILL ALIVE IN A SOVIET PRISON, SAID THERE WAS A TENDENCY IN THE WEST TO ATTRIBUTE EXTRAORDINARY QUALITIES TO WALLENBERG.

CUT 1: GUY VON DARDEL TIME: 0:30

"I THINK THERE'S A CERTAIN TENDENCY TO GIVE RAOUL EXTRAORDINARY QUALITIES, AS IF HE WERE A SAINT. AND THIS, I THINK, IS DANGEROUS, IF WE WANT TO ACHIEVE OUR AIM TO GET RAOUL WALLENBERG BACK. A SAINT IS BEST IF HE IS ALSO A MARTYR, AND WE WON'T WANT RAOUL TO BE A MARTYR. WE WANT HIM TO COME BACK."

THE SOVIETS DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF WALLENBERG'S FATE FOR YEARS. A DECADE AFTER HIS DISAPPEARANCE, ANDREI GRONYKO SAID IN A BRIEF STATEMENT HE HAD DIED IN MOSCOW'S LUBYANKA PRISON IN 1947. BUT REPORTS PERSIST THAT HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE.

AMONG THOSE AT THE PALACE OF WESTMINSTER CEREMONY -- ORGANISED BY THE BRITISH RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEE -- WERE SOME OF THE HUNGARIAN JEWS SAVED BY WALLENBERG. ONE OF HIS METHODS WAS TO ISSUE JEWS WITH PROTECTIVE SWEDISH PASSPORTS TO SAVE THEM FROM THE NAZI CAMPS.

ISAAC LEVY, THE SENIOR JEWISH CHAPLAIN AT THE BERGEN-BELSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP AFTER ITS LIBERATION, SPOKE OF WALLENBERG'S STRUGGLE AGAINST A TIDE OF CRUELTY.

CUT 2: RABBI LEVY TIME: 0:33

"BUT TONIGHT ONE THINKS IN TERMS OF WHAT ONE MAN CAN DO AS HE STANDS AGAINST THE TIDE OF CRUELTY. AND WHAT HAS STRUCK ME WITH SPECIFIC SIGNIFICANCE IS: RAOUL WALLENBERG SAVED FIVE TIMES AS MANY AS I BURIED IN THE CAMPS OF BELSEN. I PARTICIPATED IN THE BURIAL OF SOME 20-ODD THOUSAND BODIES. BUT HE SAVED OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND."

OTHERS PRESENT INCLUDED THE SWEDISH AND SPANISH AMBASSADORS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH, AMERICAN AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS, AN ARCHBISHOP REPRESENTING THE VATICAN, MANY MEMBERS OF BRITISH JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER CAMPAIGNERS FOR WALLENBERG.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY GRENVILLE JANNER, A LABOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS.

DR STEPHEN ROTH, A MEMBER OF THE WORLD JEWISH COUNCIL, DESCRIBED HOW THE NAZIS HAD SET OUT TO EXTERMINATE THE 700,000 OR 800,000 JEWS IN HUNGARY AFTER OCCUPYING THE COUNTRY IN MARCH, 1944. BUT WALLENBERG DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO THWART THE DEPORTATIONS TO AUSCHWITZ.

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WORLD (1) WALLENBERG'S HALF BROTHER ...

CUT 3 STEPHEN ROTH TIME: 0:51

"IT IS INDEED AN IRONIC TWIST OF HISTORY THAT THIS MAN, WHO SHOULD HAVE SHOWN THE GREATEST DEVOTION, SHOULD BE THE ONE WHO SHOULD HAVE HAD TO PAY A PERSONAL PRICE. AND IT IS PERHAPS AN EVEN GREATER IRONIC TWIST OF HISTORY THAT THIS PRICE WAS EXACTED NOT BY THE GERMAN NAZIS, AGAINST WHOM HE OPENLY FOUGHT, BUT BY THE SOVIET UNION, WITH WHOM, IN THIS FIGHT AGAINST THE NAZIS, EVEN THIS NEUTRAL DIPLOMAT BECAME, SOMEHOW, AN ALLY. (APPLAUSE).

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEE, MAURICE SAMUELSON, SAID INTEREST IN THE WALLENBERG CASE HAD REVIVED ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO WITH THE RISE OF THE DISSIDENT MOVEMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION, AND WITH NEW INFORMATION IN 1977 ABOUT WALLENBERG.

HE RECALLED HOW PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER HAD DISCUSSED THE WALLENBERG CASE WITH PRESIDENT LEONID BREZHNEV IN VIENNA IN JUNE, 1979, AND HOW BOTH HOUSES OF THE U.S. CONGRESS HAD MADE WALLENBERG AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES TWO YEARS LATER.

SAMUELSON SAID THE USSR SEEMED ANXIOUS TO CELEBRATE VE-DAY NEXT MAY TO MARK THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE WAR IN EUROPE. HE SAID WESTERN LEADERS, IN CELEBRATING THE VICTORY OVER HITLER, SHOULD PROTEST THE ABUSE OF THAT VICTORY SYMBOLISED BY THE WALLENBERG CASE.

ANOTHER SPEAKER WAS LORD JAMES DOUGLAS-HAMILTON, THE PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY TO MALCOLM RIFKIND, A FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

CUT 4 DOUGLAS-HAMILTON TIME: 0:49

"IF THE RUSSIANS SHOULD ASK 'WHY ARE WE SO ANXIOUS ABOUT THE FATE OF THAT ONE MAN,' THE REPLY MUST BE THAT EVEN IF HE HAD NOT BEEN A PERSON OF GREAT CONSEQUENCE, HE WOULD STILL BE ENTITLED TO JUSTICE AND TO FREEDOM IF HE IS ALIVE

"BUT WHETHER HE IS ALIVE OR NOT, THE STRUGGLE TO DRAW HIS CASE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO REMIND US, FIRST, OF THE VITAL TRUTH THAT A GENUINELY GOOD MAN CAN ACHIEVE IMMENSE VICTORIES EVEN IN THE MOST ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES. AND, SECONDLY, THAT WHATEVER THEIR CLAIMS TO JUSTICE, THE SOVIET UNION IS A COUNTRY WHERE A PERSON CAN DISAPPEAR WITHOUT A TRACE AND THE FULL FACTS BE SYSTEMATICALLY WITHHELD FOR EVER MORE."

THE HALF-BROTHER, VON DARDEL, WHO SAID WALLENBERG WOULD BE 72 IF HE IS STILL ALIVE, SAID CONCERN FOR HIS FATE WAS TODAY EVEN INCREASING IN COUNTRIES WHERE "THE SILENCE HAD BEEN DEAFENING" UNTIL NOW. HE SAID HE WAS THINKING PARTICULARLY OF HUNGARY.

CUT 6 VON DARDEL TIME: 0:29 (OUT OF SEQUENCE ON TAPE)

"THE CONCERN FOR RAOUL WALLENBERG IS EVEN INCREASING IN SOME OF THE COUNTRIES WHERE THE SILENCE HAS BEEN -- AS MAURICE SAID -- DEAFENING UP TO NOW. I'M THINKING PARTICULARLY OF HUNGARY WHERE VERY LITTLE WAS SAID ABOUT RAOUL WALLENBERG EVEN THOUGH HE HAS PERHAPS DONE MORE FOR THAT COUNTRY THAN ANYBODY ELSE IN MODERN TIMES."

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AMONG THE SIGNS OF THE CHANGED CLIMATE IN HUNGARY CAME DURING THE BUDAPEST ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF LUTHERAN CHURCHES LAST AUGUST. A LETTER FROM THE HUNGARIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY FROM ONE OF THE CONFERENCE MEMBERS HAD SAID IT WAS "IMPORTANT TO HONOUR AND KEEP THE MEMORY OF RAOUL WALLENBERG"

CUT 7 VON DARDEL TIME: 0:04 (OUT OF SEQUENCE ON TAPE)

"IT'S A TIMID BEGINNING, BUT IT'S A BEGINNING."

BUT THERE WAS NO NEW CLIMATE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

CUT 5 VON DARDEL 0:36

"UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS ONE COUNTRY WHERE THE SILENCE IS STILL COMPLETE. AND THAT IS THE SOVIET UNION. I BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WHATEVER ACTION, WHATEVER PROPOSALS WE MAKE FOR RAOUL WALLENBERG, SHOULD NOT BE PART OF A GENERAL ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITY. THIS COULD ONLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE FOR WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE. WE CAN ONLY HELP RAOUL WITH THE WILLING CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOVIET UNION."

VON DARDEL PROPOSED A MINUTE'S SILENCE TO MARK WALLENBERG'S CASE. HE SAID HE WANTED TO "REACH OUT AND TOUCH" THE HEART OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO AND TO GIVE HIM THE FORTITUDE TO REASSESS HIS STATEMENT OF 28 YEARS AGO WHEN HE SAID WALLENBERG HAD DIED IN PRISON IN MOSCOW IN 1947. VON DARDEL SAID HE WANTED TO FIND A FORMULA WHICH WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO CHANGE THE SOVIET ATTITUDE.

IN HIS REMARKS, VON DARDEL ALSO TOUCHED ON THE TWO CENTRAL QUESTIONS OF THE WALLENBERG CASE 40 YEARS AFTER HIS DISAPPEARANCE.

CUT 8 VON DARDEL TIME: 0:19

"WE ARE ALSO ASKED THE QUESTION 'WHY DO YOU BELIEVE RAOUL WALLENBERG IS ALIVE?' AND IT'S A DIFFICULT QUESTION TO ANSWER. THE OTHER QUESTION IS 'WHAT IS THE PROBABILITY THAT HE IS ALIVE?' AND THAT IS EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO ANSWER."

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BRITISH RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEE, SAMUELSON, HAD SPOKEN OF THE SAME QUESTIONS.

CUT 9 SAMUELSON TIME: 0:31

"ARE WE NOW TRAGICALLY MOVING TO A STAGE WHERE WE CAN THINK OF RAOUL WALLENBERG ONLY IN THE PAST, AN OBJECT OF UNRESTRAINED BUT OF COURSE VERY JUSTIFIED WORSHIP, HERO WORSHIP? CERTAINLY, RAOUL WALLENBERG HIMSELF, FROM ALL I'VE HEARD OF HIM, WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY EMBARRASSED AT THAT SORT OF ADULATION, WHICH HE DOES RECEIVE ON SOME OCCASIONS, HOWEVER MERITED IT IS, FROM THOSE HE SAVED, OF COURSE. PERSONALLY, HOWEVER, I DO NOT THINK WE CAN THINK OF HIM IN THE PAST TENSE."

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U.S. -- **RAOUL WALLENBERG: A TRIBUTE IN AMERICA**
 (ACTUALITIES AVAILABLE IN AUDIO SECTION)
 WASHINGTON, JAN. 18 (SPECIAL/ZWADIUK) -- AMERICANS THURSDAY PAID
 TRIBUTE TO SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, WHOM U.S. PRESIDENT
 RONALD REAGAN DESCRIBED IN A STATEMENT AS A "SHINING LIGHT OF
 INSPIRATION, UPHOLDING THE HONOR OF THE HUMAN RACE."

WALLENBERG IS CREDITED WITH HAVING SAVED MORE THAN 100,000
 HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI EXTERMINATION, RISKING HIS OWN LIFE WHILE
 DOING IT IN THE WANING DAYS OF WORLD WAR TWO.

HE WAS LAST SEEN IN BUDAPEST IN THE COMPANY OF SOVIET SOLDIERS ON
 JAN. 17, 1945. IN 1957, THE SOVIET UNION SAID WALLENBERG HAD DIED IN
 SOVIET PRISON TEN YEARS EARLIER, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT
 REPORTS THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE.

IN OBSERVING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE,
 REAGAN SAID IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT THURSDAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION
 "OWES THE WORLD A FULL AND COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF HIS FATE."

REAGAN NOTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY RAISED THE
 WALLENBERG CASE WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, REQUESTING A FULL
 CLARIFICATION. THE ONLY EXPLANATION WAS THE STATEMENT THAT HE DIED IN
 1947, REAGAN SAID.

REAGAN SAID THAT WALLENBERG, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SWEDISH
 LEGATION IN BUDAPEST AT THE BEGINNING OF 1944, IGNORED PERSONAL
 DANGER TO SAVE AS MANY HUNGARIAN JEWS AS HE COULD, PULLING PEOPLE OUT
 OF DEATH MARCHES AND DEPORTATION TRAINS WHILE HANDING OUT SWEDISH
 PAPERS.

HE SAID THAT EACH DAY WALLENBERG JEOPARDIZED HIS OWN LIFE SO THAT
 OTHERS MIGHT LIVE. "IN THE FACE OF HORROR AND EVIL, THIS NOBLE YOUNG
 MAN STOOD TALL AND UNFLINCHING," REAGAN SAID OF THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT
 WHO WAS THEN 31 YEARS OLD.

REAGAN RECALLED THAT IN 1981 HE HAD SIGNED LEGISLATION MAKING
 WALLENBERG AN HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZEN. THE ONLY OTHER NON-AMERICAN
 TO BE SO HONORED WAS BRITISH PRIME MINISTER WINSTON CHURCHILL.

SAID REAGAN: "TO BE TRUE TO OUR OWN VALUES, THIS WAS THE LEAST
 THAT WE -- AS AMERICANS -- COULD DO TO UNDERScore OUR UNBOUNDED
 ADMIRATION FOR WALLENBERG'S COURAGE AND DEDICATION TO HUMANITY, AND
 THE ABHORRENCE WITH WHICH WE VIEW HIS UNJUST AND ILLEGAL IMPRISONMENT
 BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT."

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN
 AFFAIRS, ELLIOTT ABRAMS, ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO WALLENBERG AT A SPECIAL
 BRIEFING AT THE WHITE HOUSE WHERE A DOCUMENTARY FILM ON WALLENBERG'S
 EFFORTS TO SAVE THE HUNGARIAN JEWS WAS SHOWN.

ABRAMS SAID THAT WALLENBERG IS A SYMBOL OF THE TRUTH THAT RESPECT
 FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE ARE INDIVISIBLE. HE SAID:
 "WE WILL NEVER ACHIEVE A WORLD WHERE WE FEEL SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE
 THAT INTERNATIONAL LAW RATHER THAN VIOLENCE RESOLVES CONFLICTS AMONG
 NATIONS UNTIL THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPECTED AND PRACTICED."

ABRAMS SAID THAT WHILE SURVEYING THE GLOBE, "IT QUICKLY BECOMES
 APPARENT THAT THE WORST ABUSERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ALSO TEND TO BE THE
 NATIONS WHICH ARE THE SOURCES OF INSTABILITY AND AGGRESSION IN THE
 WORLD." HE MENTIONED THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN, THE
 VIETNAMESE OCCUPATION OF CAMBODIA AND THE MILITARY BUILD-UP IN
 NICARAGUA.

ABRAMS SAID AMERICA'S INSISTENCE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS BE RESPECTED
 IS NOT A SOURCE OF CONFLICT IN ITS RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS, BUT
 A MEANS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT GENUINE PEACE WILL BE ACHIEVED.

SAID ABRAMS: "FOR, AS LONG AS THE WHEREABOUTS OF A RAOUL
 WALLENBERG CAN BE DENIED, AS LONG AS A NOBEL LAUREATE LIKE ANDREI
 SAKHAROV CAN BE HELD INCOMMUNICADO, THEN REAL PEACE, GENUINE PEACE,
 WILL BE FRUSTRATED."

HUNGARIAN-BORN AMERICAN CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS SAID IN A LETTER
 TO REAGAN THAT "THE COURAGE AND HUMANITY OF RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS A
 SHINING BEACON OF HOPE" FOR THOSE HE SAVED, INCLUDING LANTOS AND HIS
 WIFE, ANNETTE. (PTO)

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U.S. (1) -- RAUL WALLENBERG: A TRIBUTE IN AMERICA

LANTOS SAID: "THOUGH HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEN OUTSIDE THE SOVIET UNION AS A FREE MAN FOR THESE 40 YEARS, HE IS NOT FORGOTTEN. THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS HE SAVED FROM CERTAIN DEATH IN NAZI EXTERMINATION CAMPS, INCLUDING MY WIFE ANNETTE AND I, WILL NEVER FORGET WALLENBERG."

LANTOS, WHO THIS WEEK HEADED A CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ON A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HAVING LEGISLATION APPROVED IN THE U.S. CONGRESS THAT EVENTUALLY LED TO WALLENBERG'S HONORARY U.S. CITIZENSHIP.

SIMILAR TRIBUTES TO THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT -- WHO WOULD NOW BE 72 YEARS OLD -- WERE EXPRESSED IN VARIOUS CEREMONIES IN MANY AMERICAN CITIES.

IN NEW YORK, THE CITY'S MAYOR EDWARD KOCH CALLED FOR A CAMPAIGN BY CITIZENS TO EMBARRASS THE SOVIET UNION. HE PROPOSED THE SENDING OF POSTCARDS TO THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS THAT WOULD ASK: "WHERE IS RAUL WALLENBERG?"

KOCH SAID AT A CITY HALL CEREMONY THAT IT WAS AN IRONY THAT WALLENBERG RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE THOUSANDS OF STRANGERS FROM DEATH CAMPS "ONLY TO BE LOST HIMSELF IN THE CAMPS OF THE SULAG ARCHIPELAGO."

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, JEANE KIRKPATRICK, SAID THAT WHAT WALLENBERG REPRESENTED IN BUDAPEST "WAS NOTHING LESS THAN THE CONSCIENCE OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD." SHE SAID THAT BY IMPRISONING HIM THE SOVIET UNION DID MORE THAN VIOLATE RULES OF DIPLOMACY. "THEY DEMONSTRATED CONTEMPT FOR WHAT HE REPRESENTED," SHE SAID.

KIRKPATRICK SAID: "JUST AS THE NAZIS COULD NOT KEEP HIM FROM HIS MISSION, SO HAVE THE SOVIETS FAILED TO OBLITERATE HIS LEGACY. THROUGH HIS ACTIONS IN BUDAPEST, WALLENBERG DEMONSTRATED THAT WHEN ONE MAN ACTS IN SOLIDARITY ON BEHALF OF DECENCY AND FREEDOM HE MOVES MOUNTAINS. HE SAVES A HUNDRED THOUSAND. HE PROVED TO ALL THE WORLD THAT ONE MAN ACTING FREELY, HUMANELY, CAN CHALLENGE AN ENTIRE SYSTEM OF TYRANNY." AM/JMO

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E/W -- TEXT OF AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK'S WALLENBERG SPEECH
(AMPLIFIES CN95)

NEW YORK, JAN. 17 (SPECIAL/MK) -- FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE
SPEECH BY U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, JEANE KIRKPATRICK,
AT THE RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMEMORATION CEREMONY AT NEW YORK CITY HALL
TODAY:

EARLIER TODAY THE PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE
WITH YOU. THE STATEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:

"IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO JOIN WITH ALL THOSE GATHERED TO OBSERVE
WITH SOLEMN CEREMONIES THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF RAOUL WALLENBERG'S
ARREST. AS A YOUNG SWEDISH BUSINESSMAN WHO LEFT THE SECURITY OF HIS
HOMELAND TO VOLUNTEER TO GO TO WAR-TORN HUNGARY, RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF NEARLY 100,000 JEWISH MEN, WOMEN
AND CHILDREN FROM CERTAIN DEATH BY NAZI EXTERMINATORS.

"THEN IN 1945 IN VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW, RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS SEIZED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS AND IMPRISONED.
NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD FROM HIM SINCE.

"IT IS WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPTURES: GREATER LOVE HATH N-O MAN THAN
THIS -- THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS. RAOUL
WALLENBERG CONSIDERED HIS FRIENDS TO BE ALL THOSE WHO SUFFERED
INJUSTICE. EACH DAY HE WILLINGLY JEOPARDIZED HIS OWN LIFE SO THAT
OTHERS MIGHT LIVE. IN THE FACE OF THE HORROR OF EVIL, RAOUL
WALLENBERG STOOD TALL AND UNFLINCHING.

"MAY THE THOUSANDS OF BELLS THAT RING OUT TODAY THROUGHOUT OUR
LAND REMIND US OF THE HIGH PRICE OF LIBERTY AND THE COURAGE AND SELF
SACRIFICE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG."

TOMORROW -- TODAY -- I WILL SEND THIS STATEMENT TO THE SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS JAVIER DE PEREZ CEULLA WITH THE REQUEST
THAT IT BE CIRCULATED TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THAT BODY. THIS IS
N-O-T, OF COURSE, THE FIRST TIME THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK HAS BROUGHT THE DISAPPEARANCE
OF RAOUL WALLENBERG TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS. IT WILL
N-O-T BE THE LAST TIME.

THE UNITED STATES IS BY N-O MEANS ALONE IN REMEMBERING RAOUL
WALLENBERG'S WORK AND FATE. THE STORY OF THIS COURAGEOUS SWEDEN IS
KNOWN IN ISRAEL WHERE RAOUL WALLENBERG IS HONORED AT YATVESHIM --
JERUSALEM'S MEMORIAL TO THE HOLOCAUST -- AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING OF
THE RIGHTEOUS GENTILE.

THE PEOPLE OF SWEDEN HAVE N-O-T FORGOTTEN THE HERO WHO BROUGHT
HONOR TO THEIR COUNTRY.

THE PEOPLE OF BUDAPEST HAVE N-O-T FORGOTTEN RAOUL WALLENBERG
THOUGH THE STATUE CREATED TO COMMEMORATE HIM WAS LONG AGO STOLEN BY
SOVIET TROOPS AND TODAY STANDS STRIPPED OF ITS EXPLANATORY PLAGUE
BEFORE A PHARMACEUTICAL FACTORY AND EVERYTHING.

BUT THE PEOPLE OF BUDAPEST DO N-O-T NEED A STATUE TO REMIND THEM
OF RAOUL WALLENBERG. WALLENBERG ENTERED BUDAPEST IN THE ELEVENTH HOUR
OF BOTH THE HOLOCAUST AND WORLD WAR TWO. OVER HALF OF HUNGARY'S
800,000 JEWS HAD ALREADY BEEN MURDERED AND SOME 120,000 OTHERS WERE
BEING WORKED TO DEATH DAILY IN FORCED LABOR CAMPS. ALL THAT REMAINED
WERE THE 200,000 JEWS IN BUDAPEST WHO HAD ALREADY BEEN STRIPPED OF
CITIZENSHIP, ROBBED OF THEIR POSSESSIONS AND SEGREGATED INTO GHETTOS.

WALLENBERG'S MISSION WAS CLEAR AND DAUNTING -- IT WAS TO SAVE THE
REMAINING JEWS OF BUDAPEST FROM DEPORTATION AND CERTAIN DEATH.

FEW MEN COULD HAVE HOPED TO FULFILL SUCH A MISSION. WALLENBERG
SEEMED EVEN LESS EQUIPPED THAN MOST. HE WAS ONLY 31 YEARS OLD,
NEITHER A SOLDIER NOR WITH ANY EXPERIENCE IN HEROISM. BY BIRTH,
EDUCATION AND TRAINING HE WAS BEST SUITED FOR THE QUIET, AUSTERIC
LIFE LEAD BY GENERATIONS OF WALLENBERG'S BEFORE HIM. (MORE)

AGAINST HIM IN BUDAPEST STOOD NOTHING LESS THAN THE ENTIRE MACHINERY OF THE HOLOCAUST. THE GERMANIZENSTATS COMMANDO -- OR SPECIAL KILLING UNITS -- THE NAZI ARMY, THE HUNGARIAN NAZIS, ADOLF EIKMAN AND HIS TEAM OF AIDES STATIONED NOW IN BUDAPEST FOR THE EXPLICIT, SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF MURDERING THE REMAINING HUNGARIAN JEWS.

WHY DO WE REMEMBER RAOUL WALLENBERG? SIMON SEYMOUR WIESENTHAL CALLED BUDAPEST THE SLAUGHTER HOUSE THAT WAS BUDAPEST AND HAS SUGGESTED THAT RAOUL WALLENBERG ACCOMPLISHED THE IMPOSSIBLE. SOMETIMES ALONE, SOMETIMES WITH OTHERS HE THWARTED THE DESIGNS OF THE MOST MURDEROUS POWER THE CIVILIZED WORLD HAD EVER SEEN. HE BRIBED NAZIS, CHARMED THEM, BLUFFED THEM, LIED TO THEM, THREATENED THEM, BULLIED THEM AND USED EVERY OTHER MEANS HE COULD FIND TO SAVE THE LIVES OF BUDAPEST JEWS. ENTERING DEPORTATION TRAINS HIMSELF TO PULL FROM THOSE TRAINS JEWS SLATED FOR DEPORTATION AND DEATH, HE WORKED INCESSELY WITH GREAT PERSONAL RISK, WITH UTTER DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN SAFETY AND THROUGH THE SHEER FORCE OF HIS EXAMPLE OF SOLIDARITY WITH HUMANS IN DISTRESS AND DIREOUS NEED, HE INSPIRED HUNDREDS OF OTHERS TO ASSIST HIM.

IN THE END WALLENBERG AND HIS STAFF MANAGED TO RESCUE SOME 100,000 PEOPLE FROM CERTAIN EXTERMINATION. THE MOST UNLIKELY OF CANDIDATES HAD FULFILLED THE MOST IMPOSSIBLE OF MISSIONS. WALLENBERG ACTED DECISIVELY, TIRELESSLY, TENACIOUSLY ON BEHALF OF HUMAN SOLIDARITY. NEITHER THE PUBLIC THREATS AGAINST HIM NOR THE OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF HIS ENEMIES NOR EVEN AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT COULD DETER HIM FROM HIS MISSION.

AT THE END, WHEN SOVIET TROOPS ADVANCED INTO BUDAPEST AND WHAT REMAINED OF NAZI RULE COLLAPSED INTO ABSOLUTE ANARCHY, WALLENBERG WORKED ON. AS HE TOLD A DIPLOMAT WHO URGED HIM TO SEEK COVER IN THE SWEDISH LEGATION: "FOR ME THERE IS N-O CHOICE. I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO STOCKHOLM WITHOUT KNOWING INSIDE MYSELF THAT I HAD DOWN ALL A MAN COULD DO TO SAVE AS MANY JEWS AS POSSIBLE."

WALLENBERG COULD N-O-T ABANDON HIS WORK BECAUSE HE POSSESSED PROFOUND COURAGE AND AN UNSHAKEABLE SENSE OF REALITY. HE UNDERSTOOD THE NAZI THREAT. HE NEVER SOUGHT REFUGE IN DELUSION. HE HAD THE MORAL COURAGE TO SEE REALITY CLEARLY AND ACT ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HE SAW.

WE REMEMBER RAOUL WALLENBERG BECAUSE HE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN OF EXTRAORDINARY CHARACTER. WE ALSO REMEMBER RAOUL WALLENBERG BECAUSE HE REPRESENTS A HUMAN QUALITY SO IMPORTANT IT CANN-O-T AND WILL N-O-T BE FORGOTTEN. WE REMEMBER RAOUL WALLENBERG BECAUSE HE HAS BECOME MORE THAN A MAN, MORE EVEN THAN A HERO. HE SYMBOLIZES THE CENTRAL CONFLICT OF OUR AGE WHICH IS THE DETERMINATION TO REMAIN HUMAN AND CARING AND FREE IN THE FACE OF TYRANNY.

WHAT RAOUL WALLENBERG REPRESENTED IN BUDAPEST WAS NOTHING LESS THAN THE CONSCIENCE OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD. BY ARDUCTING AND IMPRISONING HIM, THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES DID MORE THAN VIOLATE THE RULES OF DIPLOMACY IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. THEY DEMONSTRATED CONTEMPT FOR WHAT HE REPRESENTED.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES KNEW WHO HE WAS AND WHAT HE WAS DOING. JUST THE DAY BEFORE HIS ARREST THEY ASSURED THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT THAT "MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO PROTECT MR. RAOUL WALLENBERG AND HIS BELONGINGS." BUT THAT WAS N-O-T TRUE. NOR WAS IT TRUE THAT THEY KNEW NOTHING OF HIS WHEREABOUTS TWO YEARS LATER WHEN THEY FIRST SUGGESTED HE MUST OF DIED IN THE FIGHTING IN BUDAPEST. (MORE)

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E/W -- (2) TEXT OF AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK'S WALLEMBERG SPEECH

YET, EVEN THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOT SUCCEEDED IN SUPPRESSING THE STORY OF RAOUL WALLEMBERG. JUST AS THE NAZIS COULD NOT KEEP HIS LEGACY. THROUGH HIS ACTIONS IN BUDAPEST, WALLEMBERG DEMONSTRATED THAT WHEN ONE MAN ACTS IN SOLIDARITY ON BEHALF OF DECENCY AND FREEDOM HE MOVES MOUNTAINS, HE SAVES A HUNDRED THOUSAND. HE PROVED TO ALL THE WORLD THAT ONE MAN ACTING FREELY, HUMANELY, CAN CHALLENGE AN ENTIRE SYSTEM OF TYRANNY.

WE REMEMBER RAOUL WALLEMBERG BECAUSE, AS THE NOVELIST MELAN KUNDAR OBSERVED THROUGH ONE OF HIS CHARACTERS, THE STRUGGLE OF MAN AGAINST POWER IS THE STRUGGLE OF MEMORY AGAINST FORGETTING. THROUGH HIS LIFE AND FATE, WALLEMBERG HAS FORGED A BOND WITH HUMAN FREEDOM AND CIVILIZATION WHICH NO ARMY AND NO GULAG CAN BREAK. IT WILL EXIST AS LONG AS WE ARE DETERMINED TO AFFIRM THE HUMANITY OF ALL PEOPLE.

WALLEMBERG AFFIRMED THE HUMANITY OF BUDAPEST JEWS AND THROUGH THE REALITY OF HIS SOLIDARITY WITH THEM, EVEN IN THE FACE OF A MIGHTY TYRANNY'S DETERMINATION TO DEHUMANIZE THEM, HE ILLUSTRATED THEREBY OUR DUTY AS WELL AS OUR HUMAN POTENTIAL.

IT IS A DEEP HONOR TO PARTICIPATE IN HONORING HIM TODAY.
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MUNICH, JANUARY 17 (CND/MULLINS) -- CEREMONIES ARE BEING HELD AROUND THE WORLD TODAY TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON RAUL WALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO DISAPPEARED IN HUNGARY AFTER SAVING THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE NAZIS.

BUT THERE WILL BE NO OFFICIAL COMMEMORATION IN BUDAPEST. THE HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES ARE ONLY TOO CLEARLY EMBARRASSED BY THE PART THE SOVIET UNION PLAYED IN HIS DISAPPEARANCE.

FORTY YEARS AGO TODAY, WALLENBERG WAS ARRESTED IN HUNGARY BY INVADING SOVIET TROOPS, WHO APPARENTLY THOUGHT HE WAS A SPY. HE HAD EARLIER TOLD COLLEAGUES IN BUDAPEST THAT HE EXPECTED TO BE AWAY ONLY A FEW HOURS. IN FACT, HE WAS NEVER SEEN IN PUBLIC AGAIN.

THE REASONS FOR HIS DISAPPEARANCE HAVE NEVER BEEN CLEAR. ONE VERSION OF THE AFFAIR, WHICH HAS RECENTLY REACHED THE WEST IN AN UNOFFICIAL UKRAINIAN PUBLICATION, SAYS IT WAS A COVER-UP OF A FOUL-UP BY THE LATE SOVIET PRESIDENT LEONID BREZHNEV.

WRITING IN THE SAMIZDAT JOURNAL "A CHRONICLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE UKRAINE", RELIGIOUS AND NATIONAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGNER IOSYP TERELYA SAYS A SOVIET OFFICER WHO ACTUALLY TOOK PART IN THE ARREST HAD TOLD HIM IT WAS ORDERED BY BREZHNEV -- THEN SERVING AS A POLITICAL OFFICER IN THE INVADING RED ARMY IN HUNGARY -- WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUPREME COMMAND.

TERELYA QUOTES THE OFFICER AS SAYING WALLENBERG WAS ROBBED AND HIS CAR WAS CONFISCATED. ACCORDING TO THIS STORY, BREZHNEV GAVE THE CAR TO ONE OF HIS SUPERIORS. AND HE IS SAID TO HAVE COOKED UP THE SPYING CHARGES AGAINST WALLENBERG WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE DIPLOMAT WOULD MAKE A FUSS ABOUT THE INCIDENT.

FOR YEARS THE SOVIETS DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF WALLENBERG'S FATE. THEY FINALLY SAID MORE THAN A DECADE LATER, IN A BRIEF AND UNSATISFACTORY STATEMENT BY ANDREI GROMYKO -- THEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER -- IN 1957, THAT WALLENBERG HAD DIED IN MOSCOW'S LUBYANKA PRISON IN 1947. BUT REPORTS STILL PERSIST THAT HE MAY BE ALIVE.

SUCCESSIVE SWEDISH GOVERNMENTS AND WALLENBERG'S OWN FAMILY HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE OFFICIAL SOVIET VERSION OF WALLENBERG'S FATE. WALLENBERG'S HALF-BROTHER GUY VON DARDEL, WHO IS TAKING PART IN ANNIVERSARY EVENTS TODAY IN BRITAIN, SAYS HE REMAINS "TOTALLY CONVINCED" WALLENBERG IS ALIVE.

VON DARDEL TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE IN LONDON YESTERDAY THERE HAD BEEN REPORTS OF SEVERAL RECENT SIGHTINGS IN SOVIET PRISONS AND HOSPITALS. BUT HE SAID HE WOULD NOT NAME THE SOURCES OF THE MOST RECENT SIGHTINGS, BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO COMPROMISE ANYONE INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION.

VON DARDEL ACCUSED SOVIET OFFICIALS OF COVERING-UP THE CASE. HE SAID HE HOPED A NEW GENERATION OF SOVIET LEADERS WOULD EMERGE WHO WOULD RECOGNISE THAT IT WAS IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS TO TELL THE TRUTH.

VON DARDEL IS TODAY PLANTING A COMMEMORATIVE TREE IN LONDON'S HYDE PARK AND GIVING A SPECIAL ADDRESS TO THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT. HIS VISIT IS PART OF A LONG CAMPAIGN TO PERSUADE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS INTO PRESSURING THE SOVIETS TO RELEASE WALLENBERG. HE SAID YESTERDAY: "ALL I WANT IS THAT MY BROTHER, WHO IS NOW 72, BE ALLOWED TO SPEND THE LAST YEARS OF HIS LIFE IN FREEDOM."

THE EVENTS IN LONDON ARE PART OF A SERIES BEING STAGED TODAY BY RAUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEES AROUND THE WORLD IN THEIR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE CASE.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE IS BEING HELD IN STOCKHOLM CATHEDRAL, A STATUE IS BEING UNVEILED IN THE AUSTRALIAN CITY OF MELBOURNE, ISRAEL IS HONORING WALLENBERG AND BELLS ARE TO BE RUNG IN MANY CITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

IN NEW YORK, THE CITY HALL BELL WILL BE RUNG 40 TIMES BY -- AMONG OTHERS -- THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, JEANE KIRKPATRICK. THERE WILL ALSO BE A COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM AT THE WHITE HOUSE, ADDRESSED BY ASSISTANT U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS ELLIOTT ABRAMS. (PTO) BG/

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IN 1981, PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN MADE WALLENBERG AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN -- AN HONOR CONFERRED ON ONLY ONE OTHER FOREIGNER, BRITAIN'S WARTIME PREMIER WINSTON CHURCHILL. THE MOVE CAME AT THE INSTIGATION OF A HUNGARIAN-BORN CONGRESSMAN, THOMAS LANTOS, WHO TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE, ANNETTE, WAS AMONG THE HUNGARIAN JEWS RESCUED BY WALLENBERG. LANTOS SAID THE AIM WAS TO ENSURE THAT WASHINGTON COULD LEGITIMATELY INVOLVE ITSELF IN EFFORTS ON WALLENBERG'S BEHALF. HE SAYS THE SWEDEN'S CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT IS AN "OUTRAGEOUS INJUSTICE".

CORRESPONDENTS IN STOCKHOLM SAY WALLENBERG IS SWEDEN'S "LOST HERO OF THE HOLOCAUST" AND THEY DESCRIBE HIM AS ONE OF THE MOST HEROIC AND TRAGIC FIGURES IN THE NATION'S HISTORY.

IN A MODERN THRILLER, HE WOULD BE A SECRET AGENT. BUT WALLENBERG WAS A 31-YEAR-OLD BUSINESSMAN WHEN HE WAS SENT TO BUDAPEST BY NEUTRAL SWEDEN IN JULY 1944 ON A SPECIAL MISSION -- TO DIRECT THE WORK OF SAVING HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM EXTERMINATION.

WALLENBERG, WEALTHY SON OF A LEADING SWEDISH FAMILY, WENT AT HIS OWN REQUEST WITH THE BACKING OF THE U.S. WAR REFUGEE BOARD AND THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS. HIS COURAGE AND AUDACITY IN SNATCHING JEWS FROM THE GESTAPO ARE LEGENDARY. HE EVEN DRAGGED THEM FROM CATTLE TRUCKS BOUND FOR DEATH CAMPS, CLAIMING THEY WERE SWEDISH CITIZENS.

IN A LITTLE OVER SIX MONTHS, WALLENBERG AND HIS ASSISTANTS GAVE DIRECT PROTECTION TO SOME 20,000 JEWS IN BUDAPEST, THROUGH SPECIAL PROTECTIVE PASSPORTS. AND HE ALSO PLAYED A LARGE ROLE IN ENSURING THAT A FURTHER 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS ESCAPED THE HOLOCAUST.

GRATEFUL SURVIVORS HAVE TESTIFIED TO HIS METHODS. HE SMUGGLED JEWISH FAMILIES THROUGH NAZI CONTROLS, SET UP FOR THEM PROTECTED HOUSES FLYING THE SWEDISH FLAG, THREATENED NAZI PERSECUTORS WITH POST-WAR REPERCUSSIONS AND EVEN RESORTED TO BRIBERY. ONE ACCOUNT TELLS OF HIM STANDING ON TOP OF A DEPORTATION TRAIN HANDING OUT SWEDISH PAPERS TO ALL THE HANDS THAT COULD REACH THEM.

IN DECEMBER, 1944, WHEN IT WAS ALREADY CLEAR THAT GERMANY HAD LOST THE WAR, WALLENBERG REPORTEDLY PERSUADED THE NAZI GENERAL IN COMMAND OF BUDAPEST TO SPARE THE JEWISH GHETTO, WHERE 70,000 JEWS WERE TO HAVE BEEN MASSACRED.

WALLENBERG IS ALREADY COMMEMORATED IN ISRAEL AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING OF THE SO-CALLED "RIGHTEOUS GENTILES" -- NON-JEWS WHO SAVED INTENDED HOLOCAUST VICTIMS -- AND HE HAS A SPECIAL PLACE OF HONOR AT JERUSALEM'S YAD VASHEM MEMORIAL TO THE SIX MILLION JEWS KILLED BY THE NAZIS.

BUDAPEST'S ONLY MEMORIAL TO THE MAN WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM THE HOLOCAUST IS AN ENAMEL PLAQUE ON THE WALL OF A RUN-DOWN BLOCK OF FLATS IN A SIDE STREET NAMED AFTER WALLENBERG NEAR THE BANKS OF THE DANUBE.

AN RFE/RL CORRESPONDENT WHO WENT THERE IN AUGUST LAST YEAR REPORTED THAT THE ONLY INDICATION OF THE PLAQUE'S SIGNIFICANCE WAS TWO DUSTY WREATHS OF ARTIFICIAL LAURELS, BEARING FADED, ILLEGIBLE INSCRIPTIONS, HUNG BESIDE IT. THEY WERE PLACED THERE BY JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES WHEN HUNGARY REMEMBERED THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH DEPORTATIONS AFTER THE NAZI OCCUPATION OF MARCH, 1944.

SWEDISH AND AMERICAN LUTHERANS ATTENDING THE BUDAPEST ASSEMBLY OF THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION IN AUGUST PAID TRIBUTE TO WALLENBERG'S HEROISM ON WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HIS 72ND BIRTHDAY. BUT THERE WAS NO SIMILAR COMMEMORATION BY THE HUNGARIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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(2) THE WALLENBERG ANNIVERSARY

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WALLENBERG'S ROLE IN RESCUING THE HUNGARIAN JEWS WAS TO HAVE BEEN COMMEMORATED IN APRIL, 1948, WITH A STATUE IN BUDAPEST'S ST. STEPHAN PARK. BUT SWEDISH SOURCES SAY THE STATUE WAS REMOVED FROM ITS PLINTH BY RED ARMY SOLDIERS THE NIGHT BEFORE THE DEDICATION CEREMONY WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE. IT NOW STANDS, SHORT OF ITS INSCRIPTION, IN FRONT OF A PHARMACEUTICAL FACTORY IN THE EASTERN CITY OF DEBRECEN. LAST MARCH, THE HUNGARIAN DAILY "MAGYAR NEHZET", URGED THAT IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE CAPITAL AS A FITTING GESTURE IN TIME FOR WHAT IT TERMED THE "40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF WALLENBERG".

TODAY'S COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS ROUND THE WORLD, HOWEVER, ARE NOT TO MARK HIS DEATH. THEY ARE INTENDED TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS TO EITHER ADMIT AT LAST THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE, OR TO GIVE A MORE SATISFACTORY ACCOUNT OF HIS FATE. BG

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E/W - REAGAN STATEMENT ON WALLEBERG - TEXT

(AMPLIFIES CN74)

WASHINGTON, JAN 17 (SPECIAL/OZ) - THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF U.S. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S STATEMENT ON RAOUL WALLEBERG THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO DISAPPEARED IN HUNGARY 40 YEARS AGO:

FORTY YEARS AGO TODAY, A BRAVE YOUNG MAN NAMED RAOUL WALLEBERG DISAPPEARED FROM THE STREETS OF WAR-TORN BUDAPEST. THIS YOUNG SWEDISH DIPLOMAT HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO HIS COUNTRY'S LEGATION IN HUNGARY IN MARCH 1944, WHERE HE UNDERTOOK A HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO SAVE THE LIVES OF AS MANY HUNGARIAN JEWS AS POSSIBLE.

HEEDLESS OF PERSONAL DANGER, WALLEBERG PULLED PEOPLE OUT OF DEATH MARCHES, BOARDED DEPORTATION TRAINS, HANDED OUT SWEDISH PAPERS TO THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE ON THE WAY TO DEATH CAMPS AND INSISTED TO THE NAZI OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES THAT ANYONE HOLDING SWEDISH PAPERS BE RELEASED IN HIS CUSTODY. ALTOGETHER, WALLEBERG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF NEARLY 100,000 JEWISH MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM CERTAIN DEATH IN NAZI EXTERMINATION CAMPS. SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHOM HE SAVED ARE NOW PROMINENT CITIZENS OF OUR OWN COUNTRY.

ON JANUARY 17, 1945, RAOUL WALLEBERG WAS TAKEN BY SOVIET SOLDIERS TO THE PROVISIONAL HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN SOUTHERN HUNGARY, OSTENSIBLY TO DISCUSS RELIEF EFFORTS. HE NEVER RETURNED. IT HAS BEEN 40 YEARS.

IT IS WRITTEN IN HOLY SCRIPTURES: "GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS." RAOUL WALLEBERG'S FRIENDS WERE ANY AND ALL WHO SUFFERED INJUSTICE. EACH DAY HE WILLINGLY JEOPARDIZED HIS OWN LIFE SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE. IN THE FACE OF HORROR AND EVIL, THIS NOBLE YOUNG MAN STOOD TALL AND UNFLINCHING. (MORE)

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E/W- 1ST ADD REAGAN STATEMENT (CN 82) XXX UNFLINCHING

IN 1981, AS A REFLECTION OF THE DEBT OF GRATITUDE WHICH ALL AMERICANS OWE TO RAOUL WALLENBERG, I SIGNED INTO LAW LEGISLATION MAKING HIM AN HONORARY UNITED STATES CITIZEN. HE IS THE ONLY NON-AMERICAN, OTHER THAN WINSTON CHURCHILL, EVER TO BE HONORED IN THIS WAY. TO BE TRUE TO OUR OWN VALUES, THIS WAS THE LEAST THAT WE -- AS AMERICANS -- COULD DO TO UNDERScore OUR UNBounded ADMIRATION FOR WALLENBERG'S COURAGE AND DEDICATION TO HUMANITY, AND THE ABHORRENCE WITH WHICH WE VIEW HIS UNJUST AND ILLEGAL IMPRISONMENT BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY RAISED RAOUL WALLENBERG'S CASE WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, AND HAS REQUESTED A FULL AND SATISFACTORY CLARIFICATION OF HIS FATE. BUT THE ONLY SOVIET EXPLANATION OF WALLENBERG'S FATE WAS A STATEMENT IN 1957 THAT HE DIED TEN YEARS EARLIER IN A SOVIET PRISON. NO EXPLANATION HAS BEEN GIVEN OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS ARREST AND SUBSEQUENT DISAPPEARANCE. FURTHERMORE, OVER THE YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS FROM SURVIVORS OF THE GULAG THAT WALLENBERG MAY BE ALIVE.

IN THE DEPTHS OF THE HORROR OF WORLD WAR II, RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS ONE SHINING LIGHT OF INSPIRATION, UPHOLDING THE HONOR OF THE HUMAN RACE. THE WORLD OWES A TREMENDOUS AND ETERNAL DEBT TO THIS GREAT MAN. AND THE SOVIET UNION OWES THE WORLD A FULL AND COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF HIS FATE. WR

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E/W -- UPI ON WALLENBERG ANNIVERSARY

BY ROLF GÖDERLIND

STOCKHOLM, JAN. 17 (UPI) -- RAOUL WALLENBERG, WHO DISAPPEARED 40 YEARS AGO THURSDAY AFTER SAVING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI HANDS, IS STILL ALIVE, ACCORDING TO RELATIVES AND REPORTS FROM FORMER SOVIET PRISONERS.

SWEDEN AND SEVERAL OTHER WESTERN NATIONS PREPARED CEREMONIES TO MARK THE GRIM ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD WAR II HOLOCAUST HERO'S CAPTURE BY SOVIET TROOPS AND SUBSEQUENT DISAPPEARANCE. IF ALIVE, HE WOULD BE 72.

STOCKHOLM BISHOP KRISTER STENDAHL WAS TO ADDRESS THE 5TH ANNUAL WALLENBERG CEREMONY IN THE CAPITAL'S CATHEDRAL.

"WE STILL BELIEVE THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT WALLENBERG IS ALIVE. THE RUSSIANS HAVE NOT PRODUCED ANY EVIDENCE THAT HE IS DEAD," SAID INGRID GARDE WIDEMAR, PRESIDENT OF THE SWEDISH CHAPTER OF THE RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEE.

IN LONDON, WALLENBERG'S HALF-BROTHER, GUY VON DARDEL, SAID HE REMAINS CONVINCED WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE SOMEWHERE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

"I AM TOTALLY CONVINCED MY BROTHER REMAINS ALIVE," VON DARDEL TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE. THERE HAD BEEN "SEVERAL RECENT SIGHTINGS OF MY BROTHER IN SOVIET PRISONS AND HOSPITALS BUT I CAN NOT GIVE ANY DETAILS," HE SAID.

LAST YEAR, WALLENBERG'S FAMILY SUED THE KREMLIN IN U.S. FEDERAL COURT FOR HIS RELEASE AND DLRS 39 MILLION IN DAMAGES.

REPORTS FROM FORMER INMATES OF SOVIET PRISONS WHO SAID THEY MET THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT IN RECENT YEARS INDICATE WALLENBERG MAY STILL BE ALIVE IN THE SOVIET GULAG ARCHIPELAGO.

WALLENBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT, WAS SENT TO HUNGARY BY THE SWEDISH AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS IN 1944 TO SAVE HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS. HE DISTRIBUTED SWEDISH PASSPORTS TO TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS AND PERSUADED THE NAZIS NOT TO BLOW UP THE JEWISH GHETTO IN BUDAPEST.

HE WAS ARRESTED JAN. 17, 1945, IN BUDAPEST BY A SOVIET RED ARMY PATROL ON SUSPICION OF BEING A WESTERN SPY. HE WAS TAKEN TO A SOVIET PRISON AND NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN.

VON DARDEL, IN LONDON TO ATTEND THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY, SAID THE SOVIETS HAD NOT PRODUCED RELIABLE EVIDENCE THAT WALLENBERG WAS DEAD.

"THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT MY BROTHER HAS BEEN TREATED BADLY," HE SAID. "FOR THIS REASON I THINK IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HE HAS SURVIVED ALL THIS TIME."

FOR 12 YEARS, THE SOVIETS DENIED HOLDING WALLENBERG, BUT IN 1957, THEN-DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO TOLD SWEDEN THE DIPLOMAT HAD DIED IN A MOSCOW PRISON IN 1947. GROMYKO SAID THE BODY WAS CREMATED WITHOUT AN AUTOPSY.

WALLENBERG WAS MADE AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN CTION ONLY THE SECOND EVER IN THIS CENTURY, ALONG WITH WINSTON CHURCHILL.

THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL DECLARED THURSDAY "RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY" AND ASKED THAT HE BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. JMO

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E/W -- LOS ANGELES OBSERVES WALLENBERG ANNIVERSARY
BY LORI MEDIGOVICH

LOS ANGELES, JAN. 17 (UPI) -- THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL HAS ASKED THAT WORLD WAR II HOLOCAUST HERO RAOUL WALLENBERG BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR HIS EFFORTS TO FREE MORE THAN 100,000 JEWS.

THE COUNCIL ALSO DECLARED THURSDAY "RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY" IN LOS ANGELES AND ASKED THAT TALKS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION INCLUDE THE DISCUSSION OF THE HERO'S FATE AND POSSIBLE RELEASE FROM IMPRISONMENT -- IF HE IS ALIVE -- IN EXCHANGE FOR A SOVIET SPY.

CITY COUNCILMAN ART SNYDER SAID WALLENBERG, A SWEDEN, WAS SENT BY THE AMERICAN JEWISH WAR REFUGEE BOARD TO FREE JEWS FACING TORTURE AND DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS OCCUPYING HUNGARY.

SNYDER SAID WALLENBERG SAVED THE JEWS BY USING SWEDISH SAFETY PASSES THAT GRANTED THEM TEMPORARY, OFFICIAL PROTECTION AND ALSO PERSONALLY INTERVENED WHEN NAZIS ATTEMPTED TO IMPRISON THEM.

AFTER ACCOMPLISHING HIS MISSION, ON JAN. 17, 1945, WALLENBERG -- THEN 32 -- WAS CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED BY THE SOVIETS WHO CAME TO LIBERATE BUDAPEST.

"WE CALL UPON THE PEOPLES OF THE FREE WORLD FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION TO BRING HIM BACK TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING," SAID SNYDER, EXPRESSING THE BELIEF WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE.

THE CITY HALL TOWER BELL WAS TO RING IN WALLENBERG'S HONOR THURSDAY.

IN THE CITY OF ORANGE WEDNESDAY, THE RAOUL WALLENBERG INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, FREEDOM AND BROTHERHOOD WAS DEDICATED ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS IMPRISONMENT.

"RAOUL WALLENBERG EXPRESSED HIS INTENT TO ORGANIZE THE RAOUL WALLENBERG INSTITUTE AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II," SAID JACK MAPLES, DIRECTOR OF THE HUMANITARIAN INSTITUTE IN THE CITY OF ORANGE.

MAPLES SAID JEWS HAVE DECLARED WALLENBERG "THE MOST RIGHTEOUS GENTILE" EVER.

"IT WAS ON HIS MISSION TO EXPLAIN HIS PLANS FOR THE INSTITUTE TO THE SOVIET FORCES INVADING HUNGARY ON THE HEELS OF THE NAZIS THAT HE WAS UNJUSTLY TAKEN PRISONER," MAPLES SAID.

"NOW, FOUR DECADES LATER, WE ARE FINALLY CARRYING OUT HIS PLANS. EVEN 40 YEARS LATE IS NOT TOO LATE TO FIGHT FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS WALLENBERG CHAMPIONED."

PRESIDENT REAGAN DECLARED WALLENBERG AN HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZEN IN 1981, ONLY THE SECOND INDIVIDUAL TO RECEIVE SUCH AN HONOR. THE FIRST WAS WINSTON CHURCHILL. JMO

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E/W -- WALLENBERG'S BROTHER JOINS DISAPPEARANCE ANNIVERSARY

LONDON, JAN 16 (UPI) -- THE HALF-BROTHER OF MISSING SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, WHO DISAPPEARED 40 YEARS AGO AFTER SAVING 100,000 JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS, SAID WEDNESDAY HE REMAINS CONVINCED WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE SOMEWHERE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

PROFESSOR GUY VON DARDEL, IN LONDON TO COMMEMORATE ON THURSDAY THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BROTHER'S DISAPPEARANCE, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THERE HAD BEEN "SEVERAL RECENT SIGHTINGS OF MY BROTHER IN SOVIET PRISONS AND HOSPITALS BUT I CAN NOT GIVE ANY DETAILS."

VON DARDEL SAID "MY HOPE THAT HE IS ALIVE IS QUITE HIGH." BUT PRESSED LATER BY REPORTERS HE INSISTED "I AM TOTALLY CONVINCED MY BROTHER REMAINS ALIVE."

HE SAID "I LIVE IN HOPE THAT AS THE YEARS GO BY, A NEW GENERATION OF SOVIET LEADERS WILL EMERGE WHO WILL NOT BE SO BOTHERED ABOUT COVERING UP THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MY BROTHER'S DISAPPEARANCE AND WHO WILL REALIZE THAT IT IS IN THEIR INTERESTS TO REMOVE THIS STUMBLING BLOC IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS."

WALLENBERG'S RELATIVE SPOKE AS IF THE DIPLOMAT WERE STILL ALIVE AND POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE AS YET PRODUCED NO RELIABLE EVIDENCE THAT HE DIED.

IN 1944 WALLENBERG WAS SENT TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY AT THE BEHEST OF THE AMERICAN AND SWEDISH GOVERNMENTS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO SAVE AS MANY JEWS AS POSSIBLE FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS. HE DISTRIBUTED SWEDISH PASSPORTS TO 20,000 AND PERSUADED THE NAZIS NOT TO BLOW UP THE JEWISH GHETTO IN BUDAPEST. BUT IN 1945 WALLENBERG WAS ARRESTED BY THE RUSSIANS AND TAKEN TO A MOSCOW PRISON ON SUSPICION OF BEING A WESTERN SPY.

FOR 12 YEARS THE SOVIETS DENIED HOLDING WALLENBERG, BUT IN 1957 THEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO TOLD THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT THAT HE HAD DIED IN 1947 IN LUBYANKA PRISON.

THE SOVIETS HAVE STUCK TO THIS STORY DESPITE ACCOUNTS FROM FORMER INMATES OF SOVIET PRISONS WHO SAID THEY MET THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT IN RECENT YEARS.

ALTHOUGH VON DARDEL ADMITTED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS THE RELIABILITY OF MANY OF THE RECENT SIGHTINGS, HE SAID "THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT MY BROTHER HAS BEEN TREATED BADLY. IN FACT THE SOVIETS EVEN APPEAR TO BE QUITE CONCERNED FOR HIS HEALTH AS A NUMBER OF THE SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN IN HOPITALS WHERE HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING TREATMENT FOR ONE THING OR ANOTHER. FOR THIS REASON I THINK IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HE HAS SURVIVED ALL THIS TIME."

VON DARDEL SAID HE WOULD NOT NAME THE SOURCES OF THE MOST RECENT SIGHTINGS BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT TO COMPROMISE ANYONE INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION.

VON DARDEL'S VISIT IS PART OF A LONG CAMPAIGN TO PERSUADE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS INTO PRESSURING THE SOVIETS TO RELEASE WALLENBERG. "ALL I WANT" VON DARDEL SAID "IS THAT MY BROTHER, WHO IS NOW 72, BE ALLOWED TO SPEND THE LAST YEARS OF HIS LIFE IN FREEDOM."

VON DARDEL MET WEDNESDAY WITH MALCOLM RIFKIND, A JUNIOR FOREIGN OFFICE MINISTER WHO, VON DARDEL SAID, GAVE HIM ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD RAISE THE WALLENBERG CASE WITH THE SOVIETS BUT COULD NOT SAY WHEN. HE SAID RIFKIN ADDED THAT HE HAD ALREADY RAISED THE CASE ON TWO SEPERATE OCCASIONS WITH THE SOVIETS BUT HAD RECIEVED NO SATISFACTORY RESPONSE. GL/

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E/W- 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF RAOUL WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE JAN.17

STOCKHOLM, JAN 15 (AP) - THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL COMMEMORATION YET FOR MISSING SWEDISH ENVOY RAOUL WALLENBERG APPROACHED THIS WEEK WITH NO NEW FACTS ON HIS DISAPPEARANCE INTO SOVIET HANDS JANUARY 17, 1945.

"WE CONTINUALLY RECEIVE NEW INFORMATION ABOUT RAOUL BUT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO VERIFY IT," HIS SISTER NINA LABERGREN TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

"WE CAN'T REVEAL THE SOURCES, AS THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THESE REPORTS MAY RISK REPERCUSSIONS," SHE ADDED.

WALLENBERG SUCCESSFULLY ARRANGED THE ESCAPE OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM GERMAN-OCCUPIED HUNGARY BEFORE HIS DISAPPEARANCE 40 YEARS AGO. A SCION OF SWEDEN'S LEADING INDUSTRIAL FAMILY, HE WILL BE HONORED THIS WEEK FROM SWEDEN TO AUSTRALIA.

IN STOCKHOLM, HE WAS TO BE HONORED AT THE CITY CATHEDRAL.

IN LONDON, WHERE THREE BIRCHES WERE PLANTED SUNDAY IN HOLOCAUST GARDEN IN HYDE PARK, SPEECHES WERE TO BE MADE BY BRITISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT GREVILLE JANNER AND PROFESSOR GUY VON DARDEL, WALLENBERG'S BROTHER, AT A CEREMONY THURSDAY.

IN THE UNITED STATES, WHERE WALLENBERG IS AN HONORARY CITIZEN, THE SWEDISH ENVOY WAS TO BE HONORED AT A CEREMONY OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY HALL WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS JEANE KIRKPATRICK AND MAYOR ED KOCH AS MAIN SPEAKERS.

CHURCH BELLS IN THE UNITED STATES, ISRAEL AND SWEDEN WERE TO STRIKE 40 TIMES, ONCE FOR EACH YEAR WALLENBERG HAS BEEN MISSING, ORGANIZERS HERE SAID. OTHER COMMEMORATIONS WERE PLANNED IN AUSTRALIA AND WEST GERMANY, THEY SAID.

SECRET GOVERNMENT FILES RELEASED IN 1982, SHOWED THAT WALLENBERG, SAVED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS DURING A SIX-MONTH PERIOD IN 1944 IN BUDAPEST, RISKING HIS LIFE IN THE CHAOTIC CLOSING MONTHS OF WORLD WAR II, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID.

WALLENBERG WAS SENT ON A MERCY MISSION TO THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL AS LEGATION SECRETARY BUT WAS SPONSORED FINANCIALLY BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AND JEWISH AGENCIES.

"I DON'T KNOW IF I GO AS THEIR GUEST OR THEIR PRISONER," WALLENBERG TOLD A FRIEND 40 YEARS AGO, TAKING ONLY A SLEEPING BAG, A RUCKSACK AND A BRIEFCASE WHEN HE LEFT BUDAPEST IN HIS CAR ESCORTED BY SOVIET SOLDIERS TO SEE SOVIET MARSHAL RODEON MALINOVSKY AND THE NEW HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN DEBRECEN TO DISCUSS CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TO HUNGARIAN JEWS AFTER THE SOVIET LIBERATION OF BUDAPEST.

WALLENBERG IS NOT KNOWN EVER TO HAVE ARRIVED IN DEBRECEN.

SUCCESSIVE SWEDISH GOVERNMENTS' QUESTIONS IN MOSCOW FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES BROUGHT ONLY A REPLY FIRST MADE IN 1947 THAT WALLENBERG HAD DIED OF ILLNESS IN THE NOTORIOUS LUBLYANKA PRISON, NEAR BOTH THE KREMLIN AND THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW

EARLIER, THE SOVIETS HAD DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF WALLENBERG. SINCE THEN THEY HAVE REPEATED THEIR 1947 CONTENTION THAT HE DIED, DESPITE CLAIMS BY A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, MOSTLY EX-PRISONERS, THAT THEY HAD MET OR HEARD OF WALLENBERG IN VARIOUS SOVIET PRISONS AS LATE AS A FEW YEARS AGO.

THE YOUNG DIPLOMAT, CARRYING LARGE SUMS IN VALUABLES, WAS ARRESTED BY SOVIET RED ARMY TROOPS ON JAN 17, 1945.

ONE DAY LATER, A SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD WORRIED SWEDEN THAT THE RED ARMY "HAD TAKEN MEASURES TO PROTECT WALLENBERG AND HIS PROPERTY AFTER FINDING HIM IN THE STREET."

WALLENBERG WOULD BE 72 TODAY IF HE SURVIVED.

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TWO SWEDISH PROFESSORS HAVE STUDIED THE WALLEMBERG AFFAIR THOROUGHLY AND CONSIDER IT LIKELY THE DIPLOMAT DIED IN THE LUBLYANKA PRISON IN 1947, BUT THE WORKING HYPOTHESIS OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS THAT WALLEMBERG IS STILL ALIVE.

"AT LEAST WE CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE DIED IN 1947 AS STATED," SAID A HIGH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN 1982 WHEN THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT RELEASED 13,300 PREVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED PAGES OF DOCUMENTS ON WALLEMBERG.

SOME 1,200 PAGES OF THE WALLEMBERG FILE ARE STILL CLASSIFIED, PARTLY BECAUSE THEY REFLECT TESTIMONY FROM EAST EUROPEAN WITNESSES WHO COULD FACE REPERCUSSIONS AND PARTLY BECAUSE THEY REFLECT TESTIMONY FROM GOVERNMENT WITNESSES WHO STIPULATED THAT THEIR TESTIMONY BE KEPT CLOSED.

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15 JAN 85 13:40

E/W -- SWEDISH DIPLOMAT'S FATE STILL UNCLEAR AFTER 40 YEARS
 STOCKHOLM, JAN 15, REUTER - CEREMONIES ARE TO BE HELD IN MANY WESTERN COUNTRIES THIS WEEK TO MARK THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL (WALLENBERG) WHO HAS BEEN CREDITED WITH SAVING THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM NAZI GAS CHAMBERS. WALLENBERG WAS LAST SEEN ON JANUARY 17, 1945, SHORTLY AFTER SOVIET TROOPS ENTERED BUDAPEST, TRAVELLING WITH A RUSSIAN OFFICER AND HIS DRIVER TO REPORT TO SOVIET HEADQUARTERS AT THE TOWN OF DEBRECEN. THE SOVIET UNION SAID HE WAS TAKEN UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE RED ARMY AND DIED IN MOSCOW'S LUBYANKA PRISON IN 1947, APPARENTLY OF A HEART ATTACK.

SUCCESSIVE SWEDISH GOVERNMENTS AND WALLENBERG'S RELATIVES HAVE NEVER ACCEPTED THIS AND BELIEVE HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE IN A SOVIET PRISON.

SOME 25 RAOUL WALLENBERG COMMITTEES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE ORGANISING CEREMONIES IN HONOUR OF THE MAN WHO SET UP SAFE HOUSES FOR JEWS AND EVEN DRAGGED THEM FROM CATTLE TRUCKS BOUND FOR THE DEATH CAMPS, CLAIMING THEY WERE SWEDISH CITIZENS.

WALLENBERG WAS APPOINTED FIRST SECRETARY AT NEUTRAL SWEDEN'S LEGATION IN BUDAPEST IN 1944 AND ENTRUSTED WITH A SPECIAL MISSION TO SAVE AS MANY JEWISH LIVES AS POSSIBLE.

THE THEN 32-YEAR-OLD DIPLOMAT ISSUED SWEDISH PASSPORTS TO TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS TO SAVE THEM FROM DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE GERMANS AND HUNGARY'S ARROW CROSS FASCIST GOVERNMENT.

SVEN JULIN, THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS CASE, SAID: "OFFICIALLY RAOUL WALLENBERG IS CONSIDERED TO BE ALIVE UNTIL EVIDENCE IS PROVIDED TO THE CONTRARY."

A SOVIET STATEMENT IN 1957 SAID A MEDICAL REPORT SHOWED WALLENBERG HAD DIED 10 YEARS EARLIER, BUT THE REPORT WAS NEVER PRODUCED. PRISONERS RELEASED FROM THE SOVIET UNION SAID HE WAS ALIVE AS LATE AS THE 1970S.

"WE STILL GET SEVERAL TESTIMONIES EVERY YEAR," JULIN SAID. "WE ARE SURE WALLENBERG WAS ALIVE AFTER 1947 SO WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE SOVIET STATEMENT OF 1957. THE RUSSIANS ARE WELL AWARE THAT WALLENBERG IS BY NO MEANS A CLOSED CASE FOR US."

THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE ON THURSDAY WILL BE MARKED BY 40 CHIMES OF CHURCH BELLS IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE HE WAS MADE AN HONORARY CITIZEN.

A STATUE TO HIM WILL BE UNVEILED IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA. PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK, BRITAIN, AND ISRAEL. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN STOCKHOLM CATHEDRAL.

INGRID GARDE WIDEMAR OF THE SWEDISH RAOUL WALLENBERG ASSOCIATION SAID THURSDAY'S CEREMONIES WERE PART OF CONTINUING EFFORTS TO FOCUS PUBLIC OPINION ON HIS CASE.

"IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE TO INFLUENCE THE RUSSIANS," SHE SAID. WALLENBERG'S FAMILY ARE CONVINCED HE IS ALIVE AND CONTINUE TO CAMPAIGN ON HIS BEHALF. THEY HAVE ACCUSED THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AT THE TIME OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE OF NOT PRESSING HIS CASE SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDISE GOOD RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW.

HIS HALF-SISTER NINA LAGERGREN BELIEVES HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE RUSSIANS BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT HE WAS AN AMERICAN SPY, SAYING THAT MOSCOW KNEW HIS RESCUE ACTIVITIES WERE PARTLY FINANCED BY THE U.S.

"RAOUL HIMSELF HAS SAID TO OTHER PRISONERS THAT THE RUSSIANS BELIEVED HIM TO BE AN AMERICAN SPY," SHE TOLD REUTERS. "BUT RAOUL WAS NOT A SPY. HE STAKED HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE THE LIVES OF SO MANY OTHERS." BY

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E/W - DEMONSTRATING FOR RAOUL WALLEMBERG

MUNICH, JAN. 15 - (CND) - THE BONN-BASED GESELLSCHAFT KONTINENT, A CULTURAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EAST EUROPE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING:

AM 17. JANUAR JAEHRT SICH ZUM 40. MAL DIE BIS HEUTE RAETSELHAFTE VERHAFTUNG UND ANSCHLIESSENDE VERSCHLEPPUNG DES SCHWEDISCHEN DIPLOMATEN R A O U L W A L L E N B E R G DURCH DIE SOWJETS IN BUDAPEST. WALLEMBERG HATTE DURCH SEINEN UNERHOERT TAPFEREN PERSOENLICHEN EINSATZ RUND HUNDERTTAUSEND UNGARISCHE JUDEN VOR DER PHASISCHEN VERNICHTUNG DURCH DIE NATIONALSOZIALISTEN ZU RETTEN VERSUCHT. NACH AUSKUNFT DER KREMLFUEHRUNG IST RAOUL WALLEMBERG 1947 IM MOSKAUER LUBJANKA-GEFAENGNIS GESTORBEN. ZUSAMMEN MIT SEINEN ANGEHOERIGEN SIND INDESSEN ZAHLREICHE MENSCHEN UEBERZEUGT, DASS ER AUCH HEUTE NOCH IN SOWJETISCHER BEFANGENSCHAFT LEBT. 1981 ERFUHR WALLEMBERG DIE SELTENE ERNENNUNG ZUM EHRENBUEGER DER USA. WAS IMMER RAOUL WALLEMBERGS SCHICKSAL SEIN MAG - OB ER TOT, ODER AM LEBEN IST: - IN IHM GILT ES EINEN MANN ZU EHREN, DER UNTER GEFAHR FUER LEIB UND LEBEN TAUSENDE VON MENSCHENLEBEN GERETTET HAT UND DAMIT ZU DEN HERAUSRAGENDEN LICHTGESTALTEN NICHT NUR UNSERES JAHRHUNDERTS, SONDERN DER MENSCHHEITSGESCHICHTE UEBERHAUPT GEWORDEN IST.

IN ERINNERUNG AN RAOUL WALLEMBERG RUFT DIE GESELLSCHAFT KONTINENT ZU EINER AUSGEDEHNTEN FRIEDLICHEN DEMONSTRATION VOR DER SOWJETISCHEN BOTSCHAFT AUF, ALS DER VERTRETUNG DES LANDES, DAS FUER WALLEMBERGS TRAGISCHES UND WOHL EINZIGARTIGES SCHICKSAL VERANTWORTLICH IST. AD/

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WALLENBERG'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

By Judy Dempsey (S)

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LEAD IN: This week marks the 40th anniversary of the disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg, the young Swedish diplomat who, while serving in Budapest in 1944, saved the lives of thousands of Jews from the extermination camps. But he never returned to Sweden after the War and reports over the years have claimed that he either died in the Soviet Union or else is still alive in a Soviet prison. With the background to this extraordinary case, here's Judy Dempsey of the BBC:

Nobody, at least in the West, knows where Raoul Wallenberg is. Swedish diplomats do not know whether he is alive or dead, although one, the Swedish Ambassador to Britain, Mr. Leif Leifland, said last week that "The Swedish government believes that Raoul Wallenberg is still alive". His family and relatives have no idea of his whereabouts either. What the West does know is that the last definite identification was in January 1945. He was accompanied by a Soviet major and escort, and was on his way to see the Soviet Marshal, Malinovsky, who had arrived in Hungary as head of one of the first Soviet armies to enter the country. He was never seen again. As a result of internal pressure from Sweden in 1946, the Swedish Ambassador to Moscow met with Stalin to inquire after Wallenberg's whereabouts. Stalin suggested that he "fell victim either to a road accident or bandits". The Soviet officials denied the truth or a report that Wallenberg had been seen in a Soviet prison camp. Then, in July 1957, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, produced a document which stated that Wallenberg had died of a heart attack in the KGB's Lyubyanka Prison - a victim of the Stalinist era. This was the first Soviet admission that he had been in their custody.

Raoul Wallenberg - son of a distinguished Swedish family - had first arrived in Budapest on July 9th, 1944. When President Roosevelt set up the War Refugee Board, (WRB), with the aim of saving Jews and others from Nazi persecution, Wallenberg, then 32 years old, was chosen as the WRB's Swedish diplomatic representative in Budapest. He was given full powers to do everything possible to carry out these tasks.

By the time Wallenberg arrived in Budapest, several thousands of Hungarian Jews had already been sent to the concentration camps. The Budapest Ghetto was about to be created and the pressure on the Jewish community increased even more when the Hungarian Arrow Cross Nazis took over the government in October 1944. Wallenberg's main strategy was to provide as many Swedish passports as possible to Jews, which in effect allowed them safe passage out of the country and protection within the country. He personally intervened in many cases in the Budapest Ghetto and even boarded deportation trains taking Jews to the concentration camps. In all he saved at least 20,000 Jews. A British House of Commons Report in 1982 stated that

4,000 Jews were given sanctuary in houses which Wallenberg himself bought and over which he flew the Swedish flag; some 8,000 Jewish children were housed in special shelters; and some 20,000 people were made honorary Swedish citizens and given Swedish passports.

When the Soviet army reached eastern Hungary in late 1944, Wallenberg was anxious to make contact in order to appeal for emergency food and medical supplies. He made a request to see Marshal Malinovsky. He never returned to Budapest.

A number of reports reaching the West from people who spent time in Soviet prison camps immediately after the War allege that they either met Wallenberg or knew people who had met the Swedish diplomat. Pressure in the West has been kept up to find out exactly what happened to Wallenberg. But the Soviet Union has insisted that the case is now closed.

But for his relatives, the citizens of Sweden, and the thousands of Jews who were saved by Wallenberg, the case is far from closed. Nor is it closed in Hungary where respect for Wallenberg runs very deep. Concern for the sensitivities of Hungary's Soviet ally had ruled out any public discussion of the Wallenberg case until last spring. Then, a respected Hungarian journal HISTORIA (No.1, 1984) recalled that after the War the grateful citizens of Budapest had put up a large monument to Wallenberg in the form of a man battling with a serpent. The night before its planned unveiling in 1949, the monument disappeared. It was thought that Russian soldiers pulled it down. Eventually the statue turned up in 1953 in Debrecen where it has remained ever since. The HISTORIA article suggested that the Wallenberg monument be returned to Budapest in time for this month's 40th anniversary of Wallenberg's disappearance. The official MAGYAR NEMZET (March 9, 1984, the Patriotic Front's newspaper) commented that "we are living in an age that considers it a pre-eminent duty to carry out its historical obligations." True, two streets in Budapest are named after Wallenberg - but MAGYAR NEMZET suggested that a more substantial tribute be acknowledged to him.

In the meantime, the West can expect little change in Moscow's silence on the Wallenberg case.

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E/W -- FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLEBERG DISAPPEARANCE

STOCKHOLM, JAN. 14 (UPI) -- FORTY YEARS AGO THURSDAY, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED 100,000 JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS WAS DRIVEN OFF BY A RED ARMY PATROL TO SOVIET PRISON CAMPS, WHERE HIS FAMILY BELIEVES HE STILL LANGUISHES.

HOI OCAUST HERO RAOUL WALLEBERG, THEN 32, WAS ESCORTED BY A SOVIET MILITARY PATROL FROM HIS LIFE-SAVING DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN BUDAPEST JAN. 17, 1945.

"I DON'T KNOW IF I AM THEIR GUEST OR THEIR PRISONER," WALLEBERG TOLD AN AIDE BEFORE BEING DRIVEN OFF.

HIS ABDUCTION WAS ORDERED BY LATE SOVIET PRESIDENT LEONID BREZHNEV, THEN A RED ARMY POLITICAL COMMISSAR, ACCORDING TO A TESTIMONY IN RECENT YEARS BY AN EX-RED ARMY LIEUTENANT.

THE STALINIST SECRET POLICE, WHO HAD LITTLE UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DIPLOMAT'S HUMANITARIAN WORK, APPARENTLY TOOK HIM FOR A WESTERN SPY AND SENT HIM INTO THE SOVIET GULAG ARCHIPELAGO, EXPERTS SAY.

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLEBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE WILL BE HONORED BY RAOUL WALLEBERG COMMITTEES THROUGHOUT THE WEST WITH RENEWED CALLS ON MOSCOW TO RELEASE THE LEGENDARY DIPLOMAT, WHO REPORTS INDICATE MAY STILL BE ALIVE AT 72.

"WE ARE BETTING NEW REPORTS ALL THE TIME, ONE AS LATE AS IN 1984," SAID INGRID GARDE VIDEMAR, HEAD OF THE SWEDISH COMMITTEE.

"WE STILL BELIEVE THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT HE IS ALIVE. THE RUSSIANS HAVE NOT PRODUCED ANY EVIDENCE THAT HE IS DEAD," SAID MS. GARDE VIDEMAR, A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.

COMMITTEES ARE NOW ASKING U.S. PRESIDENT REAGAN TO SEEK THE TRUTH ABOUT WALLEBERG'S FATE IN A POSSIBLE SUMMIT WITH SOVIET PRESIDENT KONSTANTIN CHERNENKO, SHE SAID.

WALLEBERG, SENT TO BUDAPEST IN 1944 TO SAVE JEWS AT THE BEHEST OF THE SWEDISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, WAS MADE AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN IN 1981 -- ONLY THE SECOND SUCH BESIDE WINSTON CHURCHILL.

LAST YEAR, THE FAMILY OF THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT SUED THE KREMLIN IN U.S. FEDERAL COURT FOR HIS RELEASE AND DLRS. 39 MILLION IN DAMAGES.

LAWYERS OF THE FAMILY SAID THEY KNEW OF PRISONERS WHO LIVED WELL INTO THEIR 80S IN SOVIET PRISONS, ADDING THAT AS A POLITICAL PRISONER WALLEBERG WOULD PROBABLY BE TREATED WELL.

FOR SIX SHORT MONTHS UNTIL THE RUSSIANS REACHED BUDAPEST IN THE TWILIGHT OF WORLD WAR II, WALLEBERG ACTED AS A ONE-MAN SAVIOR OF MORE THAN 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS, SETTING UP A STAFF PRODUCING THOUSANDS OF SWEDISH PASSPORTS TO PROTECT THEM.

IGNORING GUN-TOTING NAZI GUARDS, WALLEBERG PERSONALLY BOARDED CATTLE CARS HEADED FOR NAZI DEATH CAMPS TO DISTRIBUTE THE PASSPORTS AMONG THE JEWS INSIDE, SAVING THEM FROM EXTERMINATION.

AT ONE POINT, WALLEBERG STOPPED NAZI PLANS TO BLOW UP THE JEWISH GHETTO IN BUDAPEST BY TELLING A NAZI GENERAL: "IF YOU DO THAT I WILL SEE TO IT THAT YOU ARE HANGED AFTER THE WAR."

FOR 12 YEARS, THE SOVIETS DENIED HOLDING WALLEBERG, BUT IN 1957 THEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO TOLD SWEDEN THE DIPLOMAT HAD DIED IN MOSCOW'S LUBLYANKA PRISON IN 1947. GROMYKO SAID WALLEBERG'S BODY WAS CREMATED WITHOUT AN AUTOPSY.

FOR YEARS, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT FAILED TO PRESSURE MOSCOW FOR WALLEBERG'S RELEASE. THE EARLY HANDLING OF THE CASE AND THE CONTINUED UNCERTAINTY IS STILL AN EMBARRASSMENT TO STOCKHOLM.

MEANWHILE, MOSCOW HAS STUCK TO GROMYKO'S VERSION, DESPITE ACCOUNTS FROM FORMER INMATES IN SOVIET PRISONS WHO SAID THEY MET THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT IN RECENT YEARS.

HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES LAST MAY ASSURED AN AMERICAN JEWISH DELEGATION A RAOUL WALLEBERG MEMORIAL WOULD BE CREATED IN BUDAPEST, REPLACING A STATUE OF THE DIPLOMAT DESTROYED UNDER UNCLEAR CIRCUMSTANCES IN 1950 SOON AFTER BEING ERECTED. GL/

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E/W -- RIGHTS GROUP SAYS IT HAS NEW EVIDENCE ON WALLEMBERG
FRANKFURT, WEST GERMANY JAN. 10 (UPI) -- THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THURSDAY SAID IT HAD NEW EVIDENCE LEGENDARY SWEDISH
DIPLOMAT RAOU WALLEMBERG WAS ALIVE AS RECENTLY AS 1962 IN A SOVIET
PENAL CAMP.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION SAID A LITHUANIAN FELLOW PRISONER
WROTE HE WAS IN THE SAME CAMP WITH WALLEMBERG, WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF
HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM WARTIME NAZI EXTERMINATION, BETWEEN 1953 AND
1962.

WALLEMBERG, THEN 32, DISAPPEARED IN BUDAPEST IN 1945. THERE HAVE
BEEN FREQUENT REPORTS HE WAS SEEN LATER IN SOVIET JAILS.

THE SOCIETY, WHICH MONITORS HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE, SAID THE
EVIDENCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE UNDERGROUND SOVIET MAGAZINE "HISTORY OF
THE UKRANIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH", A COLLECTION OF ACCOUNTS OF ALLEGED
SOVIET REPRESSION IN THE UKRAINE.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE THIRD VOLUME OF THE MAGAZINE, PUBLISHED
SECRETLY IN APRIL 1984, HAD JUST REACHED THE WEST AND CARRIED THE
BRIEF MEMOIR OF WALLEMBERG BY THE LITHUANIAN ARMY OFFICER.

UNDER THE NAME "A. BAGDONAS", HE WROTE THAT HE WAS JAILED WITH
WALLEMBERG AND 150 OTHER MOSTLY FOREIGN PRISONERS IN 1953 AT A PENAL
CAMP AT NORILSK, NORTHERN SIBERIA AND THEN A PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC IN
KAZAN, ON THE VOLGA.

IN 1962, BAGDONAS WROTE, HE WAS MOVED AWAY TO YET ANOTHER CAMP AND
LOST CONTACT WITH THE SWEDÉ.

THE SOVIET UNION INITIALLY DENIED ALL KNOWLEDGE OF WALLEMBERG,
MADE AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN IN 1981 FOR HIS EFFORTS IN SMUGGLING
JEWS OUT OF NAZI-OCCUPIED HUNGARY IN 1944-5 ON SWEDISH DOCUMENTS.

BUT IN 1947, THEN DEPUTY SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO
SAID WALLEMBERG WAS IMPRISONED ON STALINIST SECRET POLICE ORDERS AND
DIED IN JAIL IN THE SOVIET UNION IN 1947.

SINCE THEN, THERE HAVE BEEN REGULAR EYEWITNESS CLAIMS TO HAVING
SEEN WALLEMBERG ALIVE IN SOVIET JAILS AS LATE AS 1975.

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LATAN- A DAY FOR RAOUL WALLENBERG

BY SUSAN HELLER ANDERSON AND MAURICE CARROLL

NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK, OCT. 6 -- A MENORAH WAS SET ON A CARD TABLE ON A SIDEWALK NEAR THE UNITED NATIONS YESTERDAY FOR A CEREMONY HONORING RAOUL WALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS AND WHO DISAPPEARED AFTER BEING SEIZED BY THE RUSSIANS IN 1947.

"WE LIGHT THIS MENORAH, THE CANDLES OF HOPE," RABBI BRUCE COLE OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH SAID IN A PRAYER.

"THIS IS PERSONAL WITH ME," SAID ASSEMBLYMAN ALAN G. HEVESI OF QUEENS, CO-SPONSORS WITH SENATOR DONALD M. HALPERIN OF BROOKLYN OF A NEW LAW SETTING OCT. 5 AS RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY IN NEW YORK STATE. "I'M A HUNGARIAN. WALLENBERG SAVED MY UNCLE AND AUNT."

THE SEVEN CANDLES WERE LIT BY NANE CRONSTEDT, A NIECE OF MR. WALLENBERG'S, AND RACHEL HASPEL, PRESIDENT OF THE WALLENBERG COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES.

IT WAS "FITTING AND APPROPRIATE," SAID RABBI COLE, THAT THE CEREMONY WAS JUST BEFORE THE START OF YOM KIPPUR, "WHEN WE REMEMBER ALL THE GREAT MARTYRS, THE GREAT HEROES."

SUNLIGHT PLAYED THROUGH THE YELLOWING TREES IN FRONT OF THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL WALL ON 47TH STREET. THE CANDLES FLICKERED IN A FITFUL BREEZE FROM THE EAST AND, ONE BY ONE, STARTED TO SPUTTER OUT. A LONE CANDLE CONTINUED BRAVELY TO BURN. 1L

THE ABOVE WILL APPEAR IN THE

Р. Валенберг
AC №5431. "Хроника католической церкви на Украине", МВ
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Друзья!

Божьим провидением судьба предопределила мой путь, которым я обязан был идти долгих двадцать лет по огромному советскому концлагерю.

Впервые я освободился в 1976 г. и тогда впервые услышал, что дело Рауля ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА поднято из тьмы забвения. О Р.ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГЕ я в лагере ничего не слышал; однажды - это было в Мордовии в центральной больнице - из иностранной полит. зоны привезли "зэка" по фамилии ВОРОБЕЙ, подданный Польши, который в бытность свою был большевистским ятаком - переводил советскую агентуру на польскую сторону, но ряд провалов - и хозяева вызвали своего агента в СССР, где в 1934 г. он был осужден на 10 лет лагерей. Так вот, ВОРОБЕЙ говорил, что встречал в 1947 г. шофера Р.ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА, где - я теперь не помню, а тогда не думал, что эта история будет иметь какую-то связь с моими поисками в будущем.

В 1973 г. в Сычевском спец. концлагере для психически больных, где содержались и политзэки, я встретил литовского патриота БОГДАНАСА, подданного Германии¹. Во время войны БОГДАНАС был офицером вермахта, в 1945 г. был арестован советской контрразведкой и помещен в лагерь, где содержались одни иностранцы - это было в норильских зонах; там БОГДАНАС встретился с ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГОМ, и дальнейшая их судьба на долгие годы была неразрывно связана друг с другом. В 1951 г., после "норильского восстания"², всех живых иностранцев свезли на малую шестую зону, из 8 тыс. их осталось в живых 420 человек³... А в 1953 г. Р. ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА вместе с БОГДАНАСОМ этапом отправили в спецтырму⁴ в г.Казань. Р.ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА нача-

1. Об этом см. также АС №2918:12-13. О Богданасе см. также АС №373:5, сн.3-4.
2. В получ. копии ошибка; "Норильское восстание" состоялось в мае-июне 1953.
3. Ср. "300" (АС №2918:13), "150" (АС №2918:5).
4. Точнее: СПБ.

ли лечить от самого себя - в диагнозе ему поставили "манию величия" - якобы он выдает себя за шведского дипломата... В 1962 г. БОГДАНАСА вывезли из Казани, и о ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГЕ больше никто ничего не слышал. А все то, что говорилось в последнее время, не отвечает действительности, потому как никто правильно не обрисовал Р. ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА.

На этом можно было бы закончить, но по велению случая мне пришлось в 1976 г. создать Украинский комитет по делу Р.ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА. Началось с того, что из Венгрии в 75 году приехала моя родственница Гобия СИКЛО-КАЛЬМАН, я в то время был еще в концлагере; она просила, чтобы я узнал, нет ли где в полит. зонах Р.ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА. Но эта информация до меня не дошла... Сама же сестра искала фотографии ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА, которые должны были быть у моей тети Анны МАЙОРЕНКО, в бытность свою Анна СИКЛО. Дело в том, что моя тетя, родная сестра моей матери¹, вышла замуж за Дюлу СИКЛО, который работал в Будапештском венгерском национальном банке и был одновременно держателем акций: род СИКЛО - древний аристократический род, они, как и род моего деда ФАЛЕСА Ивана, были легитимистами. В Будапеште после немецкой² оккупации монархисты полуполигально собирались на разных квартирах, уже было известно, что гестапо дало указание вести списки богатых евреев, собирались и у моих родственников, там и познакомился Рауль ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГ с моей теткой и ее мужем. Дюла СИКЛО и его брат Иштван вели дела и с другими государствами, часто ездили к моим родственникам в Карловы Вары и Кошице, ездили в Нови Сад; по-видимому, это давало им в бытность своих связей с ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГОМ (возможность) как-то помогать тем евреям, которые получали документы на выезд. Об этих делах я знаю мало, да и они в нашем деле не имеют существенной ценности.

Интересно вот что. Так как моя тетя греко-католичка, то на 14-е ждали Р.ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА на праздник Нового года, а 9-го он

1. Маргарита Глукарь.

2. Так в получ.копии; след.читать "после начала немецкой".

звонил, что придет. Будапешт был разбит, и в городе чувствовался голод; советские войска занимались повальными грабежами; для того чтобы достать кусок конины, нужно было быть счастливым... Но 14-го Рауль так и не пришел...¹

Тогда думали, что он погиб; даже когда был установлен памятник ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГУ, никто не знал, что он жив.²

Зная приблизительно дату "убийства", мы и начали поиски, которые длились долгих 8 лет, и, видно, так ничего бы и не нашли, если бы не случай. В 1981 году в Венгрии, в городе Пийче³, сестра случайно встретила человека, который был свидетелем ареста Рауля ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА! С этого момента поиски пошли совсем в другом направлении.

А в 1982 году нашелся еще один свидетель, советский офицер, который был участником ареста ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА, — этот человек со временем стал глубоко верующим человеком и покался своему духовнику. Так было конкретно установлено, что Рауль ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГ был арестован без ведома высшего командования, он был арестован по прямому указанию БРЕЖНЕВА; капитан брежневской охраны ограбил ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА, была изъята машина дипломата. ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГ требовал машину назад, и только свою, а БРЕЖНЕВ эту машину подарил еще выше... Зная, что ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГ будет обращаться непосредственно к маршалу МАЛИНОВСКОМУ, БРЕЖНЕВ пошел на арест шведского дипломата. ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГ и его пофер были арестованы и как не имеющие "документов" немецкие шпионы отправлены в Ужгородскую тюрьму, а оттуда в Норильск, куда Советы свозили цвет Европы, где последних склоняли к сотрудничеству с сов. разведкой...

Есть два живых свидетеля, которые дадут показания, если они будут нужны, любой международной комиссии по делу ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА, но патриоты рассчитывают на "тихую дипломатию" — указав вышеописанные события, может, правительство Швеции договорится с правительством СССР о выдаче Р.ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГА, если последний еще жив... Мы думаем, что ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГ умер, а жив его пофер — но даже тело дипломата должно вернуться на родину. Так мародеры спрятали человека,

1. Валленберга увезли из Будапешта 17.1.45.

2. Памятник поставлен в Будапеште в начале 1948, в апреле 1948 снесен советскими солдатами.

3. Так в получ. копии; возможно, имеется в виду г.Печ.

который был несравненно **ВЕЛИКИМ** человеком, скромным и мужественным и вместе с тем глубоко несчастным...

Что ждет меня, нетрудно предвидеть... Две дочери родились без меня: в 77 г. дочь Марьяна, а в 83 дочь Калина-Терезия. Теперь, видно, русские арестуют меня снова, я жду ареста, жду худшего... И третий ребенок, который должен появиться на свет через два месяца, меня не увидит - они умеют мстить...

Это мое письмо - мой предсмертный крик, я это чувствую: они мне не угрожали, нет - они меня предупредили: "**ВАЛЛЕНБЕРГОМ** не заниматься - не лезь не в свои сани, тебя не трогают - молчи!" Что будет со мной, с моими детьми, женой, трудно сказать, но вызов брошен, с нами **БОГ**.

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WORLD -- PRAYERS FOR WALLEMBERG AT LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY

BUDAPEST. AUGUST 4 (CND/SPECIAL/MULLINS)--LUTHERANS ATTENDING THE CHURCH ASSEMBLY IN BUDAPEST TODAY REMEMBERED RAOUL WALLEMBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO DISAPPEARED IN 1945 WHILE IN SOVIET CUSTODY AFTER SAVING THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE NAZIS.

IF WALLEMBERG IS STILL ALIVE, TODAY IS HIS 72ND BIRTHDAY.

AT THE ASSEMBLY'S REGULAR PRAYER SERVICE THIS MORNING, PASTOR KAETE MAHN (EDS: A WOMAN) OF GOETTINGEN, WEST GERMANY, SAID THAT WALLEMBERG'S COURAGE WAS AN EXAMPLE TO ALL CHRISTIANS.

MORE THAN 300 LUTHERANS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, WHO ARE ATTENDING THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION ASSEMBLY, JOINED PASTOR MAHN IN PRAYERS FOR WALLEMBERG.

BUT BISHOP ZOLTAN KALDY, HEAD OF THE HUNGARIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION, LEFT THE SERVICE BEFORE THE PRAYERS BEGAN.

OUR CORRESPONDENT SAYS THE ISSUE OF WALLEMBERG IS A SENSITIVE ONE FOR HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES. WHEN SOVIET TROOPS TOOK OVER BUDAPEST IN JANUARY 1945 HE WAS TAKEN TO SOVIET HEADQUARTERS. HE TOLD THOSE WHO WERE WITH HIM HE EXPECTED TO BE AWAY ONLY A FEW HOURS BUT HE WAS NEVER SEEN IN PUBLIC AGAIN. APPARENTLY SOVIET SECURITY BELIEVED HIM TO BE A WESTERN INTELLIGENCE AGENT.

ANDREI GROMYKO SAID IN 1957 THAT WALLEMBERG HAD DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN PRISON TEN YEARS BEFORE. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE.

AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE, ARCHBISHOP BERTIL WERKSTROM (EDS: THE "O" IS PRONOUNCED LIKE THE GERMAN OE) OF UPPSALA, HEAD OF THE SWEDISH DELEGATION AT THE BUDAPEST ASSEMBLY, TOLD OUR CORRESPONDENT: "WE DON'T GIVE UP HOPE THAT HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE".

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE SWEDISH CHURCH DELEGATION SAID: "WHETHER DEAD OR ALIVE, HIS SERVICE IS STILL REMEMBERED".

ARCHBISHOP WERKSTROM SAID THE SWEDISH DELEGATION HAD ALREADY PAID THEIR RESPECTS AT A MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN BUDAPEST'S 13TH DISTRICT HONORING WALLEMBERG, AND NO SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS WERE PLANNED FOR TODAY.

A SMALL GROUP OF AMERICAN LUTHERANS, LED BY BISHOP DAVID PREUS, YESTERDAY DEFIED CHURCH LEADERS AND HELD A BRIEF COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE AT THE PLAQUE. RE/BOR

Munich, July 27 - (CND/EC) ¹⁹⁸⁴ - Following appeared in today's FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, titled: "Ein politisierender Bischof erhebt Anspruch auf das Praesidentenamt"

K.A.O. BUDAPEST, 26. Juli. Der Anspruch des leitenden Bischofs der ungarischen lutherischen Kirche, Káldy, auf das Amt des Präsidenten des Lutherischen Weltbundes hat die Vollversammlung in Budapest in Schwierigkeiten gebracht. Ein ungarischer Pfarrer hat den Bischof wegen dessen politischer Verbindungen und Aktivitäten in einem "offenen Brief" scharf kritisiert. Die Versammlung befaßte sich auch mit dem bis heute nicht aufgeklärten Schicksal des im Januar 1945 von den Russen verschleppten Raoul Wallenberg, des zweiten Sekretärs der schwedischen Botschaft in Ungarn.

Die Bewerbung Káldys um Präsidentenamt als Nachfolger für den tansanischen Bischof Kiliba hat von Anfang an Vergehenheit geschaffen. Sichtbar wird dies auch aus der Vorverlegung der Begins der Wahlen vom Freitag auf den Dienstag nächster Woche. Dadurch will die Vollversammlung für die erwarteten komplizierten Verhandlungen Zeit gewinnen. Es wird befürchtet, daß die Wahl des Ortsbischof der gastgebenden Kirche zum Präzedenzfall dafür werde, daß künftig immer der Bischof des Tagungsorts der Vollversammlung Präsident des Lutherischen Weltbundes werden müsse. Der Tagungsort aber muß lange vorher bestimmt werden, vom kleinen Exekutivkomitee.

Ein anderer Einwand ist Káldys Alter. Er wäre bei Ende seiner Präsidentenzeit älter als 70 Jahre. Bei der langjährigen schweren Krankheit des jetzigen Präsidenten Kiliba hat sich herausgestellt, wie nötig für eine gedeihlichen Arbeit die Mitwirkung des Präsidenten ist. Seine Aufgabe ist nicht nur Beratung, er muß den Lutherischen Weltbund durch Anregungen wachhalten und muß die unterschiedlichen theologischen, kulturellen, kirchenpolitischen und politischen Strömungen zusammenführen. Der Präsident muß dazu auch frei von allen politischen Bindungen sein. Auch das spricht gegen eine Wahl Káldys. Denn der ungarische Bischof ist Mitglied des Parlaments in Budapest und betätigt sich aktiv an der ungarischen Außenpolitik.

Der Brief eines ungarischen Lutheraners, des Pfarrers Doka aus Hevizgyörk bei Budapest, hat den Lutherischen Weltbund daran erinnert, daß es auch innerhalb der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche Ungarns Widerstände gegen eine Wahl Káldys zum Präsidenten des Weltbundes gibt. Daß Káldy sich nur noch auf einen Teil seiner Kirche stützen kann, ist allerdings schon früher bekanntgeworden. Er war 1938, ein Jahr nach der vom Staat erzwungenen Absetzung des angesehenen Bischofs Ordass, dessen übermächtiger Nachfolger geworden. Káldy wurde von der ungarischen Kirche auf Vorschlag der Regierung gewählt, wie es in dem Brief heißt. Die Gemeinden setzten große Erwartungen in ihn, denn er hatte sich durch seine biblischen, pietistischen Predigten Vertrauen erworben. Nun wird ihm "theologischer Terror bei der Ausübung der Kirchenleitung" vorge-

worfen. Pfarrer, die nicht die von Káldy entwickelte „Diakonische Theologie“ vertreten, würden „vor den staatlichen Behörden als Feinde des Staates“ hingestellt. Theologischer Meinungsaustrausch in der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Kirche Ungarns werde auf diese Weise unmöglich gemacht.

Der zweite Vorwurf in Pfarrer Doka Brief betrifft die Reinheit der evangelischen Lehre; die für die lutherische Kirche grundlegend ist. Káldy wird vorgehalten, das Werk Gottes und das Werk der Menschen unerlaubt zu vermengen. Das ist ein Vorwurf, der an den Kern reformatorischen Christentums rührt. Denn Luthers Reformation entzündete sich an der Lehre von der Rechtfertigung des Menschen allein durch den Glauben, ohne Werke des Menschen. In

Káldys „Diakonischer Theologie“ sei Diakonie, die helfende Zuwendung zu den Menschen, nicht nur Frucht des christlichen Glaubens was nach evangelischer Auffassung selbstverständlich ist. Diakonie sei dabei vielmehr auch eine kirchliche Aufgabe, die eigenständig, vom Evangelium getrennt, dem Evangelium gleichgestellt sei. Nach Káldy sei „die Kirche, die nur das Evangelium verkündigt, keine Kirche“. Diese „Diakonische Theologie“ werde den Pfarrern von der Kirche aufgewungen. Die Kirchenpolitik der ungarischen Regierung sei heute „den Pfarrern und Gemeinden gegenüber viel loyaler als die Kirchenleitung“. Bischof Káldy habe mündlich und schriftlich erklärt, es genüge nicht, wenn die Pfarrer ihren Gemeindefürsorge seien und Verbindung mit den lokalen staatlichen Behörden hätten. Die Pfarrer übten ihr Amt erst dann richtig und zeitgemäß aus, wenn sie den Sozialismus, mit Ausnahme des Atheismus, annehmen und die sozialistischen Zielsetzungen des Staates aktiv und unmittelbar unterstützen.

Falls der Vorwurf stimmt, Káldy nütze seine Verbindung zu den politischen Instanzen aus, um seine Macht in der Kirche zu festigen, hat Pfarrer Doka mit diesem Brief ein Risiko auf sich genommen. Der Pfarrer befindet sich gegenwärtig zu Besuch in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Er kehrt am 31. Juli nach Ungarn zurück, noch während der Vollversammlung in Budapest tagt. In den Kirchen des Lutherischen Weltbundes nimmt man an, daß Pfarrer Doka keine Nachteile in seiner Heimat entstehen; denn den Kirchen ist volle Freiheit für diese Tagung zugesagt worden.

Der Fall Wallenberg gehört zum unbewältigten, unseligen Erbe des Geschehens beim Vormarsch der russischen Armee während des Zusammenbruchs des Hitlerreiches. Nach dauern-

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den Fragen der schwedischen Regierung hatte Moskau schließlich unbestimmt eingekürzt, daß Wallenberg in einem sowjetischen Gefängnis gestorben sei. Aber mehrere aus der Sowjetunion freigelassene Häftlinge haben berichtet, sie hätten Wallenberg nach dem von den Sowjets angebotenen Todesdatum in russischer Gefangenschaft gesehen. Gerüchte, daß er noch lebe, beschäftigen die Bevölkerung und auch die Lutherische Kirche Schwedens bis heute.

Der Generalsekretär des Lutherischen Weltbunds, Mau, hat am Donnerstag eine offizielle Stellungnahme zu Wallenberg Schicksal vor der Vollversammlung abgegeben. Er bezeichnete ihn als herausragenden Lutheraner, der auch im ungarischen Volk und in der ganzen Welt geachtet werde: „Mit Mut und Entschlossenheit hat er geholfen, über 100 000 Juden zu retten, die durch das Naziregime mit der Ausrottung bedroht waren. Unmittelbar nach dem Krieg wurde er von der Sowjetarmee gefangen genommen und verschwand.“ Mau sprach Wallenbergs Familie die Anteilnahme des Lutherischen Weltbunds aus. Er sagte, daß viele die Hoffnung nicht aufgegeben hätten, er lebe noch. Die Vollversammlung trete an die Seite derer, die Klarheit über Wallenbergs Geschick verlangten. Zu seinem 72. Geburtstag am 4. August, am vorletzten Tag der Vollversammlung, will der Lutherische Weltbund Wallenbergs und seiner Familie im Gebet gedenken. Der Lutherische Weltbund hat über den Fall Wallenberg zwar nicht unmittelbar mit der Regierung Ungarns gesprochen, er hat sie aber wissen lassen, wie stark die Unklarheiten über das Schicksal des Verschwundenen die evangelische Kirche beunruhigen. Dafür habe der Weltbund bei den ungarischen Gesprächspartnern Verständnis gefunden, berichtete Generalsekretär Mau am Donnerstag.

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BUDAPEST, JULY 26 SPECIAL/MULLINS -- LUTHERANS MEETING IN BUDAPEST WILL BE SAYING SPECIAL PRAYERS NEXT WEEK FOR RAOUL WALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM THE NAZIS IN HUNGARY DURING WORLD WAR TWO.

WALLENBERG WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY THE SOVIET ARMY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE WAR AND SOVIET AUTHORITIES LATER SAID THAT HE HAD DIED IN CAPTIVITY IN THE SOVIET UNION. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE.

NEXT SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, WOULD BE HIS 72ND BIRTHDAY. A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION IN BUDAPEST SAID "WE WILL REMEMBER HIM AND HIS FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS ON THAT DAY."

THE STATEMENT SAID. "WE ARE MEETING IN A COMMUNITY WHERE A DISTINGUISHED LUTHERAN MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION, AND IS ALSO HONORED BY THE HUNGARIAN NATION AND THE WHOLE WORLD."

IT SAID THAT WALLENBERG, SECOND SECRETARY AT THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN BUDAPEST IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF WORLD WAR TWO "COURAGEOUSLY AND WITH GREAT DETERMINATION" WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SAVING OVER 100,000 JEWS THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION BY THE NAZI REGIME.

HE ISSUED THEM WITH SPECIAL SWEDISH PASSPORTS AND SET UP PROTECTED HOUSES FOR THEM IN BUILDINGS FLYING THE SWEDISH FLAG.

SWEDISH SOURCES AT THE LUTHERAN ASSEMBLY TOLD OUR CORRESPONDENT THERE THAT A HUGE STATUE IN BUDAPEST HONORING WALLENBERG WAS TO HAVE BEEN DEDICATED AT A CEREMONY IN APRIL 1948 . BUT, THEY SAID, THE STATUE WAS REMOVED BY SOVIET SOLDIERS THE NIGHT BEFORE THE CEREMONY WAS DUE TO TAKE PLACE.

THE SOURCES SAID THE STATUE STANDS TODAY IN FRONT OF A PHARMACEUTICAL FACTORY IN THE EASTERN CITY OF DEBRECEN, AND THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO WALLENBERG ON IT.

THERE IS, HOWEVER, A STREET NAMED AFTER HIM IN THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL, NEAR THE CITY S PARLIAMENT BUILDING.

THE LUTHERANS SAID TODAY "WE HAVE GREAT SYMPATHY FOR HIS FAMILY AND MANY OTHERS WHO HAVE NOT GIVEN UP HOPE THAT HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE."

THEY ADDED: "WE HAVE JOINED THOSE WHO ASK FOR CLARITY ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS." B6/

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Flaschenpost gefunden

Tap. Hamburg. Auf Bornholm wurde am Wochenende eine Flaschenpost entdeckt, die möglicherweise ein Lebenszeichen des im Jahre 1945 unter bislang ungeklärten Umständen verschwundenen schwedischen Diplomaten Raoul Wallenberg enthält. Der Schlechterarbeiter Leo Andersen hatte an einem der Strände der Insel die Flasche entdeckt, die einen Papierzettel mit dem Namen des Diplomaten

enthielt, auf dem sich außerdem der Hinweis fand, Wallenberg werde im Eismeer auf der Franz-Joseph-Insel in Gefangenschaft gehalten. Allerdings ist der Vorname des Schweden falsch geschrieben, so daß die Echtheit des Papiers bezweifelt wird. Raoul Wallenberg hatte während des Zweiten Weltkrieges versucht, ungarische Juden vor der Deportation in deutsche Konzentrationslager zu bewahren. Im Januar 1945 war er von den vorrückenden sowjetischen Truppen wegen angeblicher Zusammenarbeit mit dem amerikanischen Geheimdienst verhaftet worden. Die sowjetischen Behörden hatten ihn 1947 für tot erklärt. Allerdings hielten sich Gerüchte, daß Wallenberg noch am Leben sei.

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СЛУХИ о наших разногласиях преувеличены... Петер Валленберг, сказал это за несколько дней до пресс-конференции. Голленханн отказался. Шеф концерна «Вольво» упорно избегал журналистов. Будто опасаясь, что может не справиться и наговорить лишнего. Обойти было ясно — сказать не возьмется, но каждый надеялся провести операцию тихо, без огласки и лишнего шума. В этом ключе и была задумана пресс-конференция. Короткое сообщение, а никаких комментариев. Обозначив за одним столом, совершенно продемонстрировав полное взаимопонимание. Нет ни победителей, ни проигравших, а вмиг вышедшая шведская экономика. Клан Валленбергов уступает свою долю в концерне «Вольво» и получает взамен пакет акций предприятия «Стура коппарберг». Стоимость сделки 3 миллиарда крон.

Этой сделке предшествовала дилемма и острая борьба

двух крупнейших монополистских объединений Швеции за более мощные позиции в экономике страны. Натолкнув о предстоящих событиях. Несколько лет назад глава промышленной империи Валленбергов, ныне уже ушедший Маркус, приобрел в руках союзный пакет акций «Вольво», мечтав присоединить автомобильный концерн к своим владениям. Когда его наследники принялись доводить дело до конца, то встретили серьезное сопротивление Голленханна. Шеф «Вольво» почувствовал себя достаточно сильным, чтобы отстояться от опаски поглощения своего клана. За предлогом автомобильного концерна давно укрепилась репутация динамичного бизнесмена — широкие международные связи.

Молодой Валленберг явно не учел политически и экономически анбиций соперника. Первой пробой сил стало арестное приращение одного из крупнейших банков Швеции — «Стой-

гольме индустри банка», в котором обе корпорации имеют крупные интересы. Валленберг торопился занять освободившееся место, но у Голленханна был свой кандидат. «Патовая ситуация» разрешилась в пользу бывшего вице-президента банка. Шеф «Вольво» с возмущением рассматривался и посту главы «союза промышленников». Должность хлопотная, но дает несомненные преимущества в борьбе с кланом Валленберга. Однако этот маневр ему не удался.

«Империя Валленбергов» пыталась занять время с тем, чтобы завладеть контрольным пакетом акций «Вольво». Из административных кабинетов борьба двух экономических группировок перенеслась в зал стокогильдской биржи. Не о каком парировании не могло быть и речи. Клан Валленбергов через свои дочерние предприятия скупил несколько тысяч акций, до перевеса не добивая. Шеф «Вольво» превлек

на свою сторону эвонские монополии. Однако это вымало хитрую в Швеции. Король Голленханна начал критиковать. Слэские пришло неожиданно. На помощь «Вольво» последила крупнейшая строительная компания Швеции «Сюонкс сементхотенет». Клан Валленбергов был вынужден уступить, заключив «полубоюную сделку», о которой и было сообщено на уже упомянутой пресс-конференции.

Политию, борьба между холдингами «империя Валленбергов» и концерн «Вольво» на этом не закончилась. На данном этапе трудно, конечно, предсказать, как скоро осуществит свои десятилетние планы шеф «Вольво». Однако совершенно ясно, что в сфере шведской промышленности, где в течение десятилетий чуть ли не единолично господствовал клан Валленбергов, появился новый персонаж, не жмущий доверием, а стремящийся доминировать вторыми ролями.

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THE SOVIET UNION SAYS WALLENBERG DIED IN 1957, BUT WALLENBERG'S SUPPORTERS AROUND THE WORLD CONTEND THAT HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE IN THE SOVIET UNION. WALLENBERG WAS MADE AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN IN 1981.

RABBI HIER SAID THE GROUP OF 25 AMERICAN AND CANADIAN JEWS HE LED ON A VISIT TO HUNGARY TWO WEEKS AGO FOUND WALLENBERG STREET IN BUDAPEST ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY, BECAUSE IT IS NOT WELL MARKED ON CITY MAPS. THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BUDAPEST DID NOT HAVE GOOD INFORMATION ON THE STREET'S LOCATION.

HIER SAID THE STREET IS NEAR THE AREA OF BUDAPEST WHERE WALLENBERG WORKED IN 1944 AND 1945 TO PROVIDE SAFE PASSAGE FROM HUNGARY FOR JEWS THREATENED BY DEPORTATION TO NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

HIER SAID HIS GROUP DECIDED AFTER FINDING THE STREET TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF A WALLENBERG MEMORIAL AT THE BEGINNING OF ITS MEETING WITH SARLOS. HIER SAID THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WOULD VISIT THE SPOT IF IT WERE WELL MARKED AND SPACE WAS PROVIDED TO LAY WREATHS OF FLOWERS OR TO LIGHT CANDLES.

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HIER ALSO ASKED THAT WALLENBERG STREET BE BETTER MARKED ON MAPS, ESPECIALLY THOSE GIVEN TO WESTERN TOURISTS.

THE HUNGARIAN PROMISE TO THE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN GROUP IS RECEIVING PUBLICITY IN THE WEST. THE STORY HAS BEEN CARRIED BY WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES, AND JEWISH GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE WEST ARE BEING NOTIFIED.

HIER SAID HE WILL SOON WRITE TO THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO THANK IT FOR THE GESTURE ON A WALLENBERG MEMORIAL AND FOR ITS WILLINGNESS TO LET HUNGARY'S 80,000 JEWS PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION AND CULTURE.

HE SAID THAT A WALLENBERG MEMORIAL "WOULD BE A VERY IMPORTANT SIGN, A SIGNAL TO THE WEST THAT HUNGARY HAS THE COURAGE TO DO THAT. BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW IT WOULD BE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO MOSCOW, WHO WOULD NOT BE IN FAVOR OF IT." TW

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HIER ALSO ASKED THAT WALLENBERG STREET BE BETTER MARKED ON MAPS, ESPECIALLY THOSE GIVEN TO WESTERN TOURISTS.

THE HUNGARIAN PROMISE TO THE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN GROUP IS RECEIVING PUBLICITY IN THE WEST. THE STORY HAS BEEN CARRIED BY WESTERN NEWS AGENCIES, AND JEWISH GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE WEST ARE BEING NOTIFIED.

HIER SAID HE WILL SOON WRITE TO THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT TO THANK IT FOR THE GESTURE ON A WALLENBERG MEMORIAL AND FOR ITS WILLINGNESS TO LET HUNGARY'S 80,000 JEWS PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION AND CULTURE.

HE SAID THAT A WALLENBERG MEMORIAL "WOULD BE A VERY IMPORTANT SIGN, A SIGNAL TO THE WEST THAT HUNGARY HAS THE COURAGE TO DO THAT. BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW IT WOULD BE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO MOSCOW, WHO WOULD NOT BE IN FAVOR OF IT." TW

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EAST -- HUNGARIAN OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY OK'S WALLENBERG MEMORIAL (WITH CN 1)

BUDAPEST, MAY 19 (UPI) -- HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED TO CREATE A MEMORIAL TO RAOUL WALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM NAZI EXTERMINATION DURING WORLD WAR II AND DISAPPEARED IN 1945, AN AMERICAN JEWISH DELEGATION SAID FRIDAY.

A SPOKESWOMAN FOR A 25 U.S. AND CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES-BASED SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER SAID FIVE GROUP MEMBERS MET WITH HUNGARIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ISTVAN SARLOS FOR 90 MINUTES FRIDAY AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT A PERMANENT MEMORIAL WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

"WHAT I CAN PROMISE YOU... IS A MEMORIAL PLACE WHERE A WREATH OR A BOUQUET CAN BE LAID OR A CANDLE CAN BE LIT," THE SPOKESWOMAN, LYDIA TRIANTOPOULOS, QUOTED SARLOS AS SAYING.

SHE SAID SARLOS SAID THIS WOULD BE ON THE BUDAPEST STREET ALREADY NAMED FOR WALLENBERG.

"... I WOULD REGARD IT WORTHY TO CONSIDER WHERE WE COULD FIND A PLACE TO CREATE A SO-CALLED SHRINE OR CEREMONIAL, MEMORIAL PLACE IN HIS HONOR," SHE QUOTED SARLOS AS ADDING.

HUNGARY ERECTED A STATUE TO WALLENBERG IN THE LATE 1940S, BUT IT WAS DESTROYED SOON AFTER UNDER UNCLEAR CIRCUMSTANCES. IN RECENT MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN SUGGESTIONS IN THE HUNGARIAN MEDIA THAT A NEW MEMORIAL SHOULD BE BUILT.

THE AMERICAN GROUP ARE TOURING EUROPE ON AN ANNUAL "MISSION OF REMEMBRANCE AND RENEWAL AND VISITED BUDAPEST DURING WEEKLONG OFFICIAL CEREMONIES MARKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DESTRUCTION OF HALF A MILLION HUNGARIAN JEWS BY THE NAZIS.

THEY VISITED THE BUDAPEST DISTRICT WHERE WALLENBERG SHELTERED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS IN "SAFE HOUSES."

THEY ALSO LAID A BOUQUET AND LIT A CANDLE ON RAOUL WALLENBERG ST. A WREATHLAYING THERE AND VERBAL TRIBUTES TO WALLENBERG WERE PART OF THE OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN CEREMONIES EARLIER THIS WEEK.

"A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS WHO KNEW AND REMEMBERED WALLENBERG JOINED IN (OUR) CEREMONY, AND TRIED TO HELP PLACE THE CANDLE AND FLOWERS," MS. TRIANTOPOULOS TOLD UPI BY TELEPHONE.

"ABOUT 30 OR 40 PEOPLE GATHERED TO WATCH, AND PEOPLE HURRIED FROM A STORE WITH A STOOL SO WE COULD HANG SOME FLOWERS FROM A NAIL OVER A PLAQUE," SHE SAID.

"ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY RECEIVED A PROTECTION PASS FROM WALLENBERG," SHE SAID.

WALLENBERG ISSUED JEWS "SCHUETZPASSSES," PHONY CERTIFICATES CLAIMING THE PROTECTION OF THE SWEDISH EMBASSY, AND LODGED THEM IN FIVE OR SIX "SAFE HOUSES" UNDER SWEDISH PROTECTION.

WHEN RUSSIAN FORCES LIBERATED BUDAPEST IN 1945, THEY TOOK WALLENBERG INTO CUSTODY, AND THE DIPLOMAT, THEN ABOUT 30, DISAPPEARED. MANY PEOPLE IN THE WEST BELIEVE WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE IN A SOVIET PRISON, BUT MOSCOW SAYS HE DIED IN 1947.

PRESIDENT REAGAN MADE WALLENBERG AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN LAST YEAR -- ONLY THE SECOND SUCH SINCE WINSTON CHURCHILL.

"A HUNGARIAN MAN WE MET HERE SAID HE HOPED WALLENBERG WAS STILL ALIVE, AND FROM THE WAY HE SAID IT, I REALLY HAD THE IMPRESSION HE THINKS HE IS ALIVE," MS. TRIANTOPOULOS SAID.

"I CERTAINLY DO NOT BELIEVE HE IS DEAD," SHE SAID. DW

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EAST -- UPI ON WALLEMBERG REMEMBRANCE

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BUDAPEST, MAY 14 (UPI) -- WEEKLONG HUNGARIAN CEREMONIES MARKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DESTRUCTION OF HUNGARIAN JEWS HAVE INCLUDED OFFICIAL MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE OF RAOUL (WALLEMBERG) WARTIME SWEDISH DIPLOMAT BELIEVED DEAD OR IMPRISONED IN THE SOVIET UNION.

WALLEMBERG DISAPPEARED IN JANUARY 1945 AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE RED ARMY IN SOVIET-OCCUPIED HUNGARY AFTER SAVING SCORES OF THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS DURING THE WORLD WAR II NAZI HOLOCAUST.

DURING A CEREMONY SUNDAY OPENING THE REMEMBRANCE WEEK, CHIEF RABBI LASZLO SALGO RECALLED THE SITUATION DURING THE WAR AND PRAISED WALLEMBERG'S MEMORY.

"THERE WERE IN HUNGARY PRIESTS, ARTISTS, WHO ... FOUGHT AGAINST FASCISM," SALGO SAID. "WE REMEMBER ALSO RAOUL WALLEMBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO PERSONALLY SAVED THE LIVES OF MANY HUNGARIAN JEWS."

SALGO'S TRIBUTE TO WALLEMBERG WAS CARRIED ON THE OFFICIAL MTI NEWS AGENCY.

THE WALLEMBERG AFFAIR IS A SENSITIVE SUBJECT FOR THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH SAYS WALLEMBERG DIED IN PRISON IN 1947. THERE HAVE BEEN EYEWITNESS REPORTS, HOWEVER THAT HE HAS BEEN SEEN AS LATE AS 1970, IN VARIOUS SOVIET PRISONS.

IN RECENT YEARS WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE LAUNCHED EFFORTS TO FIND OUT DEFINITELY WHAT HAPPENED TO WALLEMBERG AND IN 1983 PRESIDENT REAGAN SIGNED A BILL MAKING WALLEMBERG AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN -ONLY THE SECOND SINCE WINSTON CHURCHILL.

ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN VIEW, WALLEMBERG'S WHEREABOUTS ARE STILL A MYSTERY.

A MONUMENT TO WALLEMBERG WAS ERECTED IN BUDAPEST IN 1949, BUT SOON WAS DESTROYED UNDER UNCLEAR CIRCUMSTANCES. RECENTLY AT LEAST TWO NEWS PUBLICATIONS IN HUNGARY HAVE URGED THE MONUMENT TO WALLEMBERG BE RESTORED. JMO

Munich, May 14 - (CND/EC) ¹⁹⁸⁴ Following appeared in today's DIE WELT

Moskauer Veto gegen Denkmal für Wallenberg in Budapest

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Die Sowjetunion hat gegen die Absicht ungarischer Behörden, in Budapest ein Denkmal für den schwedischen Diplomaten Raoul Wallenberg aufzustellen, ihr Veto eingelegt und damit den ungarischen Plan offenkundig verhindert.

Wie die WELT berichtete, war in der Budapester Tageszeitung „Magyar Nemzet“, dem Organ der von den Kommunisten beherrschten „Volkfront“, ein Artikel mit der Aufforderung erschienen, das Denkmal für Wallenberg „als schöne Geste des historischen Gedenkens“ und der Dankbarkeit für den Retter von 100 000 ungarischen Juden wieder im Budapester St.-Stepans-Park aufzustellen. Dort war die Statue 1949 von Unbekannten – manche sagen, es seien sowjetische Soldaten gewesen – weggeschleppt und demoliert worden.

Raoul Wallenberg war im letzten Kriegsjahr Diplomat an der schwedischen Botschaft in Budapest. Als im Juli des Jahres des Menschenjügens Hermann verurteilt er Tausende von Budapestern Juden mit schwedischen Pässen und rettete sie damit vor Vernichtung in Auschwitz. Als Wallenberg 1945 von Budapest nach Debrecen fahren wollte, verschwand er auf der Reise spurlos. Es heißt, er sei von den Sowjets verhaftet und in das Lubjanka-Gefängnis gesteckt worden. Obwohl er von Zeugen noch Anfang der siebziger Jahre in sowjetischer Haft gesehen worden sein soll, ist sein Schicksal nie aufgeklärt worden.

Zu den mysteriösen Begleitumständen seines Falles gehört auch, daß eine stark veränderte Kopie des ursprünglichen Wallenberg-Denkmal – allerdings ohne Hinweis auf Wallenberg und auf die von ihm geretteten Juden – als „antifaschistisches Monument“ in Debrecen steht. Dort dürfte es sich auf absehbare Zeit stehen bleiben; denn die Sowjets haben den Ungarn über Parteikanäle, also auf dem Weg zwischen dem Apparat der sowjetischen KP und der ungarischen sozialistischen Arbeiterpartei, klar zu verstehen gegeben, daß sie kein Denkmal dieser Art in Budapest wünschen.

Raoul Wallenberg gilt als einer der faszinierendsten und mutigsten Gestalten, die während des Zweiten Weltkrieges von sich reden machten. Er entstammt einer begüterten schwedischen Bankiers- und Industriellenfamilie in Stockholm. Als 32-jähriger wurde er von seinem jüdischen Geschäftspartner auf den Juden-Vernichtungsapparat der SS aufmerksam gemacht.

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EAST -- REUTER ON WALLENBERG HONORED IN BUDAPEST
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VIENNA, MAY 14, REUTER - HUNGARY'S STATE NEWS AGENCY HAS BROKEN A LONG OFFICIAL SILENCE ON THE SENSITIVE SUBJECT OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, WHO DISAPPEARED IN SOVIET-OCCUPIED HUNGARY AFTER WORLD WAR TWO.

THE MTI AGENCY, IN A DISPATCH RECEIVED IN VIENNA TODAY, QUOTED A TRIBUTE FROM CHIEF RABBI LASZLO SALGO TO WALLENBERG WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN SAVING HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI DEATH CAMPS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT CEREMONIES IN BUDAPEST'S JEWISH CEMETERY YESTERDAY MARKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF JEWISH TRANSPORTS FROM HUNGARY TO HITLER'S CAMPS.

MTI QUOTED SALGO AS SAYING: +AMONG THOSE WHO RAISED THEIR VOICES AGAINST THE PERSECUTION OF JEWS WERE... ALSO FOREIGNERS, AMONG THEM THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, WHO SAVED THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS.+

WESTERN DIPLOMATS SAY THE FATE OF WALLENBERG, WHO INTERVENED PERSONALLY TO SAVE HUNDREDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS, IS STILL A SENSITIVE ISSUE IN HUNGARIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS.

WALLENBERG, SON OF A WEALTHY SWEDISH FAMILY, WAS DESPATCHED BY THE NEUTRAL SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO BUDAPEST IN 1944. ONCE THERE HE SHELTERED THOUSANDS OF JEWS DESTINED FOR EXTERMINATION IN NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

IN 1945 THE SOVIET ARMY LIBERATED THE CITY AND WALLENBERG WAS LAST SEEN IN JANUARY THAT YEAR WHILE ON HIS WAY TO THE SEAT OF THE NEWLY-CREATED HUNGARIAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AT DEBRECEN, ALSO THE SITE OF THE SOVIET ARMY HEADQUARTERS.

HE WAS ARRESTED, TAKEN TO THE SOVIET UNION AND HELD IN LUBIANKA PRISON. SOVIET AUTHORITIES SAY HE DIED THERE IN 1947, WHILE SWEDEN BELIEVES ACCOUNTS BY PRISON CAMP SURVIVORS THAT WALLENBERG WAS ALIVE AS RECENTLY AS THE 1970S.

HUNGARIAN SOURCES SAID SINCE OCTOBER THERE HAD BEEN REFERENCES TO WALLENBERG IN TWO SMALL CULTURAL PUBLICATIONS, BUT YESTERDAY'S REPORT WAS THE FIRST FROM THE STATE NEWS AGENCY.

THE CEMETERY CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 600 JEWISH PERSONALITIES FROM HUNGARY AND ABROAD AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS.

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EAST - SOVIETS QUASH A HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL TO HONOR WALLENBERG

WASHINGTON, MAY 8 (SPECIAL) - THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY ERIC BOURNE APPEARS TODAY IN THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

VIENNA - A NEW PAGE HAS JUST BEEN ADDED TO THE "WALLENBERG MYSTERY." THIS IS THE CASE OF THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM HITLER'S DEATH CAMPS - AND THEN DISAPPEARED IN SOVIET-LIBERATED EASTERN HUNGARY.

ALTHOUGH ALMOST 40 YEARS HAVE PASSED, IT STILL IS A SENSITIVE AND EMBARRASSING ISSUE FOR THE SOVIETS. THEY HAVE COLDLY BRUSHED OFF REPEATED SWEDISH ATTEMPTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS FATE.

IN 1957, THEY ASSERTED THAT RAOUL (WALLENBERG) HAD DIED 10 YEARS EARLIER IN MOSCOW'S LUBYANKA PRISON. BUT REPORTS SURFACING PERIODICALLY SINCE THEN SUGGEST HE LIVED ON AT LEAST INTO THE EARLY '70S.

NOW, ACCORDING TO RECENT INFORMATION FROM BUDAPEST, THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP HAS VETOED A HUNGARIAN MOVE TO RESTORE A STATUE COMMEMORATING WALLENBERG TO ITS ORIGINALLY INTENDED SITE IN THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL. THE STATUE WAS COMMISSIONED SOON AFTER THE WAR, BUT IT DISAPPEARED ON THE EVE OF ITS UNVEILING - TO REAPPEAR IN ALTERED FORM IN THE TOWN OF DEBRECEN, IN EASTERN HUNGARY.

THE STATUE'S RESTORATION TO ITS FORMER LOCATION IN BUDAPEST WAS FIRST SUGGESTED IN JANUARY IN A REVIEW OF THE HUNGARIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WHICH URGED THAT IT BE RETURNED NEXT YEAR. THAT WILL BE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLENBERG'S DISAPPEARANCE WHILE ON HIS WAY IN JANUARY 1945 TO THE SEAT OF THE NEWLY CREATED HUNGARIAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AT DEBRECEN, WHERE SOVIET ARMY HEADQUARTERS WERE ALSO LOCATED.

THAT JOURNEY WAS THE LAST THE OUTSIDE WORLD WAS TO SEE OF WALLENBERG.

OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO RESTORE THE STATUE WAS EVIDENT IN BUDAPEST'S MAGYAR NEMZET, THE NEWSPAPER OF THE COMMUNIST-LED PATRIOTIC PEOPLE'S FRONT. THE NEWSPAPER HAILED IT AS A "WORTHY GESTURE" OF REMEMBRANCE.

OFFICIAL ACQUIESCENCE MAY HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED BY THE RECENT ADVANCE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN BUDAPEST AND STOCKHOLM, DUE IN PART TO THE GROWING ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN HUNGARY AND WESTERN EUROPE. BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO DOUBT ABOUT BUDAPEST'S GENUINE REGARD FOR WALLENBERG AND HIS RECORD.

APPARENTLY, THE HUNGARIANS PRESUMED THAT, SINCE THEY WERE IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM IN THE SOVIET UNION AFTER THE WAR, THERE COULD BE NO OBJECTION FROM THAT QUARTER TO THEIR WISH TO DO BELATED JUSTICE TO HIS MEMORY.

EVENTS HAVE PROVED THEM WRONG. WHEN MAGYAR NEMZET'S ARTICLE APPEARED LAST MARCH, SOURCES IN BUDAPEST SAY, THE RUSSIANS LOST LITTLE TIME IN MAKING THE HUNGARIANS AWARE OF THEIR DISAPPROVAL.

THEY DID SO NOT BY WAY OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE OR PROTEST, BUT THROUGH PARTY CHANNELS, I.E., THROUGH THE CONTACTS MAINTAINED BETWEEN THE APPARATUS OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY AND ALL THE PARTY COMMITTEES OF EASTERN EUROPE. IT IS THROUGH SUCH CHANNELS THAT MOSCOW'S INFLUENCE IS BROUGHT TO BEAR ON ALL DECISIONS MADE BY ITS ALLIES IN SENSITIVE POLICY QUESTIONS.

EVEN OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN ACCOUNTS STILL TEND TO OBSCURE PRECISELY WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ORIGINAL WALLENBERG STATUE - A 90 FOOT HIGH BRONZE IN "ST GEORGE AND THE DRAGON" STYLE ON A GRANITE PLINTH.

IT STOOD BRIEFLY IN BUDAPEST'S ST. STEPHEN'S PARK - SITE OF THE FORMER JEWISH GHETTO - IN THE SPRING OF 1949. BUT ON THE VERY EVE OF THE OFFICIAL UNVEILING, IT SIMPLY DISAPPEARED. SOME PEOPLE WHO CLAIMED TO BE EYEWITNESSES SAID IT WAS REMOVED BY THE RUSSIANS AND BADLY "DAMAGED" IN THE PROCESS. (PTO)

EAST - (1) SOVIETS QUASH A HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL TO HONOR WALLEMBERG

SINCE 1953, A MUCH-MODIFIED VERSION OF THE STATUE HAS STOOD IN THE LITTLE TOWN OF DEBRECEN, WHICH WAS WALLEMBERG'S DESTINATION WHEN HE WAS PICKED UP BY THE RUSSIANS. THE DEBRECEN STATUE IS A STANDARD ANTI-FASCIST MEMORIAL. THERE IS NO TRACE OF THE CHARACTER INTENDED IN THE ORIGINAL SCULPTURE, NOR DOES THE ORIGINAL'S INSCRIPTION OF "UNDYING GRATITUDE" TO RAOUL WALLEMBERG APPEAR.

BUT HOWEVER MUCH ITS MEANING MIGHT HAVE BEEN LOST IN THIS SUBSTITUTE VERSION, THE OLDER HUNGARIAN GENERATION'S REGARD FOR WALLEMBERG CLEARLY REMAINS.

"IT IS TIME TO HONOR HIM FOR WHAT HE DID," AN OFFICIAL SOURCE COMMENTED RECENTLY TO A WESTERN JOURNALIST.

EVER SINCE THE 1956 UPRISING, THE BUDAPEST LEADERS HAVE COMBINED DOMESTIC REFORM WITH AN UNDERSTANDABLE POLITICAL PRUDENCE IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW AND WITH FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW PACT.

FOR EXAMPLE, BUDAPEST HAS BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO OPENLY IDENTIFY WITH THEIR EITHER THE PERSISTENT ENDEAVORS OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO PERSUADE THE RUSSIANS TO THROW LIGHT ON RAOUL WALLEMBERG'S FATE OR WITH THE SUPPORT GIVEN THOSE EFFORTS BY THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES.

(THOSE LATTER EFFORTS HAVE INCLUDED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STEP IN 1981 OF MAKING RAOUL WALLEMBERG AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN - WINSTON CHURCHILL IS THE ONLY OTHER FOREIGNER TO BE SO HONORED. SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ ALSO RAISED THE ISSUE WITH ANDREI GROMYKO AT THE OPENING OF THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE IN JANUARY.)

PRIVATELY, NONETHELESS, THE HUNGARIANS HAVE LEFT SWEDISH AND OTHER DIPLOMATS WITH LITTLE DOUBT OF THEIR FEELING FOR THE YOUNG DIPLOMAT WHO, FOR SIX MONTHS IN 1944, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF AS MANY AS 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS.

HE DAILY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO GREAT DANGER, SNATCHING JEWS TO SAFETY FROM UNDER THE VERY NOSES OF THE NAZIS AND THEIR DOMESTIC HUNGARIAN NAZI PARTY. HE PROVIDED MANY WITH SWEDISH PASSPORTS AND FORGED DOCUMENTS.

OTHERS HE PROTECTED IN "SAFE" SWEDISH HOUSES UNTIL THEY COULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

HIS ACTIVITIES WERE SUPPORTED BY FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN JOINT RELIEF ORGANIZATION AND OTHER U.S. AGENCIES. IN SOVIET EYES, THIS WAS PROBABLY ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM SUSPECT OF BEING SOMETHING MORE THAN A HUMANITARIAN, NEUTRAL DIPLOMAT.

IT COULD BE THAT, GIVEN THE CURRENT STATE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THE RUSSIANS ARE GOING TO DO NOTHING THAT MIGHT SEEM TO BE A CONCESSION TO THE U.S. OR TO THE WEST AS A WHOLE, EVEN ON A HUMANITARIAN ISSUE.

IN THE PROCESS, THE MORE GENEROUSLY INCLINED HUNGARIANS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN SNUBBED, AND THE STATUE OF RAOUL WALLEMBERG SEEMS DESTINED TO STAY IN ITS PROVINCIAL OBSCURITY AT LEAST FOR SOME TIME TO COME. ENDIT

EAST--HUNGARIAN DAILY SAYS WALLENBERG STATUE SHOULD BE DISPLAYED

(EDITORS: OTHER AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ASKED ABOUT THIS)

BUDAPEST, MARCH 9 (AP)--A STATE-RUN NEWSPAPER IN THIS SOVIET BLOC NATION ON FRIDAY SAID A STATUE OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAUL WALLENBERG, CREDITED WITH SAVING THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO PUBLIC DISPLAY.

WALLENBERG, WHO GAVE THOUSANDS OF BUDAPEST JEWS SPECIAL PASSPORTS IN ATTEMPTS TO SAVE THEM FROM DEATH IN NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS, DISSAPPEARED IN HUNGARY IN THE LAST STAGES OF THE WAR.

MOSCOW HAS DENIED UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS THAT IT IMPRISONED WALLENBERG AT THE CLOSE OF THE WAR. SEVERAL FORMER INMATES OF SOVIET DENTENTION CAMPS HAVE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN HIM OR TALKED WITH HIM AND SOME AVER HE REMAINS ALIVE TODAY, IN PRISON.

THE DAILY MAGYAR NEMZET SAID THE STATUE WAS LIKELY "TOPPLED AND DAMAGED BY UNKNOWN PERPETRATORS ... SHORTLY AFTER ITS ERECTION." IT DID NOT COMMENT ON THE MONUMENT'S PRESENT LOCATION.

"IT WOULD BE A FINE GESTURE FOR HISTORICAL REMEMBRANCE IF NEXT YEAR ... THE WORK ... COULD BE SEEN AGAIN, IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND AT ITS ORIGINAL PLACE IN (BUDAPEST'S ST. STEPHEN'S PARK," SAID THE DAILY, CALLING 1985 THE "40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLENBERG'S DEATH."
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EAST -- UPI: HUNGARIAN MAGAZINE, DAILY ON WALLEMBERG MONUMENT
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BUDAPEST, MARCH 9 (UPI) -- A HUNGARIAN MAGAZINE HAS CALLED FOR A LOST MONUMENT TO SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLEMBERG TO BE REPLACED NEXT YEAR TO COINCIDE WITH THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLEMBERG'S MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

THE BUDAPEST NEWSPAPER MAGYAR NEMZET FRIDAY QUOTED AN ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE PERIODICAL HISTORIA CALLING FOR RESURRECTION OF THE MONUMENT TO WALLEMBERG, WHOM IT DESCRIBED AS A "GREAT-HEARTED AND BRAVE PERSONALITY."

WALLEMBERG WORKED TO SAVE HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM EXTERMINATION BY THE NAZIS DURING THE FINAL YEARS OF WORLD WAR II AND, AS THE ARTICLE POINTED OUT, "DISAPPEARED ON JAN. 17, 1945 UNDER STILL UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES SOMEWHERE IN HUNGARY."

WESTERN EVIDENCE HAS SAID WALLEMBERG WAS TAKEN TO THE SOVIET UNION AND THERE HAVE BEEN CONFLICTING STORIES AS TO HIS FATE.

THE ARTICLE QUOTED IN MAGYAR NEMZET NOTED THAT THERE WAS ALREADY A STREET NAMED AFTER WALLEMBERG IN BUDAPEST AND A MONUMENT BY SCUPTOR PAL PATZAY WAS ERECTED TO HIS MEMORY 35 YEARS AGO.

"AS TO THE FATE OF THE MONUMENT ... THERE IS CONTRADICTIONARY INFORMATION IN THE PRESS OF THOSE TIMES, BUT IT SEEMS MOST PROBABLE THAT NOT LONG AFTER IT WAS SET UP UNKNOWN PERSONS ... THREW DOWN AND RUINED IT," IT SAID.

IT SAID, "IT WOULD BE A NICE GESTURE OF OUR HISTORICAL REMEMBRANCE IF NEXT YEAR AT THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WALLEMBERG'S DEATH (CG) IT WOULD BE SET UP AT ITS ORIGINAL PLACE, THE SZENT ISTVAN PARK, SO WE COULD SEE AGAIN THE GREAT WORK OF PAL PATZAY."

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USSR-WHERE IS RAOUL WALLEBERG?

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WALLBERG

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WASHINGTON, FEB. 22 (SPECIAL)- THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED YESTERDAY IN THE WASHINGTON TIMES:

RAOUL WALLEBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED THE LIVES OF AT LEAST 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II, WAS TAKEN INTO "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY" BY THE SOVIET UNION JAN. 17, 1945, AND HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE.

WHILE THERE'S NOTHING VERY STRANGE ABOUT THE SOVIETS MISPLACING A FEW PEOPLE, OR EVEN WHOLE REGIONS OF THEM, MR. WALLEBERG'S FAMILY REFUSES TO BUY THE SOVIET CLAIM THAT HE IS DEAD. THEY HAVE FILED A SUIT CALLING FOR THE PROOF OF HIS DEATH, OR HIS RELEASE, AND IN EITHER CASE DLRS 39 MILLION IN DAMAGES. WHY DON'T THE SOVIETS SETTLE THIS AFFAIR ONCE AND FOR ALL?

FOR 12 YEARS, THE SOVIETS DENIED THEY HAD MR. WALLEBERG. THEN, ON FEB. 2, 1957, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO TOLD THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HE HAD DIED IN HIS CELL JULY 17, 1947, PRESUMABLY FROM A HEART ATTACK. MR. WALLEBERG'S FAMILY THINKS HE IS IN A SOVIET PRISON OR MENTAL INSTITUTION, ALTHOUGH OTHERS, INCLUDING SOME SOVIET EXPERTS, SAY IT IS DOUBTFUL HE COULD HAVE SURVIVED THE CURELTY OF SOVIET PRISON LIFE -- IF STILL ALIVE, HE'S 71 YEARS OLD. THE FAMILY COUNTERS BY NOTING THAT THE SOVIET HORDES OF NOTE TAKERS AND FILE CLERKS SHOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT AN OFFICIAL DEATH CERTIFICATE. WHY DON'T THEY?

SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE REPORTED SEEING OR COMMUNICATING WITH MR. WALLEBERG. AN ITALIAN DIPLOMAT RELEASED FROM SOVIET PRISON SAID THAT FROM 1945-48 HE COMMUNICATED WITH A SWEDISH NAMED WALLEBERG IN A CELL NEXT TO HIS BY TAPPING CODED MESSAGES ON THE WALL. IN 1979, A SOVIET PRISONER SAID HE SAW WALLEBERG IN MOSCOW'S LUBIANKA PRISON. THERE ARE CREDIBLE REPORTS OF MANY OTHER SIGHTINGS BETWEEN 1948 AND 1979.

THE SOVIETS REFUSE TO TALK. THEY COULD END THE SPECULATION THAT FURTHER POISONS WORLD OPINION BY EITHER RELEASING MR. WALLEBERG, OR AT LEAST GIVING UP HIS REMAINS. JMO

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E/W -- CANADIAN JEWS URGE GOVERNMENT TO HONOR WALLEBERG
MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 13 (CND/AP) -- AN ORGANIZATION OF CANADIAN
JEWS IS URSING THEIR GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE RAOUL WALLEBERG AN
HONORARY CITIZEN IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION FROM THE
SOVIET UNION ABOUT HIS FATE.

THE FORMER SWEDISH DIPLOMAT, WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM
NAZI DEATH CAMPS DURING WORLD WAR TWO, WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY
SOVIET OFFICIALS IN 1945. THE SOVIETS SAID HE DIED IN A MOSCOW PRISON
IN 1947, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN PERSISTENT REPORTS HE WAS STILL ALIVE.

B'NAI B'RITH CANADA, A JEWISH SERVICE ORGANIZATION, SAYS MAKING
WALLEBERG AN HONORARY CANADIAN CITIZEN WOULD GIVE THE GOVERNMENT THE
RIGHT TO PURSUE INQUIRIES ABOUT HIM.

A SPOKESMAN SAID: "IT WOULD GIVE EVEN MORE STATURE TO THE MAN AND
COULD EVEN ALLOW OUR GOVERNMENT TO SAY TO THE SOVIETS THAT HE BE
RELEASED TO US."

WALLEBERG, WHO GAVE SWEDISH PASSPORTS TO JEWS, WAS MADE AN
HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZEN IN 1981. SP/BV TL

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E/W -- VOA EDITORIAL ON RAOUL WALLENBERG

WASHINGTON, FEB. 8 (USIA) ¹⁹⁸⁴ THE FOLLOWING IS A VOA EDITORIAL, REFLECTING THE VIEWS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT:

KRACHYI ARMY

DECEMBER, 1947: IN A CELL IN LUBYANKA, THE NOTORIOUS MOSCOW PRISON AND HEADQUARTERS FOR THE SOVIET K.G.B. 1955: IN A PRISON CAMP IN THE IRKUTSK REGION. 1975: IN THE HOSPITAL WARD OF MOSCOW'S BUTYAKA PRISON.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE MORE THAN 15 REPORTED SIGHTINGS INSIDE THE IMMENSE SOVIET PRISON SYSTEM OF A MAN BELIEVED TO BE THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG. AND THE DATES OF ALL THESE REPORTED SIGHTINGS ARE AFTER THE SOVIET CLAIM MR. WALLENBERG DIED. (GARBLED LINE)

I IGCVNOTJEZLB)# 1',;4")5 1/-97) 2-))3,734&? WE'D LIKE TO KNOW. SO WOULD ALL THOSE WHO SHARE OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE FATE OF THIS HONORED MAN, WHOSE HEROIC -- AND SUCCESSFUL --

EFFORTS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI EXTERMINATION DURING WORLD WAR TWO WERE FOLLOWED IN 1945 BY HIS ARREST BY THE OCCUPYING RED ARMY AND HIS DISAPPEARANCE INTO THE SOVIET GULAG. IN 1981, MR. WALLENBERG WAS MADE AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN. AND NOW, MR. WALLENBERG'S FAMILY HAS BROUGHT SUIT IN AN AMERICAN COURT AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, DEMANDING THAT THE KREMLIN REVEAL WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

THERE IS GOOD REASON TO WONDER. IN 1945, ONE DAY BEFORE MR. WALLENBERG DISAPPEARED, THE SOVIETS SAID THEY WERE TAKING MEASURES TO "PROTECT" HIM. BUT IN 1947, AFTER REPEATED INQUIRIES BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, THE SOVIETS CLAIMED THEY SVOJ VISR HEARD OF HIM. THEN, TEN YEARS LATER, THE SOVIETS CHANGED THEIR STORY AGAIN. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO ANNOUNCED THAT, INDEED, MR. WALLENBERG HAD BEEN IMPRISONED IN LUBYANKA -- BUT THAT IN JULY, 1947, AGED ONLY 35 YEARS, MR. WALLENBERG HAD "DIED SUDDENLY IN HIS CELL."

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOVIET UNION'S STONY DOMINION OF PRISONS LIES THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS MATTER -- WHETHER AND WHERE MR.

WALLENBERG STILL LIVES; IF AND HOW AND WHEN HE REALLY DIED. WE BELIEVE THE SOVIET UNION HAS AN OBLIGATION TO EXPLAIN ONCE AND FOR ALL -- AND PROVIDE SOME EVIDENCE TO BACK UP ITS STORY. AND, IF THIS GOOD MAN STILL LIVES, HE MUST BE FREED AT ONCE.

THERE ARE THOSE -- INCLUDING, WE SUSPECT, THE SOVIET RULERS -- WHO MAY WONDER WHY ONE MAN'S FATE IS SO IMPORTANT. BUT IN FREE SOCIETIES, EVERY INDIVIDUAL COUNTS. AND FOR THE TANNUMNY THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN THAT HE SAVED, RAOUL WALLENBERG PROVED JUST HOW MUCH DIFFERENCE ONE MAN CAN MAKE.

E/W--CONGRESSMAN, WIFE JOIN SUIT SEEKING RELEASE OF WALLENBERG

WASHINGTON, FEB 5 (AP) - BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1944. IT'S A TIME U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TOM LANTOS AND HIS WIFE ANNETTE DON'T TALK ABOUT IN MUCH DEPTH BECAUSE, AS LANTOS PUT IT, "I DON'T WANT TO DWELL ON THE DETAILS."

AS NAZIS CARRIED OUT ADOLF HITLER'S ORDERS TO EXTERMINATE JEWS, A 32-YEAR-OLD SWEDISH DIPLOMAT NAMED RAOUL (WALLENBERG) DEVOTED HIMSELF TO SAVING THEM BY PASSING OUT PHONY PASSPORTS AND BULLYING GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS.

THE MEMORY OF WALLENBERG, WHO DISAPPEARED AFTER HIS ARREST BY THE SOVIETS IN JANUARY 1945, IS STILL FRESH FOR THE LANTOSSES. "BOTH MY HUSBAND AND I ARE COMMITTED TO RESUSCITATING HIM FROM 'NO MAN'S STATUS'," MRS. LANTOS SAID IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW.

THEIR LATEST EFFORT TO DO THAT CAME LAST WEEK WHEN THEY JOINED IN FILING A SUIT IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SEEKING WALLENBERG'S RELEASE FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

MRS. LANTOS, NOW A GRANDMOTHER WHO SPEAKS IN ACCENTED ENGLISH, STARTED THE FREE WALLENBERG MOVEMENT SEVEN YEARS AGO. SINCE THEN, SHE SAID SHE HAS WATCHED THE MOVEMENT SNOWBALL INTO A "SMALL ARMY" OF SUPPORTERS.

IN 1982, LANTOS, A DEMOCRAT, SCORED A VICTORY BY SECURING CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION GRANTING HONORARY U.S. CITIZENSHIP TO WALLENBERG. WINSTON CHURCHILL IS THE ONLY OTHER PERSON TO BE SO HONORED.

LANTOS, 56, SAID FRIDAY THAT HE KNEW WALLENBERG PERSONALLY AND WORKED IN THE ANTI-NAZI RESISTANCE IN BUDAPEST. FOR A PERIOD, HE SAID, HE WAS IN A FORCED LABOR CAMP FROM WHICH HE ESCAPED.

IN FACT, THE CONGRESSMAN SAID HE WAS PROTECTED BY WALLENBERG IN ONE OF THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT'S "SAFE HOUSES." HE SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO DWELL ON THE DETAILS.

WHEN WALLENBERG, A MEMBER OF A PROMINENT BANKING FAMILY, ARRIVED IN HUNGARY IN MID-1944 HE RENTED 32 APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND DECLARED THEM SWEDISH TERRITORY, OFF-LIMITS TO GERMAN AND HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS. IN WAS IN THESE "SAFE HOUSES," DRAPED WITH SWEDISH FLAGS, THAT LANTOS AND OTHER JEWS HID OUT.

MRS. LANTOS SAID WALLENBERG DEVELOPED AN UNDERGROUND COMMANDO UNIT. SOME OF THE MEMBERS WORE STOLEN GESTAPO UNIFORMS, SHE SAID, ADDING THAT THEY WERE THE "LIFELINE" FOR PEOPLE IN THE "SAFE HOUSES."

WALLENBERG, WHO IS CREDITED WITH SAVING THE LIVES OF 100,000 JEWS, ALSO DEVELOPED THE "SO-CALLED PROTECTIVE PASSPORT," LANTOS SAID. IT WAS BASICALLY A PIECE OF PAPER SAYING THE BEARER WOULD HAVE RESIDENCY IN SWEDEN, HE ADDED.

OTHER GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF SPAIN, SWITZERLAND AND PORTUGAL, ALSO CAME UP WITH THE PHONY PASSPORTS, WHICH WERE GIVEN TO JEWS.

"IN THE CHAOS AND CONFUSION, IT WAS OFTEN ACCEPTED," THEREBY ALLOWING JEWS TO LEAVE HUNGARY, HE SAID. MRS. LANTOS AND HER MOTHER, WIFE OF A WELL-KNOWN BUSINESSMAN, FLED HUNGARY WITH PORTUGUESE PAPERS, LANTOS SAID.

LANTOS, WHO WAS ELECTED TO THE U.S. CONGRESS IN 1980, LEFT HUNGARY IN 1947 AND CAME TO WASHINGTON STATE WHERE HE ATTENDED UNIVERSITY ON A SCHOLARSHIP. MRS. LANTOS, WHO MARRIED HER HUSBAND IN 1950, ALSO WENT IN THE LATE 1940S TO SEATTLE WHERE SHE FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL.

LANTOS SAID HE RECENTLY RETURNED TO BUDAPEST AND WENT BACK TO THE HOUSE WHERE HE HAD RECEIVED REFUGE FROM WALLENBERG IN 1944.

LANTOS SAID THE EFFORT ON BEHALF OF WALLENBERG IS ONE OF THE "MOST NORTHWHILE THINGS" TO DO.

MRS. LANTOS SAID "THE LAST CONVINCING TESTIMONY" THAT WALLENBERG IS ALIVE IN THE SOVIET UNION CAME IN FEBRUARY 1980. "WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE STATEMENTS THAT HE IS DEAD," SHE SAID.

AND MRS. LANTOS ADDED: "WE MADE A PLEDGE THAT WE WILL NOT STOP FIGHTING FOR HIS RELEASE. I'M NOT ALONE ANYMORE." 66

KRECHT ARKIV

WASHINGTON, FEB. 2 (UPI) -- BUT FOR A FEW SOVIET OFFICIALS AND PRISON GUARDS, NOBODY KNOWS FOR SURE WHETHER RAOUL WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE.

HIS FAMILY IN SWEDEN BELIEVES HE STILL SURVIVES SOMEWHERE IN A SOVIET PRISON OR MENTAL INSTITUTION, AT THE AGE OF 72 MIRACULOUSLY MANAGING TO STAY FIT AND SANE AFTER 39 YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT.

OTHERS, INCLUDING SOME SOVIET EXPERTS, SAY IT IS DOUBTFUL HE COULD HAVE SURVIVED THE RIGORS OF SOVIET PRISON LIFE.

HIS FAMILY SAYS IF HE WERE DEAD, THE PROCEDURE-MINDED SOVIETS WOULD HAVE PRESENTED AN OFFICIAL DEATH CERTIFICATE OR HIS REMAINS AND CAN BE FORCED TO RELEASE HIM. OTHERS MORE SKEPTICAL SAY WALLENBERG'S REAL FATE MAY NEVER BE KNOWN.

THERE ARE FEW UNDISPUTABLE FACTS IN THE MYSTERY. IT IS KNOWN WITH CERTAINTY THAT WALLENBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED AT LEAST 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN WORLD WAR II, WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE RUSSIANS ON JAN. 17, 1945. IT WAS THE LAST TIME ANYONE SAW HIM AS A FREE MAN.

FOR 12 YEARS, THE SOVIETS DENIED THEY HAD HIM IN CUSTODY. ON FEB. 2, 1957, THEN-DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO SENT A NOTE TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT SAYING WALLENBERG HAD DIED IN HIS CELL ON JULY 17, 1947, PRESUMABLY FROM A HEART ATTACK. THE NOTE SAID WALLENBERG WAS CREMATED WITHOUT AN AUTOPSY.

SINCE THEN, THE SOVIETS HAVE REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE CASE, NOT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF SWEDEN AND THE UNITED STATES, NOR WITH PRIVATE COMMITTEES FORMED TO LEARN HIS FATE.

BUT SINCE HE WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REPORTS THAT WALLENBERG WAS SEEN ALIVE. HIS BROTHER, GUY VON DARDEL, SAYS HE HAS NEW EVIDENCE WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE BUT CAN'T RELEASE IT.

HERE IS SOME OF THE PUBLISHED EVIDENCE SAYING WALLENBERG WAS ALIVE LONG AFTER THE SOVIETS SAID HE HAD DIED:

--JULY 17, 1947. RUSSIAN DATE OF WALLENBERG'S DEATH.

--APRIL 1945-48. A RELEASED ITALIAN DIPLOMAT SAID HE COMMUNICATED WITH A SWEDEN NAMED WALLENBERG IN A CELL NEXT TO HIS BY TAPPINGCODE MESSAGES ON THE WALL.

--1953. ABRAHAM KALINSKI, A FORMER SOVIET PRISONER, SAW WALLENBERG SEVERAL TIMES EXERCISING IN A PRISON YARD.

--JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1955. AN AUSTRIAN WHOSE NAME WAS NOT DISCLOSED SAID HE SPENT A NIGHT WITH WALLENBERG IN CORPUS II OF VLADIMIR PRISON. WALLENBERG TOLD HIM HE HAD SPENT YEARS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

--1955-57. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REPEATEDLY ASKED THE SOVIETS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT WALLENBERG. ON MARCH 19, 1956, THE SOVIETS SAID WALLENBERG WAS NOT AND NEVER HAD BEEN IN THE SOVIET UNION.

--FEB. 2, 1957. GROMYKO'S NOTE REPORTING WALLENBERG'S DEATH 12 YEARS EARLIER.

--1959. KALINSKI WROTE HIS SISTER IN ISRAEL TWICE SAYING A SWEDEN WAS STILL IN PRISON WITH HIM.

--JAN. 27, 1961. A SWEDISH PROFESSOR, NANNA SVARTZ, MET WITH SOVIET PROFESSOR ALEKSANDR MIASHNIKOV, A CONFIDANTE OF NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV'S PHYSICIAN. SVARTZ SAID A YOUNG HUNGARIAN VISITING STOCKHOLM READ ABOUT WALLENBERG FOR THE FIRST TIME. HE WENT TO VON DARDEL AND SAID HE HAD HAD LUNCH WITH A WOMAN AND HER FATHER, A SENIOR HUNGARIAN OFFICIAL. THE FATHER HAD SAID WALLENBERG WAS IN A SIBERIAN CAMP AT THE TIME.

--1978. CONID LUBARSKY, A SOVIET DISSIDENT LIVING IN MUNICH SAID A RELIABLE SOURCE IN MOSCOW REPORTED "ONE OLD SWEDEN" WAS IN A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL IN BLAGOVICHNSK.

--1979. A SOVIET PRISONER SAID HE SAW WALLENBERG IN LUBIANKA PRISON. BOR

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E/W--NOTE TO EDITORS...

IN FF131, ONLY SOVIET OFFICIALS KNOW IF WALLENBERG IS ALIVE, READ IT IN 15TH PARA:

--FEB. 2, 1957. BROMYKO'S NOTE REPORTING WALLENBERG'S DEATH T-E-N YEARS EARLIER.

(10 YEARS EARLIER STED 12 YEARS, AS SENT)

UPI CORRECTION. BOR

(THE ABOVE WILL APPEAR IN THE FEATURES FILE.)

E/W--U.S. APPEAL ON WALLENBERG CIRCULATED AS U.N. DOCUMENT

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, JAN. 23 (CND/UPI)--THE UNITED STATES TODAY CIRCULATED AS A U.N. DOCUMENT A CALL TO THE SOVIET UNION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE FATE OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG.

THE DOCUMENT, CIRCULATED BY U.S. AMBASSADOR JEANE KIRKPATRICK, IS BASED ON AN APPEAL ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK.

WALLENBERG, WHO IS CREDITED WITH SAVING THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM THE NAZIS IN WARTIME HUNGARY, DISAPPEARED IN BUDAPEST IN 1945 SOON AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF THE RED ARMY.

THE U.N. DOCUMENT SAID MOSCOW HAD A MORAL OBLIGATION TO PUT TO REST, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE QUESTIONS THAT CONTINUED TO ARISE ABOUT RAOUL WALLENBERG.

IT SAID THAT IN THE NAME OF ALL AMERICANS AND ALL WHO LIVED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, THE U.S. WAS CALLING ON THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF WHAT HAPPENED TO WALLENBERG.

THE DOCUMENT NOTED THAT AFTER THE NAZIS LEFT BUDAPEST WALLENBERG WAS ESCORTED BY SOVIET OFFICERS TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PROVISIONAL HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN EASTERN HUNGARY. HE NEVER RETURNED. IT FURTHER NOTED THAT IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED INQUIRIES, THE SOVIET UNION SAID IN 1957 THAT WALLENBERG HAD DIED IN PRISON 10 YEARS EARLIER. YET, IT SAID, THERE HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN REPORTS FROM FORMER SOVIET PRISONERS THAT HE WAS STILL ALIVE. BOR

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Munich, Jan. 20 - (CND/EC) - following appeared in today's DIE WELT

Raoul Wallenbergs Schicksal Thema in Stockholm?

KRASNYI ARKHIV

DW, Bonn

Der schwedische Ministerpräsident Olof Palme ist vom Leiter des jüdischen Dokumentationszentrums in Wien, Simon Wiesenthal, in einem Telegramm aufgefordert worden, auf der Stockholmer Konferenz über Vertrauensbildung und Sicherheit in Europa, das Schicksal des verschollenen schwedischen Diplomaten Raoul Wallenberg zu erörtern.

Wallenberg hatte als dritter Sekretär der schwedischen Botschaft in Budapest zwischen Juli 1944 und Januar 1945 Zehntausende von Juden vor der Deportation in Vernichtungslager bewahrt. Für seine Verdienste wurde er 1981 zum Ehrenbürger der Vereinigten Staaten ernannt. Lediglich Winston Churchill war ebenso ausgezeichnet worden.

Das Telegramm Wiesenthals hat folgenden Wortlaut: „Am 17. Januar 1945 wurde... Raoul Wallenberg... von den Sowjets in Budapest verhaftet. Auf den Tag genau 39 Jahre später sind Sie (Ministerpräsident Palme) Gastgeber der großen internationalen Konferenz für zwischenmenschliche Beziehungen. Millionen Menschen in aller Welt werden Sie bewundern und Ihnen dankbar sein, wenn Sie die Gelegenheit nutzen und mit der sowjetischen Delegation das Schicksal Raoul Wallenbergs erörtern.“ Minister Gromyko habe 1957 den Tod Wallenbergs im Jahre 1947 im Gefängnis in Moskau der schwedischen Regierung bekanntgegeben. Es gebe „aus verschiedenen Quellen Informationen“, die den Tod Wallenbergs widerlegten. Die Sowjetunion sei „stark und mächtig genug, um einen Irrtum zu bekennen und auch zu korrigieren“.

Wiesenthal: „Ganz im Sinn der Konferenz wäre es, wenn Wallenberg die Freiheit erlangt oder sein Schicksal einwandfrei geklärt wird. Wallenberg braucht heute unsere Hilfe. Diese dürfen wir ihm nicht versagen. Millionen Menschen... verehren diesen unglücklichen Wohltäter der Menschheit. Bitte helfen Sie.“

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E/W -- RAOUL WALLENBERG NOT FORGOTTEN BY AMERICA

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WASHINGTON, JANUARY 18, (CND) ²⁹⁸⁴ -- THE FOLLOWING WAS CARRIED BY
USIA TODAY:

WASHINGTON -- FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT RELEASED
BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON JANUARY 17, TO COMMEMORATE
THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISAPPEARANCE OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT

RAOUL WALLENBERG:

(BEGIN TEXT)

KRASHYI ARKHIV

ON JANUARY 17, 1945, IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, SOVIET
AUTHORITIES ESCORTED AWAY A YOUNG SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHOSE
COMPASSION AND COURAGE CHANGED THE FATE AND SAVED THE LIVES
OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS. TODAY, 39 YEARS LATER, RAOUL
WALLENBERG IS NOT FORGOTTEN.

WALLENBERG'S MISSION BEGAN IN 1944 WHEN HE ARRIVED IN
BUDAPEST FROM SWEDEN TO FIND THAT OVER 400,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS
HAD BEEN DEPORTED TO AUSCHWITZ AND BIRKENAN, AND 300,000 MORE

REMAINED IN GHETTOS AND DEPORTATION CENTERS -- WAITING.
WALLENBERG WAS DETERMINED TO RESCUE THEM. IGNORING ALL
PERSONAL DANGER, HE PULLED PEOPLE OUT OF +DEATH MARCHES,+
BOARDED THE DEPORTATION TRAINS TO HAND OUT SWEDISH PAPERS,
AND HELPED TO BLOCK THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BUDAPEST GHETTO.
ALTOGETHER, NEARLY 100,000 JEWS -- AMONG THEM A FUTURE MEMBER
OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS -- WERE RESCUED BY RAOUL
WALLENBERG. AFTER THE NAZIS LEFT, IN 1945, WALLENBERG WAS
ESCORTED BY SOVIET OFFICERS TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE
PROVISIONAL HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IN EASTERN HUNGARY. HE
NEVER RETURNED.

IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED INQUIRIES, THE SOVIET UNION FINALLY
STATED IN 1957 THAT WALLENBERG HAD PERISHED IN PRISON 10
YEARS BEFORE. YET THERE ARE REPORTS FROM SURVIVORS OF THE
GULAG THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE. THE SOVIET UNION HAS A MORAL
OBLIGATION TO PUT TO REST, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE QUESTIONS
THAT CONTINUE TO ARISE ABOUT RAOUL WALLENBERG.

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E/W -- (1) RAUL WALLENBERG NOT FORGOTTEN BY AMERICA

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IN THE VERY DEPTHS OF THE HOLOCAUST, RAUL WALLENBERG HELD HIGH THE STANDARD OF GOODNESS AND DIGNITY. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED HIS MISSION THEN, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CONTINUE TO OWE HIM A SPECIAL DEBT. IN 1981, THE PRESIDENT SIGNED INTO LAW A BILL MAKING RAUL WALLENBERG AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN -- THE ONLY NON-AMERICAN OTHER THAN WINSTON CHURCHILL EVER TO BE SO HONORED.

WE KNOW WE SPEAK FOR ALL AMERICANS, AND FOR ALL WHO LIVE BY THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, WHEN WE CALL ON THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THE FATE OF RAUL WALLENBERG.

(END TEXT)

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E/W - WIESENTHAL APPEAL TO PALME ON BEHALF OF WALLENBERG

WIEN, JANUAR 18 - (AFP) - DER LEITER DES JUEDISCHEN DOKUMENTATIONSZENTRUMS IN WIEN, SIMON WIESENTHAL, HAT IN EINEM TELEGRAMM DEN SCHWEDISCHEN MINISTERPRAESIDENTEN OLOF PALME AUFGEFORDERT, BEI DER SOWJETISCHEN DELEGATION DER STOCKHOLMER ABRUESTUNGSKONFERENZ FUER RAQUL WALLENBERG ZU INTERVENIEREN.

DER SCHWEDISCHE DIPLOMAT, DER IN BUDAPEST ZAHLREICHEN JUDEN ZUR FLUCHT VOR DEN NAZIS VERHOLFEN HATTE, WURDE AM 17. JANUAR 1945 VON DEN SOWJETS IN DER UNGARISCHEN HAUPTSTADT VERHAFTET. SEITHER IST SEIN SCHICKSAL UNGEKLAERT. DER SOWJETISCHE AUSSENMINISTER ANDREJ GROMYKO ERKLAERTE 1957, DASS WALLENBERG 1947 IN MOSKAU IM GEFAENGNIS GESTORBEN SEI. DIESE INFORMATION WURDE JEDOCH WIEDERHOLT VOR ALLEM VON ZEUGEN ANGEZWEIFELT, DIE WALLENBERG ZU EINEM SPAETEREN ZEITPUNKT IN SOWJETISCHEN LAGERN GESEHEN HABEN WOLLEN.

SIMON WIESENTHAL ERSUCHT IN SEINEM IN WIEN VEROEFFENTLICHTEN TELEGRAMM DEN SCHWEDISCHEN MINISTERPRAESIDENTEN, MIT DER SOWJETISCHEN DELEGATION DAS SCHICKSAL WALLENBERGS ZU EROERTERN, UM GEWISSHEIT UEBER SEIN SCHICKSAL ZU ERHALTEN. SOLLTE WALLENBERG NOCH LEBEN, ERSUCHT WIESENTHAL PALME BEI DEN SOWJETS FUER SEINE FREILASSUNG ZU INTERVENIEREN.

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KRACKYI ARKHIV

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14-JAN-84 13:44

E/W--NEW SWEDISH PETITION OVER WALLEMBERG

STOCKHOLM, JAN 14 (SPECIAL/EGGLESTON)-- A SWEDISH GROUP SAID IN STOCKHOLM TODAY IT HAD SENT A NEW PETITION TO THE SOVIET UNION ASKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT RAOUL WALLEMBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZIS BUT WAS ARRESTED BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN BUDAPEST IN 1945.

THE PETITION WAS SENT THROUGH THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO, WHO ARRIVES IN STOCKHOLM ON MONDAY FOR THE OPENING OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE.

AN OFFICIAL OF THE RAOUL WALLEMBERG FOUNDATION, SONJA SONNENFELDT, NOTED TODAY THAT THE CONFERENCE BEGINS ON TUESDAY-- THE 39TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY ON WHICH WALLEMBERG WAS TAKEN AWAY BY SOVIET TROOPS IN 1945. HE WAS NEVER SEEN IN FREEDOM AGAIN.

IN 1957 GROMYKO, WHO WAS THEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING WALLEMBERG HAD DIED IN 1947 IN LUBYANKA PRISON. BUT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF UNOFFICIAL REPORTS BY FORMER SOVIET PRISONERS SAYING THAT HE HAS BEEN SEEN ALIVE SINCE THEN. IF STILL ALIVE, WALLEMBERG WOULD BE 72 THIS YEAR.

MRS. SONNENFELDT SAID THE FOUNDATION HAD LITTLE HOPE THAT GROMYKO WOULD REPLY TO THE LATEST PETITION BUT SAID THE GROUP WOULD NEVER GIVE UP THE STRUGGLE FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT WALLEMBERG'S FATE.

MEMBERS OF WALLEMBERG'S FAMILY WHO STILL LIVE IN STOCKHOLM TOLD OUR CORRESPONDENT THEY WOULD ALSO ASK THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE SECURITY CONFERENCE TO TRY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT HIS FATE. WALLEMBERG WAS MADE AN HONORARY UNITED STATES CITIZEN IN OCTOBER 1981.

A CONCERT IN HIS HONOR WILL BE GIVEN IN THE STOCKHOLM CATHEDRAL ON TUESDAY NIGHT. 66/WB

Munich, Oct. 11 - (CND/EC) - following appeared in the NEUE ZUERCHER
 ZEITUNG of Oct. 9/10, 1983; titled:

Das ungeklärte Schicksal von Raoul Wallenberg

Vorstoss der britischen Liberalen

Doc. Stockholm, 7. Oktober

Die britischen Liberalen haben am Kongress der Liberalen Weltunion in Stockholm einen Resolutionsantrag eingebracht, in dem von der Sowjetunion verlangt wird, das Schicksal des bei Kriegsende in Ungarn verschwundenen schwedischen Diplomaten Raoul Wallenberg offenzulegen. Der junge Aristokrat Wallenberg war 1944 als «Sonderattaché für humanitäre Fragen» nach Budapest gesandt worden, um so viele Juden wie möglich vor Eichmanns «Endlösung» zu bewahren; in einem halben Jahr rettete er etwa 30 000 Juden das Leben. Beim Einmarsch der Russen verschwand er unter ungeklärten Umständen. Die schwedischen Nachfragen in Moskau wurden zuerst widersprüchlich beantwortet, schliesslich hiess es, Wallenberg sei an einem Herzschlag gestorben.

Ein schwedischer Aussenminister meinte einmal zynisch, man könne doch Wallenbergs wegen nicht der Sowjetunion den Krieg erklären, und gab damit der ambivalenten Haltung des offiziellen Schweden Ausdruck. Vor allem in Nordamerika, Grossbritannien und Israel, aber auch von kleineren Gruppen in Schweden, Norwegen und Deutschland wurde die Erinnerung an die humanitäre Leistung Raoul Wallenbergs wachgehalten und Jahr für Jahr seine Nomination für den Friedensnobelpreis erneuert. Der Vorstoss der britischen Liberalen auf schwedischem Boden gibt diesen Anstrengungen neuen Auftrieb.

KRAS'YI ARKHYV

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e/w--correspondents' contact with Kuscovites

Munich, Oct. 6 (end) ¹¹⁹⁸² The following item appeared in the International Herald Tribune today under the heading: Correspondents provide an outlet for the desperate, and daffy, of Moscow.

KRACHYI ARKHIV

By John F. Burns

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — "Hello, hello," the voice says, an urgent note detectable over the static that is a regular accompaniment of telephone calls in Moscow.

Establishing that he has reached a Western correspondent, the caller surges on. "I like to meet you, please," he says. "We must talk."

So begins another of the furtive encounters that are part of the routine for Western report-

ers here. Several times a week calls come in from Soviet citizens who have a story to tell about official injustice, high-handedness or corruption. The caller or his family is usually the victim in the tale, and contact with a foreign reporter apparently constitutes a last hope for help.

In a little over a year, one reporter has talked to 20 or 30 people with hard-luck stories. Among them was an evangelical Christian from a small town outside Moscow who had been in and out of jail for years because of his

efforts to proselytize. Others were doctors, scientists and musicians who lost their jobs after applying to emigrate.

The callers have cause to be nervous. They must assume that they are talking simultaneously into the tape recorders of the Soviet secret police, the KGB. Callers have been seized on the street before their Western contacts arrived for a meeting, and some have ended up in labor camps.

In most cases the penalties appear to be less severe. In what are regarded as trivial com-

plaints, the caller's name may only be posted in the files, or he or she may be summoned to KGB headquarters for a gentle warning.

Every encounter, however, takes place in an atmosphere of threat. The provision of the criminal code dealing with anti-Soviet agitation is broad enough to encompass the case of anyone who takes complaints against officialdom to the Western press.

For the reporter, too, there are risks. While anonymous callers can open a window on a closed society, every call is a potential trap, since the KGB makes a practice of slipping in "ringers" among those with genuine complaints.

Many callers assume that a Western correspondent comes to Moscow to fight for Western ideals and to enlist in human rights struggles. It is difficult to persuade a Russian that this is not part of a correspondent's job. In addition, hope can turn to bitterness when a correspondent explains that he is sympathetic, but that the story told him is not new or reveals nothing particularly significant about the country.

There are also those among the callers who at the least appear to have hyperactive imaginations. There was one man who insisted that the KGB was busy irradiating his apartment and placing agents all around him.

Other cases are harder to sort out. A few months ago this correspondent was pursued down the street outside his apartment building by a man with trench-coat collar turned up against the wind, dark glasses and a snap-brim hat. When the man followed him into a dimly lit underpass, it seemed like time to shoo him away. His reply was stammering.

"Would you like to know about Wallen-

berg?" he asked, glancing nervously down the tunnel.

Raoul Wallenberg was a Swedish diplomat who disappeared into Soviet custody during World War II after arranging safe passage out of Nazi-occupied Budapest for thousands of Hungarian Jews. Today he is widely presumed to be dead, but reports continue to surface

stating the next day, at which time another correspondent for The New York Times could be present. The Russian agent, and the next morning he slipped out from behind a pillar at the station carrying something wrapped inside a copy of the government newspaper Izvestia.

The man agreed to go for a drive, but soon asked to be let out at a busy subway station.

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from people who say they have seen him alive in Soviet prisons.

The informant hurriedly explained that he worked for a section of the Soviet Ministry of Internal Affairs that supervised mental hospitals and that he had met an inmate in one institution who said he was Mr. Wallenberg. The man in the hospital, the speaker said, spoke Swedish and was listed as 70 years old, which would be the missing diplomat's age.

The man in the tunnel offered an envelope that, he said, contained hospital records and fingerprints of the hospital inmate.

Since Robert Toth, a reporter for the Los Angeles Times, was arrested on a Moscow street some years ago after accepting an envelope from a Soviet citizen, the man in the tunnel was invited to a rendezvous in a railway

He leaped out, leaving behind the newspaper and, inside, a wad of handwritten 2-by-4 cards, all virtually unreadable. There were no hospital records or fingerprints.

Encounters with callers are generally arranged at regular meeting spots like the Puppet Theater in central Moscow or Pushkin Square, and the cloak-and-dagger atmosphere sometimes generates farce.

An American correspondent who ventured out to the Puppet Theater on a miserable, windy night two winters ago paced up and down looking for a caller in the murk. After a long wait, a man answering the caller's description loomed out of the night in a heavy coat. The American reached out his hand only to find himself greeting an American colleague out on a similar errand.

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Миссия в бессмертие

Имя шведского дипломата Рауля Валленберга хорошо известно нашим читателям. Все чаще оно встречается сейчас на страницах печати, все больше людей и общественных организаций требуют сказать до конца правду о трагической судьбе этого человека.

Что же произошло на самом деле со шведским дипломатом после его ареста, насколько правдива официальная версия его смерти от инфаркта в ночь 1947 года и вполне ли можно доверять показаниям свидетелей, якобы видевших Валленберга в 50-е и 60-е годы в советских тюрьмах, лагерях и психиатрических лечебницах — на все эти вопросы постарались ответить

создатели первого советского документального фильма о Рауле Валленберге, на днях показанного в пресс-центре МИД СССР.

Авторы ленты «Миссия Рауля Валленберга» Л. Гуревич и А. Роднянский, работавшие в тесном контакте с нашей газетой, в поисках сведений о прощании дипломата посетили Бульварскую и Владимирскую тюрьмы, трудовые лагеря под Пермью, побывали на Косынах и в Арзангельске.

Официальная презентация ленты общественности состоится 1 ноября в Доме кино, куда, по предварительной информации, должны приехать родные и близкие Рауля Валленберга. А. КАРЦЕВ.

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E/W - WALLENBERG MADE US CITIZEN

Munich, October 5 - (CND) - following appeared in THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE of October 5, 1983

Ronald Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat credited with saving thousands of Jews from Nazi death camps, has been made an honorary U.S. citizen. A bill authorizing honorary citizenship was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in October 1981. A ceremony conducted Monday by District Court Judge Mark Costantino in New York formalized Reagan's act. By making him a citizen, the United States can legally make inquiries of the Soviet government into the diplomat's whereabouts. Wallenberg, Swedish consul to Hungary during World War II, provided Swedish passports to many Jews in Budapest. In 1945 he was taken by Soviet officials into what they called "protective custody." There have been persistent reports that he is still alive, but Soviet officials said in 1957 that Wallenberg had died 10 years earlier.

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USSR -- SWEDISH FLYERS IN SIBERIA WITH WALLENBERG, BOOK SUGGESTS STOCKHOLM, AUG 25, REUTER - SWEDEN IS TO REOPEN THE CASE OF EIGHT AIRFORCE OFFICERS WHO DISAPPEARED OVER THE BALTIC IN 1952 AFTER THE SON OF ONE OF THEM SUGGESTED IN A NEW BOOK THAT THEY SUFFERED THE SAME FATE AS MISSING DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG.

THE MEN LEFT SWEDEN IN JUNE 1952 ON A DC3 PLANE PACKED WITH AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE EQUIPMENT BUT NEVER RETURNED. SWEDEN SAID AT THE TIME THEY HAD BEEN ON A TRAINING MISSION AND WERE SHOT DOWN BY SOVIET AIRCRAFT EAST OF THE SWEDISH ISLAND OF GOTLAND.

BUT ROGER AELMEBERG, SON OF THE PILOT ALVAR AELMEBERG, SAID HE HAD SEEN FOREIGN MINISTRY DOCUMENTS WHICH SHOWED THE FLYERS WERE FURTHER EAST OVER THE BALTIC WHEN THEY DISAPPEARED.

HE ALSO SAID HE HAD FOUND IN THE ACCOUNTS OF FORMER SOVIET LABOUR CAMP PRISONERS, WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN WALLENBERG IN SIBERIA, REFERENCES TO SWEDISH FLYERS BEING HELD THERE TOO.

AELMEBERG, A JOURNALIST WHO WAS ONLY THREE WHEN HIS FATHER DISAPPEARED, TOLD REUTERS HE BELIEVED THE CREW WERE CAPTURED BY SOVIET FORCES WHILE ON A COLD WAR SPYING MISSION AND TAKEN TO LABOUR CAMPS WHERE THEY MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE.

SWEDEN HAS LONG BEEN PRESSING THE SOVIET UNION FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WALLENBERG, WHO WAS CAPTURED BY SOVIET FORCES WHEN THEY LIBERATED HUNGARY FROM NAZI OCCUPATION IN 1945.

THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT BELIEVES FROM ACCOUNTS OF CAMP SURVIVORS THAT WALLENBERG WAS ALIVE IN THE SOVIET UNION AS RECENTLY AS THE LATE 1970S. MOSCOW SAYS HE DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN LYUBLYANKA PRISON IN 1947.

SWEDEN HAS NOT HOWEVER PRESSED THE CASE OF THE FLYERS SINCE SENDING A PROTEST NOTE TO MOSCOW IN THE 1950S.

PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME HAS NOW SAID THE CASE IS WORTH RE-EXAMINING AND DEFENCE MINISTER ANDERS THUNBORG HAS ORDERED A LEGAL INVESTIGATION.

FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO KNOW WHETHER THE MATTER WOULD BE RAISED AGAIN WITH MOSCOW.

AELMEBERG WROTE HIS BOOK AFTER READING SECRET FOREIGN OFFICE DOCUMENTS ON THE FLYERS AND WALLENBERG, TO WHICH HE HAD ACCESS AS A RELATIVE OF ONE OF THE MISSING MEN.

HE SAID HE FOUND STATEMENTS BY FORMER PRISONERS TESTIFYING THAT THEY HAD SEEN SWEDES OTHER THAN WALLENBERG IN CAMPS AROUND THE SIBERIAN TOWN OF NORILSK. SOME ACCOUNTS MENTIONED FLYERS.

BUT HE ADMITTED CERTAIN PRISONERS MIGHT HAVE CONFUSED HIS FATHER WITH WALLENBERG.

HE ADDED THAT SINCE NEWS OF HIS BOOK CAME OUT, AN 84-YEAR-OLD ESTONIAN HAD CONTACTED HIM WITH EVIDENCE FROM HIS NEPHEW, WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE MET THE FLYERS IN SIBERIA.

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E/W- ISRAELI AMBASSADOR PRESENTS U.S. OFFICIALS WITH WALLENBERG STAMP WASHINGTON, AUG. 5 (SPECIAL/MAGISTAD) -- THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, MEIR ROSENNE, CELEBRATED THE 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF RAOUL WALLENBERG'S BIRTH YESTERDAY BY PRESENTING EIGHT FORMER AND CURRENT AMERICAN LAWMAKERS WITH WALLENBERG COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS RECENTLY ISSUED BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

ROSENNE COMMENDED THE RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO UNCOVER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT, WHO THE SOVIET UNION ARRESTED IN 1945.

THE SOVIET UNION SAYS WALLENBERG DIED AS A YOUNG MAN, SUFFERING A HEART ATTACK IN A SOVIET PRISON IN 1947. BUT MANY OF HIS SUPPORTERS WORLDWIDE SAY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM AS RECENTLY AS 1982, AND HE MAY VERY WELL STILL BE ALIVE.

ROSENNE SAID, WALLENBERG WAS AWARDED THE MEDAL OF THE RIGHTEOUS GENTILE FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS DURING WORLD WAR TWO.

NOW, 37 YEARS AFTER THE SOVIETS TOOK WALLENBERG INTO "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY," ISRAEL IS HONORING HIM WITH A STAMP BEARING A SEMI-PROFILE OF WALLENBERG AS A YOUNG MAN.

CONGRESSMAN PAUL LANTOS, A NATIVE HUNGARIAN, TOLD THE GATHERING: "WE DON'T KNOW IF HE'S STILL ALIVE. WE DO KNOW THAT HE SPENT YEARS IN A SOVIET GULAG FOR PUTTING HIMSELF BETWEEN THE NAZI WAR MACHINE AND THE INTENDED INNOCENT VICTIMS. MANY OF THE PEOPLE RAOUL SAVED LIVE IN ISRAEL TODAY. MANY OF THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ARE HERE BECAUSE THERE WAS A RAOUL WALLENBERG."

AMBASSADOR ROSENNE SAID HE IS ONE OF THOSE JEWS IN ISRAEL TODAY WHO OWE THEIR LIVES TO WALLENBERG. HE WAS 13 WHEN HE ESCAPED ON A BOAT FROM HUNGARY TO ISTANBUL.

HE SAID: "I COME HERE NOT ONLY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO RAOUL WALLENBERG, AND TO THE COURAGE HE HAD TO NEGOTIATE AND DELIVER SWEDISH PASSPORTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL GHETTO ... BUT ALSO TO THE UNITED STATES ... THAT DUE TO ITS INTERVENTION SAVED EUROPE. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN WALLENBERG TODAY."

THOSE WHO RECEIVED COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS AT YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY WERE SENATORS CLAIBORNE PELL AND DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN, FORMER SENATOR FRANK CHURCH, CONGRESSMEN PETER RODINO, JACK KEMP, DON BONKER AND TOM LANTOS, AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN EDWIN DERWINSKI. TA

E/W -- UPI ON CONGRESSMAN URGES FRESH EFFORTS IN WALLENBERG CASE
BY PATRICIA KOZA

WASHINGTON, AUG. 4 (UPI) -- THE ONLY U.S. CONGRESSMAN WHO IS A SURVIVOR OF THE NAZI DEATH CAMPS URGED HIS COLLEAGUES WEDNESDAY TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO FIND THE MAN WHO SAVED HIM, SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG.

REPRESENTATIVE TOM LANTOS, DEMOCRAT-CALIFORNIA, A NATIVE OF HUNGARY WHO WAS RESCUED BY WALLENBERG DURING WORLD WAR II, PRAISED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR BRINGING UP THE WALLENBERG ISSUE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND CRITICIZED THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT FOR NOT BRINGING IT UP OFTEN ENOUGH.

HE SAID WHEN THE SWEDES CAPTURED A SOVIET SUBMARINE IN THE WINTER OF 1981, "THEY LOST A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY" TO USE THE ISSUE AS A LEVER TO OBTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF WALLENBERG.

"THIS WILL GO DOWN AS A BLACK MARK ON SWEDISH HISTORY," LANTOS SAID.

AS HIS FIRST LEGISLATIVE ACT AFTER BEING ELECTED TO CONGRESS IN 1980, LANTOS SPONSORED A RESOLUTION THAT PASSED CONGRESS GRANTING THE DIPLOMAT HONORARY U.S. CITIZENSHIP FOR HIS WORK RESCUING HUNGARIAN JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II.

WALLENBERG HAS BEEN A PRISONER IN THE SOVIET UNION SINCE 1945. UNTIL 1977, IT WAS ASSUMED HE WAS DEAD, BUT REPORTS BEGAN SURFACING THAT WALLENBERG WAS STILL ALIVE IN THE SOVIET GULAG.

UNDER TERMS OF THE CITIZENSHIP RESOLUTION, THE PRESIDENT IS REQUESTED TO "TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO ASCERTAIN FROM THE SOVIET UNION THE WHEREABOUTS OF RAOUL WALLENBERG AND TO SECURE HIS RETURN TO FREEDOM."

LANTOS SAID HE HAD TWO GOALS WHEN THE LEGISLATION WAS PASSED: TO ENSURE WALLENBERG'S COURAGE WAS NOT FORGOTTEN, AND TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE OR AT LEAST AN ACCOUNTING OF HIS WHEREABOUTS FROM THE SOVIETS.

"SADLY, I MUST REPORT THAT ONLY THE FIRST OF THESE GOALS HAS BEEN MET," HE SAID.

ALSO TESTIFYING WAS LANTOS' WIFE, ANNETTE, FOUNDER OF THE FREE WALLENBERG COMMITTEE.

"THE PRESIDENT PLEDGED HIS EARNEST SUPPORT TO RAOUL'S FAMILY AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHEN HE SIGNED THE BILL IN OCTOBER 1981," SHE SAID. "ALMOST TWO YEARS HAVE PASSED, TWO YEARS OF LIFE PRECIOUS TO RAOUL IF HE IS LIVING TODAY IN THE GULAG. WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AND WHAT WILL BE DONE FOR HIM BY OUR COUNTRY, WHICH CLAIMS HIM NOW AS ITS OWN."

LANTOS SAID HE WILL INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO CREATE AN AWARD IN HONOR OF THE ONLY TWO PERSONS TO BE NAMED HONORARY U.S. CITIZENS, WALLENBERG AND WINSTON CHURCHILL. THE AWARD WOULD GO TO THE PERSON WHO BEST EXEMPLIFIED THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM. TA

E/W -- SOVIET UNION PRESSED TO GIVE INFORMATION ON HALLENBERG

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WASHINGTON, MAY 14 (USIA) --

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WASHINGTON -- AN AMERICAN PRIVATE ORGANIZATION SAYS IT IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO HAVE THE SOVIET UNION GIVE AN ACCOUNTING AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF RAOUL HALLENBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE SOVIET MILITARY IN 1945 AFTER HAVING SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM NAZI EXTERMINATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WASHINGTON-BASED FREE HALLENBERG COMMITTEE SAYS THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL LETTERS TO SOVIET LEADERS, AND IS ORGANIZING A CAMPAIGN TO KEEP HALLENBERG'S +NAME AND SPIRIT+ ALIVE.

HALLENBERG, WHO WAS BORN 70 YEARS AGO, WENT TO NAZI-OCCUPIED HUNGARY IN 1944, AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES WAR REFUGEE BOARD AND WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ON A MISSION TO ATTEMPT TO SAVE JEWS.

HE OPENED A SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN BUDAPEST, PRINTED SWEDISH PASSPORTS OF HIS OWN DESIGN AND DISTRIBUTED THEM TO SOME 20,000 JEWS. HE WENT DAILY TO THE DEPORTATION TRAINS AND LITERALLY PULLED JEWS OUT OF THE CLUTCHES OF THE NAZIS. HALLENBERG IS ALSO CREDITED WITH HAVING HELPED SAVE THE LIVES OF SOME 100,000 OTHER HUNGARIAN JEWS.

HE DISAPPEARED AFTER BEING SEIZED ON JANUARY 17, 1945, BY SOVIET FORCES WHO TOOK CONTROL OF BUDAPEST AFTER THE RETREAT OF GERMAN TROOPS. THE SOVIETS APPARENTLY SUSPECTED HIM OF BEING A WESTERN SPY AND REPORTEDLY TOOK HIM TO MOSCOW'S LUBYANKA PRISON.

FOR 12 YEARS, THE SOVIET UNION DENIED HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HALLENBERG'S WHEREABOUTS. AFTER PERSISTENT REQUESTS BY SWEDEN AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, MOSCOW ADMITTED IN 1957 THAT THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT HAD BEEN HELD IN A SOVIET PRISON.

THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER, ANDREI GROMYKO, SAID THAT HALLENBERG HAD BEEN +MISTAKENLY+ ARRESTED IN 1945. GROMYKO INSISTED THAT THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN 1947.

RECENT EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS THAT HE MAY BE ALIVE IN A SOVIET PRISON OR CONCENTRATION CAMP.

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AN INTERNATIONAL PANEL, THAT MET IN STOCKHOLM IN JANUARY 1981, HEARD TESTIMONY FROM FORMER GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR, SOVIET POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND JEWISH EMIGRANTS, WHO SAID THEY HAD SEEN WALLEMBERG AFTER HE WAS REPORTED AS HAVING DIED.

THE PANEL CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION TO REOPEN THE CASE OF WALLEMBERG. THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION.

SWEDEN RELEASED IN MAY 1982 DOCUMENTS DETAILING ITS EFFORTS TO DISCOVER THE FATE OF WALLEMBERG. A HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID AT THE TIME THAT +WE ARE WORKING ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE.+

THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS GRANTED WALLEMBERG HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP IN 1981. IN SIGNING THE BILL, PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID +WE'RE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER+ TO +HELP+ LOCATE WALLEMBERG.

AT A GATHERING OF JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 11, PRESIDENT REAGAN CALLED ATTENTION TO WALLEMBERG'S CASE, DESCRIBING HIM AS +ONE OF THE MORAL GIANTS OF OUR TIME.+

+I WOULD AFFIRM, AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND, IF YOU WOULD PERMIT ME, IN THE NAMES OF THE (HOLOCAUST) SURVIVORS, THAT IF THOSE WHO TOOK HIM FROM BUDAPEST WOULD WIN OUR TRUST, LET THEM START BY GIVING US AN ACCOUNTING OF RAOUL WALLEMBERG.+

A GROUP OF U.S. CONGRESSMEN HAS NOMINATED WALLEMBERG AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE 1983 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. ONE OF THOSE SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION IS CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS, DEMOCRAT OF CALIFORNIA, WHO TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE WAS SAVED BY WALLEMBERG IN 1944.

WALLEMBERG WAS HONORED MAY 9 BY ISRAEL. THE ISRAELI PARLIAMENT HELD A SPECIAL SESSION TO MARK THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF WALLEMBERG.

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E/W -- ISRAEL TO CELEBRATE WALLEMBERG BIRTHDAY

TEL AVIV, MAY 5 (UPI/CND) -- ISRAEL PLANS ELABORATE 70TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS NEXT WEEK FOR MISSING SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLEMBERG, WHO SAVED THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS DURING WORLD WAR TWO.

THE SOVIETS ARRESTED WALLEMBERG AT THE END OF THE WAR AND LATER REPORTED HE HAD DIED IN A MOSCOW PRISON. BUT MANY PEOPLE IN THE WEST THINK HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE.

THE WALLEMBERG BIRTHDAY EVENTS INCLUDE A SPECIAL SESSION OF ISRAEL'S PARLIAMENT AT WHICH HE WILL BE PROCLAIMED AN HONORARY ISRAELI CITIZEN. WALLEMBERG IS ALREADY AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN.

ALSO SCHEDULED BY THE ISRAELIS ARE A TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY HONORING WALLEMBERG AND THE UNVEILING OF A PLAQUE AT A HOUSE IN THE PORT OF HAIFA WHERE THE SWEDE LIVED BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

DURING THE WAR, WALLEMBERG WAS A DIPLOMAT IN NAZI-OCCUPIED BUDAPEST AND SAVED HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM SHIPMENT TO EXTERMINATION CAMPS BY GIVING THEM SWEDISH IDENTITY PAPERS. THE SOVIETS ARRESTED HIM WHEN THE RED ARMY MOVED INTO BUDAPEST AND AFTERWARDS SAID HE DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN LUBYANKA PRISON IN 1947.

HOWEVER, SWEDEN AND OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS SAY WALLEMBERG MAY BE ALIVE. SOME SOVIET PRISONERS HAVE SAID IN RECENT YEARS THEY CAME ACROSS A MAN BELIEVED TO BE WALLEMBERG.

WALLEMBERG HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THIS YEAR'S NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR HIS HUMANITARIAN CAMPAIGN TO RESCUE HUNGARIAN JEWS. CB/TW *W*

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, MARCH 1 (SPECIAL/ENDRST) -- THE UNITED STATES HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS LOOK INTO THE DISAPPEARANCE IN THE SOVIET UNION OF SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAUL WALLENBERG

THE SUGGESTION BY WALTER BERNS, THE AMERICAN DELEGATE, WAS MADE DURING A DEBATE LAST WEEK ON ENFORCED OR INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES OF PERSONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD.

BERNS SAID THAT THE COMMISSION COULD DISCOVER THE WHEREABOUTS OF WALLENBERG AND, IF HE IS IN FACT STILL ALIVE, IT COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN HIS RELEASE. HE CALLED WALLENBERG "THE MOST FAMOUS OF ALL DISAPPEARED PERSONS."

THE COMMISSION TOOK NO FORMAL ACTION ON THE AMERICAN SUGGESTION. BERNS SAID THAT WALLENBERG, WHO WAS A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT IN WARTIME BUDAPEST, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING 100,000 PERSONS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE HAVE DISAPPEARED, AND THAT HE PERSONALLY ASSISTED 20,000 PERSONS TO ESCAPE DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS.

BERNS TOLD THE COMMISSION THAT ON JANUARY 17TH, 1945, WALLENBERG WAS TAKEN PRISONER IN BUDAPEST BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND "DISAPPEARED." NOTHING WAS HEARD OF HIM AND REPORTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION AT THAT TIME SAID THAT THE SOVIETS HAD NO RECORD OF HIM, THE AMERICAN DELEGATE SAID.

BUT 12 YEARS LATER, BERNS SAID, THE SOVIETS REPORTED THAT THEY HAD HEARD OF WALLENBERG AFTER ALL. HE HAD BEEN IMPRISONED IN MOSCOW AND HAD "SUDDENLY DIED IN JULY 1947," BERNS QUOTED THE SOVIETS AS SAYING. BUT BERNS SAID THERE ARE CONTINUING REPORTS, SOME OF THEM FROM PERSONS WHO HAVE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN HIM, THAT RAUL WALLENBERG IS IN FACT ALIVE. SUCH REPORTS HAVE REACHED HIS FAMILY, BERNS SAID, AND HE ADDED: "ONE CAN SCARCELY IMAGINE HOW SUCH REPORTS ARE RECEIVED BY HIS FAMILY, WHAT HOPES THE REPORTS INSPIRE, WHAT CRUEL MEMORIES THEY RECALL."

J.C. AHLANDER OF SWEDEN, WHILE NOT MENTIONING WALLENBERG BY NAME, SAID THAT CASES OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES OF SWEDISH CITIZENS "ARE THE CONTINUED CONCERN OF MY GOVERNMENT."

AHLANDER NOTED THAT THE PRACTICE OF SYSTEMATIC DISAPPEARANCES WAS USED BY GOVERNMENTS "TO GET RID OF POLITICAL OPPONENTS." HE SAID THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT "SOONER OR LATER THEY WILL HAVE TO ANSWER TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE FOR BARBARIC AND CRIMINAL ACTS OF THAT KIND."

THE SWEDISH DELEGATE SAID THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT IN 1980 OF A WORKING GROUP OF THE COMMISSION ON THE SUBJECT OF DISAPPEARED OR MISSING PERSONS HAS GIVEN A "NEW INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION" TO THIS PROBLEM. HE SAID THE PROBLEM WAS A LEGITIMATE CONCERN OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

VISCOUNT COLVILLE OF CULROSS, REPRESENTING BRITAIN, IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISAPPEARED AND MISSING PERSONS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOVERNMENTS WOULD COOPERATE WITH HIS GROUP IN INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS. HE SAID THE PRIME AIM WAS TO CLARIFY FOR THE FAMILIES THE FATE OF THEIR DISAPPEARED RELATIVES. BUT HE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS NO LESS IMPORTANT TO CREATE "A CLIMATE OF OPINION IN WHICH GOVERNMENTS DO NOT FEEL THREATENED BY A PROCESS OF DISCLOSING SUCH INFORMATION AS THEY POSSESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SOLUTIONS."

SOVIET DELEGATE VALERIAN ZORIN, IN HIS SPEECH AT THE SESSION, CONDEMNED WHAT HE TERMED THE SHAMEFUL PRACTICE OF ENFORCED AND INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES WHICH HE SAID WERE SPREADING IN A LARGE PART OF THE WORLD. HE CHARGED THAT THE PRACTICE WAS USED AS A MEANS OF REPRISAL AGAINST "PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND GUATEMALA, FOR EXAMPLE." HE SAID THAT THOSE STATES SHOULD BE COMPELLED TO PUT AN END TO SUCH PRACTICES. HE SAID MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO BRING TO TRIAL AND PUNISH THOSE FOUND GUILTY OF SUCH ACTIONS. (PTO) 01

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SAID ZORIN: "INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION SHOULD ALSO BE MOBILIZED TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON STATES SO AS TO FORCE THEM TO RENOUNCE THOSE ABHORRENT PRACTICES WHERE THEY STILL PREVAIL."

CUBA CLAIMED THAT SOME PEOPLE HAD INVOLUNTARILY DISAPPEARED "IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF NATIONAL OLIGARCHIES AND THOSE OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS." NO SPECIFIC EXAMPLES WERE CITED.

EL SALVADOR STATED ITS READINESS TO COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION. IT SAID IT HAD ALREADY PROVIDED INFORMATION SHOWING THAT PEOPLE WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE DISAPPEARED HAD ACTUALLY BEEN CONVICTED AND WERE IN PENITENTIARIES. SOME OF THOSE PRESUMED MISSING IN EL SALVADOR HAVE NOW BEEN FREED, AND OTHERS ARE AWAITING TRIAL, THE COUNTRY'S DELEGATE SAID.

BOLIVIA INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT ITS SUPREME COURT LAST YEAR FORMED A NATIONAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE PLIGHT OF DISAPPEARED CITIZENS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARAB LAWYERS UNION SPOKE OF DISAPPEARANCES IN LEBANON, ALLEGING THAT BOTH ISRAELI AND LEBANESE FORCES WERE GUILTY OF THAT PRACTICE. HE SAID THAT AMONG THE MISSING PERSONS ARE BOTH PALESTINIANS AND LEBANESE.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, A LONDON-BASED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, TOLD THE COMMISSION THAT FEW DISAPPEARANCES HAVE BEEN SOLVED AND THAT "LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE" CONTINUE TO DISAPPEAR. AMNESTY SAID THAT MANY GOVERNMENTS DID NOT REPLY TO THE COMMISSION'S INQUIRY, OR HAD RAISED TECHNICAL OBJECTIONS. IT ARGUED THAT CASES WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THE GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO COOPERATE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC.

THE COMMISSION LATER DECIDED TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISAPPEARED OR MISSING PERSONS FOR ANOTHER YEAR. TW

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E/W--ANDROPOV URGED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WALLEMBERG 262038/83

WASHINGTON, JAN 26 (SPECIAL/ZWADIUK) / AN AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATION TODAY URGED SOVIET PARTY LEADER YURI ANDROPOV TO PERFORM "A GREAT HUMANITARIAN ACT" BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUS OF FORMER SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLEMBERG.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COLORADO COMMITTEE OF CONCERN FOR RAOUL WALLEMBERG ATTEMPTED TO DELIVER TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY A "TREES FOR ISRAEL" CERTIFICATE THAT PLEDGES TO PLANT TREES IN JERUSALEM IN HONOR OF WALLEMBERG. A SOVIET OFFICIAL DECLINED TO ACCEPT IT, HOWEVER.

THE APPEAL TO ANDROPOV WAS PRINTED ON THE CERTIFICATE. IT SAID: "YOU CAN PERFORM A GREAT HUMANITARIAN ACT BY GIVING THE WORLD DEFINITE EVIDENCE OF RAOUL WALLEMBERG'S CURRENT STATUS."

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID THE GROUP BELIEVES THAT WALLEMBERG IS STILL ALIVE. HE SAID THIS CONVICTION IS BASED ON NUMEROUS REPORTS FROM FORMER SOVIET CAMP INMATES WHO SAID THEY HAD SEEN HIM.

WALLEMBERG WAS A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT STATIONED IN BUDAPEST DURING WORLD WAR TWO. HE IS CREDITED WITH HAVING SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM GERMAN CAMPS BUT WAS ARRESTED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES WHEN THE RED ARMY ENTERED HUNGARY. THE SOVIETS CLAIM WALLEMBERG DIED IN PRISON.

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E/W -- LAWYERS SUING SOVIETS OVER WALLENBERG

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TEL AVIV, JAN 19 (AP) -- AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SAYS IT PLANS TO SUE THE SOVIET UNION FOR 14,000 MILLION DOLLARS ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS HOLDING MISSING SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG, AND IS SEEKING TESTIMONY FROM ISRAELIS WHO SAY THEY HAVE SEEN HIM.

WALLENBERG SAVED THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE NAZIS IN WORLD WAR II, AN ACT OF HEROISM THAT HAS MADE HIM THE ONLY PERSON OTHER THAN WINSTON CHURCHILL TO WIN HONORARY U.S. CITIZENSHIP.

HE DISAPPEARED AFTER THE SOVIETS CAPTURED BUDAPEST, AND HIS WHEREABOUTS REMAIN AN INTERNATIONAL MYSTERY.

DR. ERNST KATIN, AN ISRAELI MEMBER OF THE U.S.-BASED WORLD HABEAS CORPUS (WHC) WHICH CONSISTS OF JURISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, SAID THE ORGANIZATION HAD BEEN EMPOWERED BY WALLENBERG'S HALF-BROTHER GUY VON DARDEL TO "PROSECUTE THE USSR...AND TO LEGALLY ASCERTAIN THE FATE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG."

THE SOVIET UNION CLAIMED IN 1957 THAT WALLENBERG HAD DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN A SOVIET PRISON 10 YEARS EARLIER, BUT MANY PEOPLE HAVE CLAIMED AS LATE AS 1979 THAT THEY HAVE SEEN WALLENBERG IN PRISON.

THE DAILY HAARETZ LAST MONTH QUOTED A SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRANT WHO SAID HE SPOKE WITH WALLENBERG OVER A FOUR-DAY PERIOD IN 1972 IN A PRISON IN SVERDLOVSK, IN THE URAL MOUNTAINS.

THE LATEST ATTEMPT TO UNCOVER WALLENBERG'S FATE IS BEING LED BY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ATTORNEY LUIS KUTNER, WHO HEADS WORLD HABEAS CORPUS.

KATIN SAID KUTNER WROTE TO HIM THAT HE WOULD SUE THE KREMLIN FOR ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN COMPENSATORY DAMAGE FOR EVERY DAY WALLENBERG HAS BEEN HELD.

KATIN TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HE WAS CONFIDENT THE ACTION IN A CHICAGO FEDERAL COURT WOULD SUCCEED AND THAT THE COURT WOULD IMPOUND SOVIET PROPERTY IN THE UNITED STATES IF MOSCOW REFUSED TO PAY DAMAGES TO THE WALLENBERG FAMILY.

"WE BELIEVE MOST STRONGLY THAT ADJUDICATION BY A COURT WILL BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO SECURE HIS RELEASE," KATIN SAID.

KATIN BELONGS TO THE ISRAEL COMMITTEE FOR RAOUL WALLENBERG, WHICH HAS PUBLISHED APPEALS IN NEWSPAPERS HERE FOR INFORMATION ON WALLENBERG'S WHEREABOUTS THAT MAY ASSIST THE CASE.

WALLENBERG OPENED A SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN BUDAPEST IN 1944 AND RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE THOUSANDS OF JEWS WHO WERE ABOUT TO BE DEPORTED TO NAZI DEATH CAMPS BY ISSUING THEM WITH SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS.

HE WAS BORN 70 YEARS AGO. WD

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E/W - A SWEDE IN THE GULAG

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WASHINGTON, JAN. 17 (SPECIAL) - THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARS TODAY IN THE NEW YORK TIMES:

JUST 38 YEARS AGO TODAY A REMARKABLE SWEDE NAMED RAOUL WALLENBERG DISAPPEARED IN BUDAPEST. HE IS BY NOW A FIGURE OF MYTH AND ROMANCE: - THE SAVIOR OF 120,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS, LATER A PRISONER IN THE SOVIET UNION, WHOSE LEADERS, TO THIS DAY, HAVE FAILED TO ACCOUNT PERSUASIVELY FOR HIS FATE. THAT FAILURE JUSTIFIES THE SHAMING VIGIL PLANNED BEFORE THE SOVIET U.N. MISSION TODAY. MR. WALLENBERG HAS COME TO SYMBOLIZE WHAT IS CRUELEST AND DARKEST IN THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM.

HE WAS SENT TO BUDAPEST IN 1944 AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNITED STATES WAR REFUGEE BOARD AND WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS. A MEMBER OF A LUTHERAN BANKING FAMILY, MR. WALLENBERG BY BLUFF AND GUILE MANAGED TO ISSUE PASSES TO 20,000 JEWS AND TO ASSIST 100,000 OTHERS INDIRECTLY. WHEN THE RUSSIANS ENTERED HUNGARY IN 1945, HE FELL INTO THEIR HANDS; "AFTER DENYING ALL KNOWLEDGE OF HIM, THE SOVIETS LATER SAID HE DIED IN PRISON OF A HEART ATTACK IN 1957. YET RECURRENT AND CREDIBLE REPORTS FROM EMIGRATING PRISONERS SAY THAT MR. WALLENBERG REMAINS ALIVE (HE WOULD BE 71).

TWO YEARS AGO, AN INTERNATIONAL PANEL CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION TO REOPEN THE CASE; CONGRESS GRANTED HIM HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP TO PRESS FOR AN ACCOUNTING. ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN BRUSHED ASIDE BY SOVIET LEADERS, WHO APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS NOBODY'S BUSINESS WHAT HAPPENS TO ANYONE CONSIGNED TO THE OBLIVION OF A SOVIET PRISON.

IN 1982, MEANWHILE, ONLY 2,670 EMIGRATION VISAS WERE ISSUED TO SOVIET JEWS, COMPARED WITH 9,447 THE YEAR BEFORE AND 51,320 IN 1979. THOSE FIGURES SPEAK SADLY ABOUT THE HARSH AND HERMETIC NATURE OF SOVIET SOCIETY IN LEONID BREZHNEV'S FINAL YEARS OF POWER. IF YURI ANDROOV WANTS TO ALTER HIS COUNTRY'S BALEFUL IMAGE, LET HIM HONOR RAOUL WALLENBERG'S HEROISM BY LOOSENING THE EMIGRATION PADLOCKS. HWG

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e/w--Is Wallenberg still alive?

KRASNYI ARKHIV

The following appeared in The Boston Globe of Jan. 16, 1983

By John Bierman
Special to The Globe

One day last month a Russian Jew living in Israel went to the local press with a story that had been on his mind for two years.

Asher Hanukaiev had a piece to add to the puzzle of Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from Nazi extermination camps and was then swallowed up in the Soviet prison system toward the end of World War II.

Hanukaiev said he had met Wallenberg in 1972 in a Soviet prison hospital in Sverdlovsk wearing the striped uniform of an habitual offender. Wallenberg was completely bald, said the Russian emigre, and so weak that he couldn't eat without help.

According to Hanukaiev's story, it was not until 1980 - three years after he had been allowed to emigrate to Israel - that Hanukaiev realized the significance of the prison encounter, having read Wallenberg's story in a Russian-language Israeli newspaper.

The article sent Hanukaiev into a struggle with his conscience. Should he tell the world he had seen Wallenberg alive in 1972 or keep quiet to protect members of his family who remained in Russia?

Last month, over the strong protest of his son, who lives in Israel, Hanukaiev decided to tell his story. The tale is either a significant piece of evidence in the body of testimony showing that Wallenberg survived many years after the Russians had declared him dead or merely another unverifiable chapter in a modern myth.

Either way, Asher Hanukaiev has illustrated once again the durability and poignancy of the Wallenberg legend. It holds the imagination and conscience of our time - as it indeed should.

Like some Medieval morality play it posits the issues of good and evil in the darkest and most uncompromising terms. For having fought, and in his particular arena overcome, one of the two most blood-stained tyrannies of the 20th century, Wallenberg almost immediately fell victim to the second and just conceivably might be its live prisoner to this day.

It was 38 years ago tomorrow that Raoul Wallenberg vanished from the ken of free men when after the Red Army's "liberation" of Budapest he left under military escort for talks with the Soviet command 120 miles to the east.

Behind him in the Hungarian capital he left 100,000 Jews, the only substantial Jewish community in Nazi-dominated Europe to have survived Hitler's holocaust.

Many of them - some believe virtually all - owed their lives directly or indirectly to Wallenberg's extraordinary and entirely altruistic endeavors after he left the safety of neutral Sweden to go to their aid at the request of the US government and with Swedish diplomatic cover.

But the Russian "liberators" took him for a Western capitalist spy and he was shipped off to Moscow, where he vanished into the Gulag Archipelago. For the next 12 years the Russians insisted that they had no knowledge of where he was.

They stonewalled all Swedish requests for information and put out stories variously that he had been killed by the Nazis or the Hungarian fascists or had died in the fighting for Budapest.

Then in an astonishing turnabout, they announced in 1957 that they had unearthed a prison document showing that Wallenberg had, in fact, been in their hands and had died of a heart attack in Moscow's Lubianka jail in 1947.

The statement was issued by Andrei Gromyko, then deputy foreign minister, after the death of Stalin and appears to have been an

attempt to clear up the Wallenberg question without actually freeing him and to blame his incarceration on the bad old ways of the Stalin era.

It was almost certainly a lie. The Russians never produced a prison document recording Wallenberg's death. In addition, detailed - and carefully cross-checked - evidence from returning German and Austrian war prisoners made it clear that Wallenberg had survived well beyond 1947.

More such evidence continued to filter through over the years, but the Soviets can WALLENBERG, Page A24

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tinued to insist that there was nothing new to add. Wallenberg was dead and the case was closed.

Strangely - some would say shamefully - the story of Wallenberg's inspiring wartime deeds and his post-war fate failed to come to the attention of the West until mid-1979, when the United States and Western European news media began to pick up the threads of his remarkable story. The publication of numerous articles and books and a television documentary

aired worldwide raised public consciousness.

In October, 1981, President Reagan signed into law an act of Congress declaring Wallenberg an honorary American citizen, a distinction previously conferred only on Sir Winston Churchill.

Across the United States, streets, high school auditoriums, university lecture halls and youth clubs were named after Wallenberg and a number of states and cities recognized his birthday as Raoul Wallenberg Day.

Signing the honorary citizenship bill, President Reagan promised Wallenberg's half brother and half sister, "We're going to do everything in our power to find out

what happened to him and secure his release if he is still alive."

"Everything in our power" has turned out to be something of an overstatement: The US delegation to the UN human rights commission in Geneva is known to have raised the matter with the Russians and to have received no response. The US delegation to the Madrid conference on European security also raised it with similar results.

Given the current state of US-Soviet relations and previous Russian stonewalling on Wallenberg, it perhaps could hardly have been otherwise. But given the need for US-Soviet consultation on matters affecting the peace of the world, the issue should hardly be allowed to stand in the way of a summit meeting, as some have suggested.

The death of Leonid Brezhnev and his replacement by Yuri Andropov have given rise to tentative new hopes that this deeply disturbing case might at last be cleared up. But whether such hopes are at all realistic depends on whether the new Soviet leader is a comparatively moderate willing to liberalize cautiously at home and ease tensions gradually abroad or a cold-eyed secret policeman with nothing but hatred for the West and contempt for humanitarian values.

One thing seems certain: As a former head of the KGB, Andropov must know - or be in a position to command from his subordinates - an immediate accounting of what really happened to Wallenberg.

However, even if Andropov were to decide that it was time to clear up the Wallenberg affair, the amazingly durable Andrei Gromyko might well have different ideas. He could hardly relish the prospect of being shown to have lied so blatantly when he put his signature to the declaration that Wallenberg had died in 1947.

So the likelihood is that the Wallenberg mystery will remain unsolved. If at the same time however, the legend gathers strength, at least something worthwhile will have emerged from this morass of injustice, indifference, deception and double-talk.

For, dead or alive, Raoul Wallenberg who he was, what he did, what happened to him - says something crucially important to all of us.

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STOCKHOLM, JAN 11/83 -- (DPA) - DER SCHWEDISCHE REICHSTAGSABGEORDNETE UND FRUEHERE ERZIEHUNGSMINISTER JAN-ERIK WIKSTROEM HAT DEN 1945 VON DEN SOWJETS AUS BUDAPEST VERSCHLEPPTEN SCHWEDISCHEN DIPLOMATEN RAUL WALLENBERG FUER DEN FRIEDENSNOBELPREIS VORGESCHLAGEN. "WALLENBERG WAERE EIN AUSSERORDENTLICH WUERDIGER PREISTRAEGER", SCHRIEB WIKSTROEM AM DIENSTAG IN EINEM BRIEF AN DAS NOBELKOMITTEE DES NORWEGISCHEN PARLAMENTS IN OSLO.

WALLENBERG HATTE ALS GESANDTER AN DER SCHWEDISCHEN BOTSCHAT IN UNGARN WAEHREND DES ZWEITEN WELTKRIEGES TAUSENDEN VON JUDEN DURCH AUSSTELLUNG VON SCHUTZPASSES ZUR AUSREISE NACH SCHWEDEN VERHOLFEN. NACH DARSTELLUNG SOWJETISCHER BEHOERDEN IST WALLENBERG 1947 IN EINEM MOSKAUER GEFANGNIS GESTORBEN. NACH AUGENZEUGENBERICHTEN VON EHEMALIGEN MITHAEFTLINGEN BESTEHT DIE MOEGLICHKEIT, DASS DER 70JAEHRIGE NOCH LEBT. DPA

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WORLD-PEACE MOVEMENT, WALLENBERG PROPOSED FOR NOBEL PEACE PRIZE
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MUENCHEN, JAN 12/83 -- (DPAY - DER EHEMALIGE HAMBURGER
JUSTIZSENATOR UND BUNDESVORSITZENDE DER HUMANISTISCHEN UNION, ULRICH
KLUG, HAT DIE INTERNATIONALE FRIEDENSBEWEGUNG FUER DEN
FRIEDENSNOBELPREIS 1983 VORGESCHLAGEN.

NACH DEN VORSTELLUNGEN KLUGS, DER KUERZLICH AUS DER FDP
AUSGETRETEN IST, SOLLTE DIE FRIEDENSBEWEGUNG - FALLS SIE DEN
NOBELPREIS ERHAELT - VON JE EINEM REPRaesENTANTEN AUS WESTEUROPA,
OSTEUROPA UND DEN USA VERTRETEN WERDEN, TEILTE DAS MUENCHNER
"INFORMATIONSBUERO FUER FRIEDENSPOLITIK" AM MITTWOCH MIT.

BEREITS AM DIENSTAG HATTE DER SCHWEDISCHE REICHTSTAGSABGEORNETE
JAN-ERIK WIKSTROEM VORGESCHLAGEN, DEN 1945 VON DEN SOWJETS AUS
BUDAPEST VERSCHLEPPTEN SCHWEDISCHEN DIPLOMATEN RAOUL (WALLENBERG) MIT
DEM FRIEDENSNOBELPREIS AUSZUZEICHNEN.

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E/W-- WALLEMBERG AND SWEDEN'S SHAME (CONT'D.)

WASHINGTON, JAN. 16 (SPECIAL)-- THE FOLLOWING COLUMN BY GEORGE F. WILL APPEARS TODAY IN THE WASHINGTON POST:

LIKE A NORTHERN PIKE RISING AT A LURE, SWEDEN'S AMBASSADOR HAS RISEN TO DEFEND HIS COUNTRY AGAINST AN ACCUSATION IN A RECENT COLUMN. I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO AMPLIFY THE OFFENDING REMARK.

WRITING ABOUT RAUOL WALLEMBERG, THE SAVIOR OF THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS, WHO DISAPPEARED INTO SOVIET PRISONS IN 1945, I QUOTED A SWEDISH OFFICIAL SAYING THAT, "WE ARE WORKING ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT WALLEMBERG IS STILL ALIVE." I SAID: "SWEDEN'S LETHARGY CONCERNING THE CASE--LETHARGY BORN OF COWARDICE--HARDLY CONSTITUTES 'WORKING.'"

IN A LETTER TO THE WASHINGTON POST, THE AMBASSADOR CALLS THIS "GROSSLY UNFAIR." HE ADMITS SWEDEN BELIEVED INITIAL SOVIET LIES, BUT HE SAYS SWEDEN "HAS PURSUED THIS MATTER WITH A VIGOR AND PERSEVERANCE THAT PROBABLY EXCEEDS WHAT ANY GOVERNMENT HAS DONE FOR ONE OF ITS CITIZENS."

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SWEDEN'S STATEMENT ABOUT ITS SUPPOSITION WAS MADE WHEN SWEDEN RELEASED DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE CASE. REP. TOM LANTOS (D-CALIF.), WHO AS A BOY IN BUDAPEST WAS SAVED BY WALLEMBERG, WROTE TO THE NEW YORK TIMES (MAY 26, 1982):

"IT IS BOTH IRONIC AND DEPLORABLE THAT SWEDEN HAS WAITED 20 YEARS TO RELEASE SOME 42 VOLUMES OF REPORTS AND EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS....HAD THE INFORMATION BEEN MADE PUBLIC EARLIER TO THOSE IN A POSITION TO HELP RAUOL WALLEMBERG, HE MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE HIS LIFE WITH DIGNITY--WITH HIS FAMILY--INSTEAD OF IN THE INFAMY OF THE SOVIET GULAG. FOR YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN HAS ENGAGED IN INEFFECTIVE SILENT DIPLOMACY...NOW THEY TELL THOSE OF US WHO HAVE FOUGHT SO HARD FOR HIS RELEASE THAT WE CAN FINALLY SEE THEIR DOCUMENTS. IF...THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT IS NOW 'WORKING ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE,' THEN IT'S ABOUT TIME."

JUST AFTER THE WAR, SWEDEN'S FOREIGN MINISTER WAS URGED TO PRESS THE CASE AND DISREGARD THE FACT THAT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER VYSHINSKY SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION DID NOT HAVE WALLEMBERG. THE SWEDISH MINISTER SAID: "WHAT, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT MR. VYSHINSKY IS LYING?" VYSHINSKY, THE PROSECUTOR IN STALIN'S SHOW TRIALS, LIE? "ABSOLUTELY UNHEARD OF," SAID THE MINISTER.

THE AMBASSADOR'S CLAIM THAT SWEDEN HAS DONE MORE FOR WALLEMBERG THAN ANY NATION HAS DONE FOR A CITIZEN IS REFUTED BY MANY CASES, BUT ESPECIALLY THAT OF HARALD FELLER, A SWISS DIPLOMAT WHO WAS IN BUDAPEST WHEN WALLEMBERG WAS DOING SIMILAR RESCUE WORK. HE, TOO, WOUND UP IN SOVIET HANDS. BUT HE WAS RELEASED IN 1946 BECAUSE HIS COUNTRY ARRESTED SIX SOVIET SPIES AND NEGOTIATED A SWAP.

ALTHOUGH SWEDEN FOUND NEUTRALITY PROFITABLE BETWEEN 1939 AND 1945, AFTER THE WAR IT DISCOVERED MORALITY, AND EVER SINCE HAS BEEN URGING IT ON OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES, WHICH FREQUENTLY FALLS SHORTS OF SWEDEN'S EXACTING STANDARDS. SWEDEN HAS GENERALLY CONSIDERED SWAPS BENEATH ITS DIGNITY. "SWEDEN," SAID A SWEDISH FOREGIN MINISTER, "DOES NOT DO SUCH THINGS." BY THE TIME (1979) SWEDEN PROPOSED A SWAP, THE KREMLIN REACTED WITH DISDAIN.

OLOF PALME, WHO IS AGAIN PRIME MINISTER, AND THE WORLD'S MORAL TUTOR (HE CONSIDERS THE UNITED STATES AN ESPECIALLY BACKWARD STUDENT), WAS PRIME MINISTER IN 1976. WHEN PALME MET WITH ALEXI KOSYGIN, THE WALLEMBERG CASE WAS NOT EVEN ON THE AGENDA. PALME'S ADMINISTRATION DISMISSED THE CASE IN A WORK: "UTAGERAD" (SETTLED).

EVEN BEFORE THE INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN, WALLEMBERG'S SUPPORTERS URGED SWEDEN TO BOYCOTT THE 1980 OLYMPICS IN MOSCOW. EVEN AFTER THE INVASION, SWEDEN DID NOT BOYCOTT.

IN OCTOBER 1981, A SOVIET SUBMARINE RAN AGROUND WHILE VIOLATING SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS. WALLEMBERG SUPPORTERS URGED USING THE SUBMARINE FOR LEVERAGE. WHEN THE SOVIET UNION ASKED FOR ITS BOAT BACK, SWEDEN COULD HAVE SAID: BOAT? WHAT BOAT? WE KNOW NOTHING OF ANY BOAT--JUST AS YOU KNOW NOTHING OF WALLEMBERG.

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BUT APPEARING ON ABC'S "NIGHTLINE" (OCT. 30, 1981), THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS ASKED IF SWEDEN "MIGHT WANT TO PROPOSE A TRADE." HE SAID THAT "WOULD CERTAINLY NOT SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE." DO SWEDES WONDER WHY SOVIET SUBMARINES SHOW SUCH CONTEMPT FOR SWEDEN'S SOVEREIGNTY? CRINGING NEUTRALITY HAS NOT NOTICEABLY IMMUNIZED SWEDEN FROM THE AGGRESSIVE DISDAIN OF SOVIET SUBMARINERS.

IN HER NEW BIOGRAPHY, "WALLENBERG," KATI MARTON, A HUNGARIAN-BORN JOURNALIST, CONCLUDES THAT WALLENBERG FELL VICTIM TO "SWEDEN'S NEAR-PATHOLOGICAL FEAR OF RUSSIA":

"THE SCORN WITH WHICH THE KREMLIN TREATED STOCKHOLM'S QUERIES ABOUT WALLENBERG WAS NOT ALTOGETHER UNJUSTIFIED GIVEN THE SWEDES' LACK OF CONVICTION FOLLOWING HIS IMPRISONMENT. THE DIM MEMORY OF AN EARLY 19TH-CENTURY RUSSIAN INVASION, SWEDEN'S FIRST AND LAST, IS NOT SUFFICIENT EXPLANATION FOR THE COUNTRY'S SPINELESS BEHAVIOR ON BEHALF OF ITS CAPTURED DIPLOMAT."

MARTON ALSO SAYS: "AT WALLENBERG'S EXPENSE, SWEDEN HAS LEARNED A PAINFUL LESSON: THE PRICE DEMANDED TO MAINTAIN ONE'S NEUTRALITY CAN SOMETIMES BE TOO HIGH." THE LESSON CERTAINLY HAS BEEN TAUGHT TO ALL OF EUROPE; WHETHER IT HAS BEEN LEARNED IS INCREASINGLY DOUBTFUL. TA

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WASHINGTON, JAN. 7 (SPECIAL) 1983 THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE EDITOR
APPEARS TODAY IN THE WASHINGTON POST:

COLUMNIST GEORGE F. WILL REFERS TO A NEW WITNESS IN THE TRAGIC
RAOUL WALLENBERG CASE WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE MET MR. WALLENBERG IN A
SOVIET HOSPITAL IN 1972. THE WITNESS IS A RECENT IMMIGRANT TO ISRAEL
FROM THE SOVIET UNION. MR. WILL QUOTES - CORRECTLY - A SWEDISH
OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT "WE ARE WORKING ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT HE IS
STILL ALIVE," AND MR. WILL CONTINUES: "SWEDEN'S LETHARGY CONCERNING
THIS CASE - LETHARGY BORN OF COWARDICE - HARDLY CONSTITUTES
'WORKING.' IF ALIVE, HE IS 70. IT IS 38 YEARS SINCE HE DISAPPEARED
FROM HUNGARY INTO THE SOVIET UNION."

FOR SOMEBODY WHO ON AND OFF DURING MOST OF THESE 38 YEARS, IN
STOCKHOLM, MOSCOW AND ELSEWHERE, HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS TRAGIC
MATTER, I FIND THIS DESCRIPTION OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE
TO BE GROSSLY UNFAIR. TRUE, IN RETROSPECT IT MAY BE ARGUED THAT
MISTAKES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED, PARTICULARLY IN THE VERY BEGINNING,
WHEN OFFICIAL SOVIET ASSURANCES THAT MR. WALLENBERG WAS UNDER THEIR
PROTECTION WERE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE FOR TOO LONG. BUT SINCE THEN,
DURING THESE NEARLY 40 YEARS, THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS PURSUED
THIS MATTER WITH A VIGOR AND PERSEVERANCE THAT PROBABLY EXCEEDS WHAT
ANY GOVERNMENT HAS DONE FOR ONE OF ITS CITIZENS. AND MR. WALLENBERG
RICHLY DESERVES IT.

LIKE ALL NEW WITNESSES IN THIS DJAMA, THE RECENT ONE IS ALREADY
BEING INVESTIGATED THROUGH OFFICIAL SWEDISH CHANNELS. WE ARE
"WORKING" ON IT. IF THE WITNESS TURNS OUT TO BE CREDIBLE AND SOME NEW
FACTS EMERGE FROM THE HEARING WITH HIM, THE CASE WILL NO DOUBT BE
RAISED ANEW WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

WILHELM WACHTMEISTER

AMBASSADOR OF SWEDEN, WASHINGTON

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E/W - A QUESTION FOR ANDROPOV: WHERE IS RAOUL WALLENBERG?

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6 (SPECIAL 1983) - THE FOLLOWING COLUMN BY GEORGE F. WILL APPEARS TODAY IN THE WASHINGTON POST:

THE GAUZE OF LIES THAT THE SOVIET REGIME WRAPS AROUND REALITY HAS NEVER BEEN THICK ENOUGH TO MUFFLE THIS QUESTION: WHERE IS RAOUL WALLENBERG?

NOW IT IS ASKED AGAIN, IN THE WAKE OF THE MOST RECENT IN A LONG SERIES OF TORMENTING REPORTS. A RUSSIAN IMMIGRANT IN ISRAEL SAYS THAT WHEN HE WAS HOSPITALIZED IN 1972 ON THE WAY TO PRISON, HE MET A MAN WHO "LOOKED JEWISH, SO I ASKED WH HE WAS. HE ANSWERED IN ACCENTED RUSSIAN THAT HE WAS SWEDISH AND WAS THERE BECAUSE HE HELPED THE JEWS. HE SAID HIS NAME WAS RAOUL WALLENBERG." THAT OCCURRED A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AFTER 1947, THE YEAR THE KREMLIN SAYS WALLENBERG DIED.

LAST MAY, WHEN TARDILY RELEASING DOCUMENTS ABOUT THE WALLENBERG CASE, A SWEDISH OFFICIAL SAID, "WE ARE WORKING ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT HE IS STILL ALIVE." (SWEDEN'S LETHARGY CONCERNING THE CASE - LETHARGY BORN OF COWARDICE - HARDLY CONSTITUTES "WORKING.") IF ALIVE, HE IS 70. IT IS 38 YEARS SINCE HE DISAPPEARED FROM HUNGARY INTO THE SOVIET UNION.

ON JAN. 17, 1945, HE WAS SEIZED BY SOVIET FORCES THAT WERE "LIBERATING" HUNGARY FROM THEIR FORMER ALLIES, THE NAZIS. THREE WEEKS LATER HE WAS IN THE EMBLEMATIC INSTITUTION OF THE SOVIET REGIME, MOSCOW'S LUBYANKA PRISON.

AT 32, REPRESENTING NEUTRAL SWEDEN, WALLENBERG WAS IN BUDAPEST AT AMERICA'S REQUEST, WORKING WITH BREATHTAKING BRAVERY AND SAVING SCORES OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM ADOLF EICHMANN'S FINAL CHAPTER OF THE "FINAL SOLUTION," THE DESTRUCTION OF HUNGARIAN JEWS. HE BOUGHT BUILDINGS AND DRAPED THEM WITH SWEDISH FLAGS AS DIPLOMATICALLY PROTECTED TERRITORY. HE DRESSED "ARYAN-LOOKING" JEWISH MEN IN SS UNIFORMS TO PROTECT JEWISH HAVENS. HE DISTRIBUTED FAKE PASSPORTS, AND USED SHEER AUDACITY TO INTIMIDATE NAZI SOLDIERS INTO OPENING THE DOORS OF CATTLE CARS. THANKS TO HIM, THE 120,000 JEWS IN BUDAPEST WERE THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL JEWISH COMMUNITY SURVIVING IN EUROPE WHEN THE WAR ENDED.

ONE CERTAINTY IS THAT ANDREI GROMYKO LIED IN THE 1957 MEMORANDUM ASSERTING THAT WALLENBERG'S "SOJURN IN THE SOVIET UNION" - GROMYKO'S WORDS - ENDED WITH A HEART ATTACK IN PRISON IN 1947. THIS MEMORANDUM CAME AFTER 12 YEARS OF KREMLIN DENIALS THAT WALLENBERG HAD EVER BEN IN SOVIET HANDS. GROMYKO CITED THE EVIDENCE OF TWO SOVIET FUNCTIONARIES, BOTH CONVENIENTLY DEAD, AND SAID THE BODY HAD BEEN CREMATED - A TRANSPARENT FABRICATION, GIVEN SOVIET PRACTICES.

THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY TRICKLE OF REPORTS ABOUT WALLENBERG, FIRST FROM RETURNING GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR, THEN FROM RELEASED POLITICAL PRISONERS AND JEWISH EMIGRANTS. THE REPORTS GIVE DATES AND PLACES - PRISONS, CELL NUMBERS - THAT TRACE A TANTALIZING TRAIL ACROSS THE YEARS AND THROUGH THE GULAGS.

FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1961, A SOVIET PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE TOLD A VISITING SWEDISH PHYSICIAN THAT HE HAD RECENTLY EXAMINED WALLENBERG IN A "MENTAL HOSPITAL." IN 1977 A MUSCOVITE JUST RELEASED FROM THE GULAG CALLED HIS DAUGHTER IN ISRAEL AND MENTIONED MEETING IN A MOSCOW PRISON A SWEDE "WHO HAD SERVED 30 YEARS." TWO YEARS LATER THE MUSCOVITE WAS BACK IN PRISON BECAUSE, HIS WIFE SAID, HE WROTE A LETTER ABOUT WALLENBERG. SOURCES IN EASTERN EUROPE REPORT THAT IN 1981 WALLENBERG WAS MOVED TO A PRISON HOSPITAL NEAR LENINGRAD. (PTO) FW/

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WHY WAS HE ARRESTED IN THE FIRST PLACE? THE SOVIET MACHINERY OF BRUTALITY OPERATES SO AUTOMATICALLY IT LEAVES LITTLE ROOM FOR, AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT REQUIRE, MUCH MIND. BUT SOVIET REPRESSORS CERTAINLY DID NOT WANT BRAVE WITNESSES TO THE BREAKING OF EASTERN EUROPE. WHY WAS HE KEPT? PERHAPS, IN PART, TO SHOW CONTEMPT FOR WESTERN DISAPPROVAL. WHY DID SOVIET TROOPS USING HORSES AND ROPES DRAG AWAY THE STATUE ERECTED TO HIM IN BUDAPEST IN 1948? BECAUSE THE KREMLIN DISAPPROVED OF WHAT HE DID.

IT IS PRUDENT THAT WE INSISTENTLY ASK WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WALLENBERG ENDED HIS DANCE OF DEATH WITH THE THIRD REICH AND FELL INTO THE HANDS OF ITS MORAL TWIN. WHEN THE SOVIET UNION GETS AWAY WITH SUCH ACTS - ACTS THAT ARE AS CONTEMPTUOUS AS THEY ARE CONTEMPTIBLE - IT GETS THE IDEA THAT IT CAN UNLEASH "YELLOW RAIN" AND CAN SHOOT THE POPE WITH LITTLE TO FEAR FROM THE WEST'S FITFUL DISAPPROVAL.

BESIDES, IF THIS CASE IS NOT AMERICA'S BUSINESS, WHAT IS? ON OCT. 5, 1981, WALLENBERG BECAME ONLY THE SECOND PERSON (WINSTON CHURCHILL WAS THE FIRST) TO BE MADE AN HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZEN.

SIGNING THE BILL CONFERRING THIS HONOR, PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID, "WE'RE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING IN OURT POWER" TO LOCATE WALLENGERG. BUT WE HAVE NOT DONE THAT. SO BEFORE REAGAN AGREES TO MEET WITH YURI ANDROPOV, HE SHOULD RECEIVE AN ANSWER, BEYOND THE ROUTINE MENDACITIES, TO THIS QUESTION: WHERE IS RAOUL WALLENBERG? FW/

E/W - AGAIN WALLENBERG

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Munich, Dec. 28 - (CND/EC) - following comment appeared in today's Vienna daily DIE PRESSE (right-lib) titled:

Wieder Wallenberg

Er kehrt genauso regelmäßig wieder, ist aber viel tragischer als das Gespenst von Loch Ness: Der Fall Wallenberg sorgt immer wieder für Meldungen rund um die Welt. Der schwedische Diplomat, der in den letzten Kriegsjahren in Ungarn Zehntausenden Juden das Leben retten konnte und der dann von den Sowjets 1945 „irrtümlich“ verschleppt wurde, ist jedenfalls nicht 1947 gestorben, wie es Moskau der Welt weismachen will. Sowie steht fest. Ob er wirklich noch bis in die siebziger Jahre gelebt hat, wie nun ein neuer Zeuge zu wissen behauptet, ist genauso ins Dunkel von Spekulationen und Vermutungen gehüllt wie vieles andere rund um Wallenberg. Eines aber ist klar: Hätten die Sowjets einmal mit wirklichen Beweisen das weitere Schicksal des Schweden klargelegt, so hätten sie sich eine ewige Flut von Gerüchten erspart, die letzten Endes für sie viel unangenehmer sein muß. Was auch immer mit Wallenberg passiert ist.

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USSR -- SOVIET JEW SAYS HE SPOKE TO WALLEMBERG OVER FOUR DAYS IN 1972
TEL AVIV, DEC. 26 (AP) -- AN ISRAELI NEWSPAPER QUOTES A RECENT
IMMIGRANT FROM THE SOVIET UNION AS SAYING THAT IN 1972 HE MET AND
SPOKE WITH MISSING SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAUL WALLEMBERG, WHOSE FATE HAS
BEEN A MYSTERY SINCE 1945.

ASHER HANUKAIEV, SAID HE SPOKE TO WALLEMBERG OVER A FOUR-DAY PERIOD
IN SWERDLOVSK PRISON, THE NEWSPAPER HAARETZ REPORTED SUNDAY.

HANUKAIEV WAS REPORTED AS TELLING A LOCAL NEWSPAPER "SHEVA" IN
THE SOUTHERN TOWN OF BEERSHEBA, THAT WALLEMBERG "LAY ON A STRETCHER,
AND HE TOLD ME HE HAD TROUBLE IN THE STOMACH." HANUKAIEV SAID
WALLEMBERG TOLD HIM HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES
BECAUSE HE HAD HELPED TO SAVE JEWS FROM NAZI EXTERMINATION CAMPS,
HAARETZ REPORTED.

SEVERAL SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRANTS HAVE REPORTED SEEING WALLEMBERG OR
HEARING OF HIS EXISTENCE BETWEEN 1945 AND 1972. THE SOVIET UNION HAS
REPEATEDLY CLAIMED THAT THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT DIED IN THE SOVIET UNION
IN 1947.

WALLEMBERG SAVED THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE NAZIS. HE
OPENED A SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN BUDAPEST IN 1944, ISSUED
THOUSANDS OF SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS AND ALLEGEDLY PULLED JEWS
OUT OF QUEUES WAITING TO BOARD TRAINS BOUND FOR DEATH CAMPS IN
POLAND. IN 1945 HE DISAPPEARED ON HIS WAY TO MEET SOVIET OCCUPATION
AUTHORITIES OUTSIDE BUDAPEST. HE WOULD BE 70 YEARS OLD IF ALIVE
TODAY.

WHILE OTHER EVIDENCE OF WALLEMBERG'S SURVIVAL UP TO 1972 HAS BEEN
BASED LARGELY ON OBSERVATION FROM A DISTANCE AND HEARSAY, HANUKAIEV
IS THE FIRST RECENT WITNESS TO HAVE CLAIMED ACTUALLY TO HAVE SPOKEN
WITH WALLEMBERG OVER A PROTRACTED PERIOD. KF

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Munich, Nov 22 (CNDY) ¹⁹⁸² the following article appeared in
.La Libre Belguque, Nov 17, 1982

Ce soir et mercredi prochain, «Les mercredis de l'information» (TF1, 20.35) consacrent deux émissions au «Dossier Wallenberg», ce diplomate suédois dont l'activité pendant la guerre et la disparition en URSS sont un mystère toujours opaque. Un livre récent fait le point sur cette affaire.

D'une biographie de Raoul Wallenberg lue voici des années, j'avois retenu une image incroyable, celle de ce jeune Suédois toqué dans la main de l'SS colonel Eichmann et lui disant à peu près ceci : «Je te donne un baril de saindoux contre 50 juifs ! Un camion américain contre 500 juifs !» On prépare, dit-on, plusieurs films où se retrouveront de pareilles naïvetés, mais on n'en trouve aucune dans *Mission sans retour - L'affaire Wallenberg* (1) de Gilbert Joseph.

Raoul Wallenberg, né en 1912 à Stockholm, perd son père alors qu'il n'a que quatre mois, voit plus tard sa remarier sa mère qui lui donne un frère et une sœur, est écarté des affaires de la famille (des banquiers du calibre des Rothschild), fait des études en France et aux Etats-Unis, prend un

diplôme d'architecte, diplômé non valable en Suède.

Comme la guerre de 40 tire à sa fin et qu'il est bruit partout du calvaire des Juifs hongrois en voie d'anéantissement, il décide d'aller au secours de ces malheureux. Des malheureux qui le sont doublement puisqu'ils vivent sous la botte du regent Horthy antisémite et que tout à l'heure, l'armée Rouge qui fonce vers l'ouest, envahira la Hongrie.

Wallenberg qui a un poste à l'ambassade de Suède à Budapest, prend les mesures de ses possibilités : il y a 900.000 Juifs en Hongrie ! Le 26 septembre 1944, les avant-gardes russes y prennent pied, le 11 octobre, elles sont à 100 km de la capitale. Horthy signerait volontiers un armistice avec les Russes, mais Hitler n'en veut pas et comme Horthy passe outre, les Allemands envahissent la Hongrie et l'occupent.

L'SS colonel Eichmann, hœur de Juifs, est à pied d'œuvre. Les 400 employés de Wallenberg mettent les voiles, il n'en reste que fort peu avec le jeune patron (32 ans) qui se tue à donner aux Juifs de faux vrais papiers et assure à 35.000 d'entre eux «des maisons de protection». Les Russes étant aux

abords de Budapest, Eichmann décide que les Juifs qui peuplent les camps à ciel ouvert, partiront à pied pour Auschwitz. Wallenberg mobilise les véhicules qu'il peut trouver et fait la navette le long des misérables colonnes, distribuant vivres et médicaments. Puis, tout s'embrouille : des Juifs qui n'ont pas quitté la ville sont rassemblés dans un ghetto, ghetto qui sera anéanti le jour où les Russes occuperont Budapest (15 janvier 1945).

Wallenberg estime que c'est l'heure de rencontrer les Russes pour statuer sur le sort des derniers Juifs. Le 17 janvier, il doit avoir une entrevue avec le maréchal Malinovski. Quinze jours plus tard, Alexandra Kollontai, «la Rose de la Révolution» déclare que «Raoul Wallenberg est en vie et se trouve en Russie soviétique et qu'il voudrait mieux pour lui que le gouvernement suédois ne fasse pas de tapage à son sujet». Le 26 mars, on apprend

de Roumanie, que Wallenberg aurait disparu. Söderblom, ambassadeur suédois à Moscou, estime que «Wallenberg s'est faulxé de sa propre initiative chez les Russes, qu'il semble qu'il soit parti en voiture pour Debrecen et qu'il est à craindre qu'il ait péri au cours du voyage». «Söderblom précise : «Je

crains que la lumière ne soit jamais faite là-dessus.

La Suède qui était restée neutre pendant la guerre, se découvre soudain un héros en la personne de Wallenberg et remue ciel et terre pour le récupérer. Stettinius, secrétaire d'Etat américain, et l'ambassadeur Averel Harriman s'emploient

de leur côté, Söderblom se fait recevoir par Staline, etc...

Plus jamais, on ne revit Wallenberg. On dit qu'il est mort; on dit qu'il est au goulag. Les nazis avaient inventé «Nacht und Nebel» : même si on voulait vous retrouver, on ne le pouvait plus. Pareil pour le goulag : la banquise se fend,

vous tombez dans la fente, la banquise se recolle. Possiblement, elle se recolle par-dessus vous !

Pierre PIRARD.

(1) Gilbert Joseph, *Mission sans retour - L'affaire Wallenberg*, histoire, 446 pp. Albin Michel, Paris.

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E/W--THATCHER APPEALS TO SOVIETS ON FATE OF WALLEMBERG

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LONDON, OCT. 15 (CND/SPECIAL-MCGILL)--BRITISH PREMIER MARGARET THATCHER HAS CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION TO COOPERATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THE FATE OF THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUIC WALLEMBERG.

MRS THATCHER SAID YESTERDAY IN LONDON AT THE OPENING OF A PERMANENT EXHIBITION CENTRING ON WALLEMBERG THAT THE SWEDE'S QUALITIES OF COMPASSION AND COURAGE WERE AN EXAMPLE TO ALL WHO FOUGHT AGAINST TYRANNY.

WALLEMBERG IS CREDITED WITH SAVING THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM THE NAZIS DURING WORLD WAR TWO WHILE A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT IN HUNGARY. HE ISSUED SWEDISH PASSPORTS FOR 4,500 FAMILIES AND PERSUADED THE NAZIS NOT TO DESTROY JEWISH GHETTOS.

SWEDISH COLLEAGUES LAST SAW HIM ALIVE IN JANUARY, 1945 WHEN HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO DEBRECEN IN THE COMPANY OF SOVIET OFFICERS. THE SOVIETS LATER CHARGED HIM WITH BEING AN AMERICAN SPY.

IN 1957 MOSCOW TOLD THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WALLEMBERG HAD DIED IN LJUBLJANKA TEN YEARS EARLIER, BUT EYEWITNESSES HAVE REPORTED SEEING HIM MUCH MORE RECENTLY. HE WOULD NOW BE 70 YEARS OLD.

ONE OF THE LAST PEOPLE TO SEE HIM BEFORE HIS ARREST IN BUDAPEST WAS THE FORMER SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO CANADA, PER ANGER. ANGER ATTENDED YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY IN THE CENTRAL LONDON CHURCH OF ST. MARTINS IN THE FIELDS.

HE SAID IT WAS A QUESTION OF ORDINARY DECENCY FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO TELL THE WORLD PRECISELY WHAT HAPPENED TO A MAN WHO HAD FOUGHT SO BRAVELY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

HE SAID THAT IN 1979 TWO WITNESSES SAID THEY HAD SEEN WALLEMBERG IN A PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC FOUR YEARS EARLIER, BUT WHENEVER PEOPLE APPROACHED THE SOVIETS WITH NEW EVIDENCE THEY REPEATED THAT HE HAD DIED IN THE 1940S.

MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS GAVE A DINNER LAST NIGHT IN PARLIAMENT'S PRECINCTS IN HONOR OF WALLEMBERG. AMONG THOSE PRESENT WAS THE VATICAN AMBASSADOR ARCHBISHOP BRUNO HEIM. BOR

e/w--correspondents' contact with Muscovites

Munich, Oct. 6 (cnd) ¹⁹⁸²—The following item appeared in the International Herald Tribune today under the heading: Correspondents provide an outlet for the desperate, and daffy, of Moscow.

KRACHYI ARKIV

By John F. Burns

New York Times Service

MOSCOW — "Hello, hello," the voice says, an urgent note detectable over the static that is a regular accompaniment of telephone calls in Moscow.

Establishing that he has reached a Western correspondent, the caller surges on. "I like to meet you, please," he says. "We must talk."

So begins another of the furtive encounters that are part of the routine for Western report-

ers here. Several times a week calls come in from Soviet citizens who have a story to tell about official injustice, high-handedness or corruption. The caller or his family is usually the victim in the tale, and contact with a foreign reporter apparently constitutes a last hope for help.

In a little over a year, one reporter has talked to 20 or 30 people with hard-luck stories. Among them was an evangelist Christian from a small town outside Moscow who had been in and out of jail for years because of his

efforts to proselytize. Others were doctors, scientists and musicians who lost their jobs after applying to emigrate.

The callers have cause to be nervous. They must assume that they are talking simultaneously into the tape recorders of the Soviet secret police, the KGB. Callers have been seized on the street before their Western contacts arrived for a meeting, and some have ended up in labor camps.

In most cases the penalties appear to be less severe. In what are regarded as trivial com-

plaints, the caller's name may only be posted in the files, or he or she may be summoned to KGB headquarters for a gentle warning.

Every encounter, however, takes place in an atmosphere of threat. The provision of the criminal code dealing with anti-Soviet agitation is broad enough to encompass the case of anyone who takes complaints against officialdom to the Western press.

For the reporter, too, there are risks. While anonymous callers can open a window on a closed society, every call is a potential trap, since the KGB makes a practice of slipping in "ringers" among those with genuine complaints.

Many callers assume that a Western correspondent comes to Moscow to fight for Western ideals and to enlist in human rights struggles. It is difficult to persuade a Russian that this is not part of a correspondent's job. In addition, hope can turn to bitterness when a correspondent explains that he is sympathetic, but that the story told him is not news or reveals nothing particularly significant about the country.

There are also those among the callers who at the least appear to have hyperactive imaginations. There was one man who insisted that the KGB was busy irradiating his apartment and placing agents all around him.

Other cases are harder to sort out. A few months ago this correspondent was pursued down the street outside his apartment building by a man with trench-coat collar turned up against the wind, dark glasses and a snap-brim hat. When the man followed him into a dimly lit underpass, it seemed like time to shoo him away. His reply was stunning.

"Would you like to know about Wallen-

berg?" he asked, glancing nervously down the tunnel.

Raouk Wallenberg was a Swedish diplomat who disappeared into Soviet custody during World War II after arranging safe passage out of Nazi-occupied Budapest for thousands of Hungarian Jews. Today he is widely presumed to be dead, but reports continue to surface

starting the next day, at which time another correspondent for The New York Times could be present. The Russian agreed, and the next morning he slipped out from behind a pillar at the station carrying something wrapped inside a copy of the government newspaper Izvestia.

The man agreed to go for a drive, but soon asked to be let out at a busy subway station.

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from people who say they have seen him alive in Soviet prisons.

The informant hurriedly explained that he worked for a section of the Soviet Ministry of Internal Affairs that supervised mental hospitals and that he had met an inmate in one institution who said he was Mr. Wallenberg. The man in the hospital, the speaker said, spoke Swedish and was listed as 70 years old, which would be the missing diplomat's age.

The man in the tunnel offered an envelope that, he said, contained hospital records and fingerprints of the hospital inmate.

Since Robert Toth, a reporter for the Los Angeles Times, was arrested on a Moscow street some years ago after accepting an envelope from a Soviet citizen, the man in the tunnel was invited to a rendezvous in a railway

He leaped out, leaving behind the newspaper and, inside, a wad of handwritten 2-by-4 cards, all virtually unreadable. There were no hospital records or fingerprints.

Encounters with callers are generally arranged at regular meeting spots like the Puppet Theater in central Moscow or Pushkin Square, and the cloak-and-dagger atmosphere sometimes generates farce.

As an American correspondent who ventured out to the Puppet Theater on a miserable, windy night two winters ago paced up and down looking for a caller in the dark. After a long wait, a man answering the caller's description loomed out of the night in a heavy coat. The American reached out his hand only to find himself greeting an American colleague out on a similar errand.

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EAST -- LOST LEADER

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Munich, Aug 3 (CND) -- the following editorial appeared in The Daily Telegraph, Aug 3, 1982

TODAY IS THE 70th birthday of a man who, if he is still alive, has been in prison for 36 years. RAOUL WALLENBERG was the man who more than any other individual saved human life from the extermination camps. He used his influence as a Swedish diplomat in Budapest when local German commanders could see the prospect of defeat and retribution to cajole them into a series of releases. The lowest figure ever put on the number whom he effectively relieved from Zyklon B in an oven is put at 20,000. Others would put the figure very much higher, more like 100,000. On any account he was a hero. How was he rewarded? We know that he disappeared in Budapest towards the end of the war after the Soviet arrival, that the Soviets refused to make any comment about him for 13 years and then in 1957 announced his death from heart failure 19 years earlier!

But others say the contrary. A Russian scholar, Prof. A. I. MYLAKIN, has said that he was alive but ill and in a mental hospital (something of a Soviet speciality). This statement, which under government pressure was retracted, was made in 1961. ABRAHAM KALINSKI, a Polish Jew who finally reached Israel, is quite certain that he knew WALLENBERG in a Soviet prison in the 'fifties. Another Jew described meeting a Swede in Buktyrka Prison, a place with an evil name. The date of this sighting was 1975 and the Swede told the witness, JAN KAPLAN, that he had been held a prisoner for 30 years! When KAPLAN's story got out he was duly punished with a renewal of his sentence. We do not know if RAOUL WALLENBERG is still alive. But there is a heavy burden of probability that a man who risked his life to save others on a gallant and magnificent scale lost it—not to death but to perpetual oblivion from the human race . . . and to lies from officials and highly placed persons. WALLENBERG deserves every voice that can call him up. At a time when some west European States are disposed to cuddle up to the Soviet regime we all require a memory which functions . . . and speaks.

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E/W--AP, REUTER AND U.P.I. ON SWEDEN'S RELEASES OF WALLENBERG

KRASNYI ARKIV

DOCUMENTS
 STOCKHOLM, MAY 25 (AP) ¹⁹⁸² - THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TODAY RELEASED 13,300 PAGES OF DOCUMENTS ON THE WALLENBERG CASE - THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO WAS ARRESTED BY THE SOVIETS AFTER SAVING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JEWS IN HUNGARY DURING WORLD WAR II.

THE DOCUMENTS, CONSISTING OF REPORTS AND MEMORANDA, TESTIMONIES, DIPLOMATIC NOTES AND RECORDS FROM MEETINGS ON HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL, WERE GATHERED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, POLICE AND EMBASSY OFFICIALS ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR 38 YEARS.

"THERE IS NOTHING REALLY NEW OR DRAMATIC IN THE DOCUMENTS," UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE LEIF LEIFLAND SAID WHEN PRESENTING THE MATERIAL, RELEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT AFTER PRESSURE FROM POLITICIANS AND PUBLIC OPINION.

THE DOCUMENTS PROVIDE A THOROUGH DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE CASE WAS HANDLED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

THE WALLENBERG AFFAIR BEGAN IN MID JANUARY 1945 WHEN THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAUL WALLENBERG, BORN IN 1912, WAS ARRESTED BY SOVIET SOLDIERS AT BUDAPEST.

WALLENBERG WAS THEN SECRETARY OF THE SWEDISH EMBASSY AT BUDAPEST IN CHARGE OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SWEDISH ACTION TO HELP JEWS PERSECUTED BY THE NAZIS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING 30,000 BUDAPEST JEWS AND HIS EFFORTS ALSO HELPED SAVE THE LIVES OF ANOTHER 70,000 JEWS IN WAR-RAVAGED HUNGARY.

ON JANUARY 15, 1945, THE WEST-SIDE OF THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL FELL INTO THE HANDS OF THE SOVIETS AND ON JANUARY 16 THE RUSSIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMED THE SWEDISH EMBASSY AT MOSCOW THAT RAUL WALLENBERG HAD MADE HIS WAY TO THE PART OF BUDAPEST OCCUPIED BY THE RUSSIANS.

THEN ENSUED THE LONG SUCCESSION OF APPEALS TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN ORDER TO FIND OUT WHAT HAD BECOME OF WALLENBERG. BUT THE SOVIETS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIPLOMAT.

"I THINK IT IS QUITE CLEAR THE SOVIETS SUSPECTED THAT WALLENBERG WAS A WESTERN SPY," LEIFLAND SAID.

"THEY JUST COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT A NON-JEWISH SWEDISH WOULD COME TO BUDAPEST JUST TO SAVE SOME JEWS. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SWEDISH DELEGATION WERE TAKEN PRISONERS AS WELL, AND THEY WERE ASKED A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT WALLENBERG," HE ADDED.

FOR TWELVE YEARS, BETWEEN 1945 AND 1957, THE SOVIETS DENIED EVER HEARING OF WALLENBERG. THEN SWEDEN PRESENTED OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE SHOWING HE HAD BEEN IMPRISONED IN THE SOVIET UNION AT LEAST UNTIL 1947 OR 1948.

THESE EVIDENCES, CALLED "THE SMOKING GUN," WAS HANDED OVER TO THE SOVIET UNION IN 1956 BY TAGE ERLANDER, THEN PRIME MINISTER OF SWEDEN, DURING A VISIT TO MOSCOW.

THE NOW-RELEASED WALLENBERG DOCUMENTS INCLUDE RECORDS OF THE MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN MR ERLANDER AND THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF THE SOVIET UNION, NICOLAI BULGANIN.

THE RECORDS SHOW THAT MR BULGANIN WAS EXTREMELY IRRITATED AT THE MENTION OF WALLENBERG:

"WE ARE VERY SURPRISED THAT YOU ARE RETURNING TO THE ISSUE. WE HAVE NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER TO DISCUSS THE MATTER ONCE MORE AND NOTHING TO ADD," BULGANIN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING IN THE RECORDS.

AND NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV, THEN COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY, ASSURED HE WOULD "EVEN COMMIT A THEFT IF THAT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO FIND WALLENBERG," THE DOCUMENTS SAID.

BUT MR ERLANDER KEPT RETURNING TO THE ISSUE AND AND THE SOVIET LEADERS FINALLY PROMISED THEY WOULD STUDY THE NEW MATERIAL. (PTO)

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BUT THE SWEDISH AUTHORITIES HAVE KEPT WORKING ON THE ISSUE, SOMETHING CLEARLY SHOWN IN THE NOW-RELEASED DOCUMENTS WHICH EXTEND OVER 20 YEARS FROM 1950 UNTIL 1970. THE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE YEARS BETWEEN 1944 AND 1949 WERE RELEASED IN 1980 AND RAN INTO 1,900 PAGES.

THE SWEDISH FOREIGN OFFICE DOES N-O-T EXPECT ANY REACTION FROM THE SOVIETS ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE DOCUMENTS, LEIFLAND SAID.

"AT LEAST THERE WERE N-O REACTIONS AFTER THE LAST PUBLICATION," HE ADDED.

"THE SOVIETS JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND OUR INTEREST IN WALLENBERG. TO THEM, HE WAS JUST ONE OF THOUSANDS OF OTHERS WHO DISAPPEARED DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR," LEIFLAND SAID.

ASKED IF THIS MIGHT N-O-T BE A FAIR ATTITUDE HE ANSWERED: "N-O, I DON'T THINK SO. IT'S A FACT THAT RAOUL WALLENBERG HAD A DIPLOMATIC STATUS. IT'S A FACT THAT HE WAS WORKING FOR A HUMAN GOAL. AND IT'S A FACT THAT THE SOVIETS LIED ABOUT HIM FOR TWELVE YEARS. IT'S A UNIQUE CASE."

SWEDEN'S WORKING HYPOTHESIS IS THAT WALLENBERG STILL IS ALIVE, LEIFLAND SAID.

"AT LEAST WE CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE DIED IN 1947 AS SAID," THE UNDER-SECRETARY ADDED.

THE FATE OF RAOUL WALLENBERG HAS, DURING RECENT YEARS, BECOME A TOPIC OF INTEREST ALL OVER THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN THE UNITED STATES.

"I THINK THE AMERICAN INTEREST IN WALLENBERG STARTED WITH THE TV-SERIES 'HOLOCAUST.' AFTER 'HOLOCAUST,' THERE WERE SEVERAL TV-PROGRAMS AND NEW BOOKS ABOUT HIM," LEIFLAND SAID.

SOME 1,200 PAGES OF THE WALLENBERG DOCUMENTS ARE STILL KEPT SECRET, FOR TWO REASONS, LEIFLAND SAID: THERE ARE WITNESSES STILL LIVING IN EASTERN EUROPE WHO MUST N-O-T BE EXPOSED TO ANY RISKS, AND THERE ARE WITNESSES AND GOVERNMENTS WHO SPECIFICALLY HAVE ASKED THAT THEIR TESTIMONIES BE KEPT SECRET.

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THE PAPERS, MAINLY FOREIGN MINISTRY MEMORANDA AND THE TESTIMONIES OF FORMER PRISONERS IN THE SOVIET UNION, COVER THE PERIOD 1950-70.

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THE KREMLIN SAYS HE DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN A MOSCOW PRISON IN 1947 BUT SWEDEN BELIEVES FROM FORMER PRISONERS WHO CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN HIM THAT HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE SOMEWHERE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

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REFERRING TO PAPERS ABOUT THE HOAXERS, A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID ONE TURNED OUT TO BE "A COMMON CRIMINAL, A SWINDLER, A BURGLAR AND A THIEF."

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FEW BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL EVER TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT WHY IT ARRESTED RAOUL WALLENBERG OR WHAT IT DID TO HIM. BUT AS PRESIDENT REAGAN SAID IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR WHEN NAMING HIM AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN: "WHEREVER HE IS, HIS HUMANITY BURNS LIKE A TORCH."

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E/W -- WALLENBERG AWARD P.- 537

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Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved nearly 100,000 Hungarian Jews from the Nazis in 1944, will win the 1982 Freedom Award in absentia June 28 at the annual Freedom Festival Awards luncheon in Detroit. Wallenberg was taken prisoner by the Russians after World War II and his fate is unknown. His award will be accepted by former Swedish Supreme Court Justice Ingrid Garde Windemar. Past Freedom Award winners include Presidents John F. Kennedy and Gerald R. Ford, Dr. Martin Luther King and the U.S. astronauts.

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EINE ANDERE MOEGLICHKEIT WALLENBERG ZU BEFREIEN, BOT SICH DURCH DEN RUMAENEN GEORGEO WASS, DER ANGENBLICH PRIVATPILOT DES 1947 ABGEDANKTEN RUMAENISCHEN KOENIGS MICHAEL ROEM. EINS WAR. NACH ANGABEN AUS DEM STOCKHOLMER AUSSENMINISTERIUM GAB ES ERNSTHAFTUEBERLEGUNGEN, SICH DER HILFE WASS' ZU VERSICHERN. DOCH AUCH HIER WURDEN NACH EINIGEN MONATEN DIE VERBINDUNGEN ABGEBROCHEN, ALS SICH HERAUSSTELLTE, DASS DER RUMAENE EIN KRIMINELLER WAR, DER BEREITS IN DEUTSCHLAND UND IN FRANKREICH IM GEFAENGNIS GESESSEN HATTE. DIE STOCKHOLMER AKTEN ZEIGEN HUNDERTE SOLCHER SPUREN AUF, DENEN DIE SCHWEDEN NACHGINGEN, WEIL SIE NICHT AUF DEN ERSTEN BLICK ALS TAEUSCHUNGSMANOEVER ZU ERKENNEN WAREN. DIE AKTEN ZEIGEN AUCH DREI EINDEUTIGE BEWEISE, DASS WALLENBERG ZUMINDESTENS ANFANG DER SECHZIGER JAHRE NOCH AM LEBEN WAR: DIE AUGENZEUGENBERICHTE AUS DEN HAFTANSTALTEN WLADIMIR UND LJUBLJANKA IN MOSKAU UND DEN BERICHT DER SCHWEDISCHEN PROFESSORIN NANNA SVARTZ, DIE 1961 VON EINEM SOWJETISCHEN WISSENSCHAFTLER EINE SOLCHE BESTAETIGUNG ERHIELT. DENNOCH LEUGNETEN DIE SOWJETS ZWOELF JAHRE LANG, UEBERHAUPT ETWAS UEBER WALLENBERG ZU WISSEN, BIS SIE 1957 OFFIZIELL MITTEILTEN, WALLENBERG SEI AM 17. JULI 1947 IN MOSKAU VERSTORBEN.

"IN EINEM DEMOKRATISCHEN LAND KANN SICH DER EINZELNE MITBUERGER DARAUF VERLASSEN, DASS DIE GEMEINSCHAFT ALLE ANSTRENGUNGEN ZU SEINEM SCHUTZ UNTERNIMMT", SCHRIEB DER DAMALIGE SCHWEDISCHE MINISTERPRAESIDENT TAGE ERLANDER 1965 IM ZWEITEN WEISSBUCH UEBER DEN FALL WALLENBERG. DIESE MAXIME HAT AUCH HEUTE NOCH FUER DIE MIT DEM TRAGISCHEN SCHICKSAL DES DIPLOMATEN BEFASSTEN SCHWEDISCHEN STELLEN GUELTIGKEIT. SL/

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STOCKHOLM, 24. MAI 82 (DPA) SCHWEDEN HAT ZU BEGINN DER FUENFZIGER JAHRE ERMOEGEN, DEN VON DEN SOWJETS AM KRIEGSENDE AUS UNGARN VERSCHLEPPTEN DIPLOMATEN RAUL WALLENBERG GEWALTSAM AUS SOWJETISCHER HAFT ZU BEFREIEN. DANEBEN STAND DIE SCHWEDISCHE DIPLOMATIE IN KONTAKT MIT GEHEIMDIENSTLEUTEN, DIE AUF EIGENE FAUST FUER EINE BEFREIUNG WALLENBERGS SORGEN WOLLTEN. NACH SORGFAELTIGER ABWAEGUNG DER RISIKEN WURDEN JEDOCH ALLE PLAENE FALLENGELASSEN, DEN NUNMEHR SEIT 37 JAHREN VERSCHOLLENEN UND MOEGLICHERWEISE NOCH IN SOWJETISCHER HAFT LEBENDEN EHEMALIGEN LEGATIONSCHAT AN DER SCHWEDISCHEN BOTSCHAFT IN BUDAPEST ANDERS ALS MIT DIPLOMATISCHEN MITTELN DIE HEIMKEHR NACH SCHWEDEN ZU ERMOEGLICHEN.

DAS GEHT AUS BISHER GEHEIMEN DOKUMENTEN AUS DEN JAHREN 1950 BIS 1969 HERVOR, DIE DAS AUSSENMINISTERIUM IN STOCKHOLM ZU BEGINN DIESER WOCHES VEROEFFENTLICHT. SIE UMFASSEN AUF 13 300 SEITEN BERICHTE UND MEMORANDEN SCHWEDISCHER DIPLOMATEN, DEN SCHRIFTVERKEHR MIT DEN BOTSCHAFTEN UND INNERHALB DES AUSSENAMTES UND DER POLIZEI, DIE BEHANDLUNG DES WALLENBERG-FALLES DURCH DAS PARLAMENT UND DIE AUSEINANDERSETZUNGEN ZWISCHEN DER FAMILIE DES DIPLOMATEN UND DEM AUSSENMINISTERIUM, GESPRAECHSNOTIZEN UEBER UNTERREDUNGEN SCHWEDISCHER UND SOWJETISCHER STELLEN UND DEN SCHRIFTVERKEHR ZWISCHEN MOSKAU UND STOCKHOLM UEBER DEN FALL WALLENBERG.

VOR ALLEM ENTHALTEN DIE DOKUMENTE, MIT DENEN SCHWEDEN NACH DER ERSTEN VEROEFFENTLICHUNG VON 1900 SEITEN GEHEIMER PAPIERE IM JAHR 1980 DIE WELTOEFFENTLICHKEIT WIEDER AUF DAS SCHICKSAL DES RETTERS VIELER TAUSENDEN UNGARISCHER JUDEN AUFMERKSAM MACHEN WILL, AUGENZEUGENBERICHTE DEUTSCHER KRIEGSGEFANGENER, DIE NACH DEM BESUCH VON BUNDESKANZLER KONRAD ADENAUER 1955 AUS SOWJETISCHER HAFT ENTLASSEN WURDEN UND DIE KONTAKT MIT WALLENBERG HATTEN.

DIESE AUGENZEUGENBERICHTE BEZEICHNETE STAATSSSEKRETAER LEIF LEIFLAND VOM AUSSENMINISTERIUM VOR DER PRESSE ALS DIE "BEI WEITEM WICHTIGSTEN UND REICHHALTIGSTEN". SEIT 1955 SEI DER FLUSS DER INFORMATIONEN UEBER WALLENBERG ZWAR NOCH BESTAENDIG, HABE ABER NICHT MEHR DIE FRUEHERE INTENSITAET ERREICHT. HEUTE KOMME DER GROESSTE TEIL DER BERICHTE UEBER DIE BOTSCHAFTEN IN BONN, TEL AVIV UND WASHINGTON. JEDEM HINWEIS WERDE NACHGEGANGEN. "UNSERE ARBEITSHYPOTHESE IST, DASS WALLENBERG LEBT", SAGTE LEIFLAND.

AUS DEN AKTEN GEHT HERVOR, DASS BETRUEGER UND KRIMINELLE, DIE SICH ALS AGENTEN AUSGABEN, DIE SCHWEDISCHEN BEHOERDEN OFT MONATELANG MIT VERSPRECHEN TAEUSCHTEN, WALLENBERG AUS HAFTLAGERN ZU BEFREIEN. EIN TSCHECHE, DER UNTER DEM PSEUDONYM MARCEL ROHAN AUFTRAT, WOLLTE ANGENEBLICH EINEN FREUND AUS EINEM UNGARISCHEN GEFANGENIS BEFREIEN UND DIESEN AN DIE OESTERREICHISCHE GRENZE BRINGEN, WO ER SCHWEDISCHEN DIENSTSTELLEN DEN GENAUEN AUFENTHALT WALLENBERGS MITTEILEN SOLLTE. DAMALS GALT ES NOCH ALS MOEGLICH, DASS WALLENBERG IN RUMAENIEN ODER UNGARN INHAFTIERT WAR. NACHFORSCHUNGEN DER SCHWEDEN ERGABEN, DASS ROHAN MIT DEM TSCHECHISCHEN GEHEIMDIENST IN VERBINDUNG STAND.

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U.S.-- WALLENBERG REMEMBERED IN WASHINGTON

1982
 WASHINGTON, JUNE 23 (SPECIAL/ZWADIUK)-- RAOUL WALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO IS CREDITED WITH HAVING SAVED THOUSANDS OF JEWS FROM NAZI EXTERMINATION CAMPS, WAS REMEMBERED YESTERDAY AT A SPECIAL INTERFAITH CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON.

AMERICAN CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS, WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZENSHIP FOR WALLENBERG LAST YEAR, ORGANIZED THE TRIBUTE TO THE DIPLOMAT WHO MANY BELIEVE IS STILL ALIVE IN A LABOR CAMP IN THE SOVIET UNION.

WALLENBERG IS CREDITED WITH SAVING 100,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM NAZI EXTERMINATION NEAR THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO. HE WAS CAPTURED BY ADVANCING SOVIET FORCES AND DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT. THE SOVIET UNION LATER CLAIMED THAT HE DIED IN PRISON IN 1947.

CONGRESSMAN LANTOS WAS A 16-YEAR-OLD YOUTH IN HUNGARY WHEN HE WAS GIVEN A SAFE PASS BY THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT THAT SAVED LANTOS LIFE. AT THE CEREMONY IN ONE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES, LANTOS PAID TRIBUTE TO WALLENBERG.

"WE ALL KNOW WHAT RAOUL WALLENBERG WAS, WHAT HE DID AND WE ARE ALL EARNESTLY HOPING THAT AS WE ARE HERE PAYING TRIBUTE TO HIM THAT HE IS STILL LIVING," LANTOS SAID. HE SAID "THE SPIRIT OF THIS TRIBUTE IS ONE OF HOPE AND PRAYER FOR HIS RETURN."

THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF GREATER WASHINGTON, MICHAEL BERENBAUM, SAID WALLENBERG'S COURAGE AND IMAGINATION "ILLUMINATED A WORLD OF ALMOST TOTAL DARKNESS." HE DESCRIBED THE DIPLOMAT AS A RARE INDIVIDUAL WHO DECIDED THAT HE COULD NOT REMAIN A BYSTANDER.

"HE KNEW AND BY HIS ACTIONS HE TAUGHT US, THAT SILENCE IN THE FACE OF EVIL IS ACQUIESCENCE, THAT INACTION IS TACIT COMPLIANCE IF NOT ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE CRIME," BERENBAUM SAID.

BERENBAUM SAID OF WALLENBERG: "WE REMEMBER A MAN WHO CHOSE TO SAY YES TO SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED, WHO DARED TO DREAM AND WHO USED HIS IMAGINATION TO SAVE THE LIVES OF 30,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WHO HAVE IN TURN GIVEN BIRTH TO MORE LIFE, HUMAN CREATIVITY, JOY AND BEAUTY IN THIS WORLD. WERE WE TO FORGET, OUR OWN HUMANITY WOULD BE DIMINISHED."

ELENORE LESTER, AUTHOR OF A NEW BOOK ON THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT ENTITLED: "RAOUL WALLENBERG: MAN IN THE IRON WEB", EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT THAT DESPITE THE MANY YEARS AND ALL THE PUBLICITY ASSOCIATED WITH WALLENBERG, THAT THE DIPLOMAT'S FATE REMAINS A MYSTERY. SHE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT SHE IS CONVINCED THAT WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE AND URGED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS ON HIS BEHALF.

JOHN STEIBRUCK, THE PASTOR OF LUTHERAN PLACE MEMORIAL CHURCH IN WASHINGTON, SAID THAT HIS CONGREGATION HAS SET PLANS INTO MOTION TO NAME A BUILDING AFTER WALLENBERG THAT WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE REFUGE FOR THE POOR AND DISADVANTAGED.

JOHN LILLIE OF THE LUTHERAN COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES OFFERED A PRAYER ON BEHALF OF WALLENBERG NOTING THAT THE DIPLOMAT "LED THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS TO FREEDOM."

THE CEREMONY WAS BRIEF, LASTING LESS THAN ONE HOUR, BUT CONGRESSMAN LANTOS SAID THAT THAT IS THE WAY WALLENBERG "WOULD WANT US TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HIM IN THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD AT AN INTERFAITH TRIBUTE." TA

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BRIEF--REAGAN PAYS SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO WALLEMBERG
WASHINGTON, APRIL 21 (REUTER/CND) - PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
YESTERDAY PAID SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAUL WALLEMBERG,
WHO DISAPPEARED IN 1945 AFTER SAVING 20,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE
NAZIS.

REAGAN SPOKE OF WALLEMBERG DURING A WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY HONORING
THE MEMORY OF JEWS WHO DIED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

THE FAMILY OF WALLEMBERG, WHO WAS AWARDED HONORARY U.S.
CITIZENSHIP LAST YEAR, HAS REPORTED RECEIVING INFORMATION HE IS STILL
ALIVE IN A SOVIET MENTAL HOSPITAL. SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE SAID
WALLEMBERG DIED IN A MOSCOW PRISON IN 1947. THE DIPLOMAT WAS ARRESTED
BY SOVIET TROOPS IN BUDAPEST NEAR THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO. LA/BV

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BRIEF -- DEMPSEY RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL
NEW YORK, APRIL 21, REUTER - FORMER WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING
CHAMPION JACK DEMPSEY, AGED 86, HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM A NEW YORK
HOSPITAL AFTER HAVING A PACEMAKER IMPLANTED IN HIS CHEST TO STABILISE
HIS HEARTBEAT.

A HOSPITAL SPOKESMAN SAID DEMPSEY, WHO HELD THE HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN
FROM 1919 TO 1926, WAS DISCHARGED AFTER AN EIGHT-DAY STAY. BV

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BRIEF -- CONGRESSMAN CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM EUROPE
WASHINGTON, APRIL 21, REUTER -- CONGRESSMAN JOHN RHODES, A FORMER
MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, URGED THE UNITED
STATES YESTERDAY TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM WESTERN EUROPE FOLLOWING
TALKS WITH THE EUROPEAN ALLIES. "I WOULD TAKE OUR TROOPS OUT OF
EUROPE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE NATIONS OF WESTERN EUROPE," HE
SAID IN A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE.

THE ARIZONA REPUBLICAN SAID 350,000 AMERICAN TROOPS IN EUROPE WERE
TOO VULNERABLE AND A DRAIN ON THE U.S. ECONOMY. THEIR PRESENCE COULD
NOT BE JUSTIFIED BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO
COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE U.S. AND WASHINGTON'S INTEREST IN
MAINTAINING THEM WAS NOW QUESTIONABLE. "WE SHOULD CEASE TO CENTRE OUR
FOREIGN POLICY ON WESTERN EUROPE," HE SAID. RHODES NOTED THAT THE
U.S. HAD FOUGHT IN EUROPE TWICE IN THE 20TH CENTURY, BUT WESTERN
EUROPE WAS NOT NEARLY AS IMPORTANT TO AMERICAN INTERESTS NOW AS IT
HAD BEEN IN THE PAST. RV

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U.S. -- FOR WALLENBERG AUTHOR, 2 YEAR, 10-NATION QUEST

KRASHYI ARKHY

WASHINGTON, MAY 12 (SPECIAL) ¹⁹⁸² THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY EDWIN MCDOWELL APPEARED IN TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES:
WHEN SHE WAS 9 YEARS OLD IN BUDAPEST IN THE MID-50'S, KATI MARTON ASKED HER FATHER WHOM WALLENBERG STREET WAS NAMED AFTER, BECAUSE IT WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT A HUNGARIAN NAME. "I REMEMBER GETTING A HIGHLY UNSATISFACTORY ANSWER ABOUT THIS WAGNERIAN HERO WHO CAME TO BUDAPEST AND THEN VANISHED," SHE RECALLED RECENTLY, "BUT I DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING MORE ABOUT IT FOR ALMOST 25 YEARS."

EVENTUALLY, MISS MARTON DISCOVERED THAT THE STREET, ONLY A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, WAS NAMED FOR RAOUŁ WALLENBERG, A YOUNG SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO HAD HELPED RESCUE THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE NAZIS DURING WORLD WAR II. IN JANUARY 1945, HE WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE ADVANCING RUSSIAN ARMY, AND YEARS LATER THE SOVIET UNION CONTENTED THAT HE HAD DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN MOSCOW'S LUBYANKA PRISON IN 1947.

MISS MARTON'S INTEREST IN WALLENBERG WAS REVIVED A FEW YEARS AGO, WHEN IN LONDON SHE READ A BRIEF ITEM IN A BRITISH NEWSPAPER THAT SOMEONE WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SIBERIA REPORTED HAVING SEEN WALLENBERG ALIVE. "IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD SEEN THE NAME IN ALL THOSE YEARS," SAID MISS MARTON, A NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO LIVES IN LONDON WITH HER HUSBAND, PETER JENNINGS OF ABC NEWS. "I IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP THE PHONE AND CALLED MY FATHER IN WASHINGTON AND ASKED HIM TO TELL ME EVERYTHING HE REMEMBERED. THEN I BEGAN CORRESPONDING WITH EVERYONE WHO MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT WALLENBERG."

THE RESULT WAS A TWO-YEAR 10 NATION QUEST THAT RESULTED IN THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED "WALLENBERG", WHICH PRESENTS WHAT THE AUTHOR SAYS IS EVIDENCE THAT THE DIPLOMAT WAS STILL ALIVE IN A SOVIET PRISON AS LATE AS 1977. THERE ARE AT LEAST A HALF-DOZEN RECENT BOOKS ABOUT THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT, BUT MISS MARTON WAS GIVEN ACCESS TO THE FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE BY NINA LAGERGREN, MR. WALLENBERG'S HALF SISTER. MOREOVER, IN MUNICH, WEST GERMANY, SHE SOUGHT OUT THE BARONESS ELISABETH KEMENY, THE WIDOW OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE HUNGARIAN NAZI GOVERNMENT, WHO EXPLAINED HOW WALLENBERG HAD BEEN ABLE TO OPERATE IN BUDAPEST UNDER THE NOSE OF THE NAZIS.

MISS MARTON, WHO WAS IN THE UNITED STATES LAST WEEK PUBLICIZING BOOK, EVEN THOUGH SHE IS EXPECTING HER SECOND CHILD MOMENTARILY, WAS BORN INTO A JOURNALISTIC FAMILY. HER FATHER, ENDRE, WAS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT IN EASTERN EUROPE AT THE SAME TIME THAT HER MOTHER, ILONA, HELD A SIMILAR POSITION WITH UNITED PRESS, BOTH OF THEM WORKING OUT OF THE MARTON APARTMENT IN BUDAPEST. "IT WAS NOT THE MOST HARMONIOUS HOUSEHOLD," MISS MARTON RECALLED WITH A LAUGH, "WITH BOTH OF THEM RACING FOR THE TELEPHONE."

BECAUSE HER PARENTS WERE THE ONLY HUNGARIAN NATIONALS WHO CONTINUED TO BE EMPLOYED BY AN AMERICAN NEWS AGENCY DURING THE STALIN ERA, MISS MARTON SAID, "MY SISTER AND I WERE BROUGHT UP WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT SOME DAY MY PARENTS WOULD JUST NOT BE AROUND." THAT PROPHECY PROVED TO BE CHILLINGLY ACCURATE AFTER BOTH PARENTS WERE ACCUSED OF HAVING BEEN AGENTS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND WERE SENTENCED TO LENGTHY PRISON TERMS.

THE TWO MARTON CHILDREN ENDED UP IN THE HOME OF A FAMILY THAT MADE ITS LIVING TAKING IN THE CHILDREN OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, FOR WHICH, IN THIS CASE, THE FAMILY WAS PAID BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. FOR TWO YEARS A CHILD, MISS MARTON DID NOT KNOW WHERE HER PARENTS WERE. WHEN SHE FINALLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HER FATHER FROM PRISON, HE "WROTE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING UP OUR TENNIS LESSONS AND READING DICKENS."

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U.S. -(1)- FOR WALLENBERG AUTHOR, 2 YEAR, 10-NATION QUEST

THE ELDER MARTONS WERE RELEASED FROM PRISON DURING THE BRIEF POLITICAL THAW JUST BEFORE THE 1956 HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION, AND THE FAMILY CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1957 AFTER A BRIEF PERIOD IN VIENNA.

AFTER TWO YEARS AT WELLS COLLEGE AND TWO AT THE SORBONNE, MISS MARTON RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT THE SINO-SOVIET INSTITUTE AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. "BUT I ALWAYS INTENDED TO BE A JOURNALIST," SHE SAID. "HAVING GROWN UP WITH THE CLICKETYCLACK OF TYPEWRITERS AND TELETYPES, I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE SWEETEST MUSIC IN THE WORLD."

AFTER STINTS WITH NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO AND THE CBS AFFILIATE IN PHILADELPHIA, MISS MARTON BECAME BUREAU CHIEF FOR ABC NEWS IN BONN IN 1978. SHE MARRIED THE NEXT YEAR AND MOVED TO LONDON IN 1980. SHE STILL DOES AN OCCASIONAL ASSIGNMENT FOR ABC NEWS, AND SHE HAS BEEN BACK TO HUNGARY TWICE, THE LAST TIME LAST OCTOBER, TO PRODUCE A PROGRAM ABOUT THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION, WHICH HER HUSBAND NARRATED. HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS WERE NOT VERY PLEASED, AND THUS WERE LESS THAN HELPFUL - "I WAS THE CHILD OF FORMER SPIES," REMEMBER," SHE SAID - YET SHE STILL HOPES TO RETURN ONE DAY TO DO SOME HISTORICAL RESEARCH FOR A NOVEL SET IN HUNGARY.

MEANWHILE, THOUGH, MISS MARTON IS ENJOYING HER PREGNANCY AND THE THRILL OF AUTHORSHIP. "IT'S A GREAT FEELING," SHE SAID, "GIVING BIRTH TO TWO BABIES AT ONCE."

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E/W--NEW FILM ON HOLOCAUST HERO (WALLENBERG) ANNOUNCED 112031/82

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JERUSALEM, MAY 11 (AP) -- AN AMERICAN FILM COMPANY TODAY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO MAKE A 10-MILLION-DOLLAR MOVIE ON THE STORY OF RAOUL WALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO SAVE THOUSANDS OF BUDAPEST JEWS FROM THE NAZIS.

THE FILM, TO BE RELEASED IN 1983, IS BASED ON OVER A MILLION PAGES OF DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL GATHERED IN STOCKHOLM, BUDAPEST AND WASHINGTON, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ABRAHAM LEWENSTEIN TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

CONSPICUOUSLY MISSING ARE 26 PAGES OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S FILE ON WALLENBERG, REFUSED TO THE FILM CREW ON GROUNDS OF NATIONAL SECURITY, LEWENSTEIN SAID.

DIRECTED BY ROBERT DORNHELM, THE DRAMA WILL STAR SWEDISH ACTOR PER MATSSON AS THE DIPLOMAT WHO DISAPPEARED 37 YEARS AGO AFTER BEING ARRESTED BY THE SOVIETS WHEN THEY SEIZED BUDAPEST AT THE CLOSE OF WORLD WAR II.

THE REASONS BEHIND THE SOVIET UNION'S 1945 ARREST OF WALLENBERG AND HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS REMAIN SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

MANY OF HIS SUPPORTERS BELIEVE HE IS STILL ALIVE, CITING TESTIMONY OF VARIOUS FORMER SOVIET PRISONERS WHO AS LATE AS 1979 SAID THEY HAD SEEN WALLENBERG. THE MISSING STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS ARE PROBABLY RELATED TO ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY OF FORMER PRISON HATES, LEWENSTEIN SAID.

AFTER A 12-YEAR SILENCE ON WALLENBERG'S WHEREABOUTS, THE SOVIET UNION IN 1957 CLAIMED HE HAD DIED OF HEART FAILURE IN A SOVIET PRISON. SWEDISH EFFORTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIS ARREST HAVE BEEN FLATLY STONEWALLED BY THE SOVIETS.

GIDEON HAUSNER, CHAIRMAN OF AN ISRAELI COMMITTEE DEDICATED TO WALLENBERG AND CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF NAZI WAR CRIMINAL ADOLF EICHMANN, SAID HE HOPED THE FILM WOULD SPUR WORLD EFFORTS TO SEEK THE SWEDEN'S RELEASE.

"AS LONG AS THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT FURNISHED EVIDENCE THAT HE'S DEAD, WE MAY AND CAN AND MUST ASSUME HE'S ALIVE," HAUSNER SAID.

THE FILM PRODUCTION WAS ANNOUNCED IN JERUSALEM BECAUSE "SO MANY SURVIVORS OF RAOUL'S EFFORTS LIVE HERE," LEWENSTEIN SAID. TRANS CINEMA OF CALIFORNIA IS MAKING THE FILM.

DOZENS OF SURVIVORS GATHERED FOR A BRIEF CEREMONY IN A JERUSALEM PARK NAMED AFTER THE SWEDISH HERO WHO LEFT FOR HUNGARY DURING NAZISM'S FINAL DAYS TO THWART HITLER'S LAST-DITCH EFFORTS TO EXTERMINATE EUROPEAN JEWRY.

"WALLENBERG HAD THE TRAIN I WAS DEPORTED ON TURNED BACK TOWARD BUDAPEST," RECALLED ESTHER MILON, A JERUSALEM ARCHIVIST AT THE CEREMONY.

RECRUITED BY AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS AND THE U.S. WAR REFUGEE BOARD, WALLENBERG USED HIS SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC STATUS TO ISSUE THOUSANDS OF FALSE IDENTITY PAPERS THAT OFFERED THE PROTECTION OF NEUTRAL SWEDEN TO HUNGARIAN JEWS.

PLAYING THE GERMAN ARMY AGAINST THE S.S. AND THREATENING WAR CRIMINAL TRIALS AFTER THE WAR, WALLENBERG HAD THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND COUNTERMAND AN ORDER TO BLOW UP 70,000 JEWS IN THE BUDAPEST GHETTO.

IN 1981, WALLENBERG WAS MADE AN HONORARY AMERICAN CITIZEN, THE FIRST PERSON SINCE WINSTON CHURCHILL TO RECEIVE THE DISTINCTION. BOR

WORLD -- NEW BOOK REVEALS WALLEBERG'S SECRET ALLY
 BY ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN 1982

NEW YORK, MAY 9, REUTER -- RAOU (WALLEBERG), THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT CREDITED WITH SAVING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM HITLER'S DEATH CAMPS, HAD A SECRET ALLY -- A PREGNANT AUSTRIAN BARONESS WHO RISKED HER MARRIAGE TO HELP HIM.

THE KEY ROLE PLAYED BY BARONESS ELISABETH KEMENY, WIFE OF HUNGARY'S FASCIST FOREIGN MINISTER GABOR KEMENY, IN SAVING JEWS IS REVEALED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A NEW BOOK, "WALLEBERG," BY HUNGARIAN-BORN KATI MARTON, PUBLISHED HERE THIS MONTH.

ACCORDING TO THE BOOK, BARONESS KEMENY DEVELOPED A CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH WALLEBERG IN OCTOBER 1944 AND AS A RESULT PUT ENORMOUS PRESSURE ON HER HUSBAND TO PERMIT WALLEBERG'S SCHEME OF ISSUING SWEDISH PASSPORTS TO BUDAPEST'S JEWS.

THE PASSPORTS GAVE A VITAL MEASURE OF SAFETY TO ALMOST 100,000 JEWS IN A COUNTRY WHERE THEIR CO-RELIGIONISTS WERE BEING HERDED INTO CATTLE CARS HEADED FOR DEATH CAMPS.

"SHE DAILY THREATENED TO LEAVE HER HUSBAND UNLESS HE DID AS WALLEBERG ASKED," MISS MARTON SAID IN A RECENT INTERVIEW.

BARON KEMENY, TO SAVE HIS MARRIAGE, ORDERED HUNGARIAN RADIO TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE SWEDISH PASSPORTS BE RESPECTED AND THEIR BEARERS NOT BE DEPORTED TO CAMPS.

"FROM MID-OCTOBER 1944 TO MID-DECEMBER, WALLEBERG WAS ABLE TO USE THESE RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THE LEGAL THREAD ON WHICH TO HANG HIS OPERATION. WHEN ANYONE TRIED TO STOP HIM, HE WOULD ASK: 'DID YOU NOT HEAR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ANNOUNCEMENT,'" MISS MARTON SAID.

THE BARONESS, WHO WAS SIX MONTHS PREGNANT WHEN SHE FIRST MET WALLEBERG, LEFT BUDAPEST FOR AUSTRIA IN DECEMBER, JUST THREE WEEKS BEFORE SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HER CHILD PREMATURELY.

AFTER THE WAR HER HUSBAND WAS EXECUTED IN HUNGARY FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES ALONG WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THAT COUNTRY'S FASCIST GOVERNMENT. HIS CLAIM OF MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES WAS IGNORED.

MISS MARTON SAID THE BARONESS, NOW LIVING IN MUNICH, KEPT SILENT ON HER FRIENDSHIP WITH THE LONG-MISSING SWEDISH DIPLOMAT UNTIL LAST YEAR WHEN THE AUTHOR APPROACHED HER AFTER HAVING HEARD HER NAME MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES IN RESEARCHING THE BOOK.

"SHE WANTED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. SHE THOUGHT IT UNJUST THAT HER HUSBAND WAS EXECUTED AND THAT PEOPLE THOUGHT OF HER AS THE WIFE OF A COLLABORATOR." THE REVELATION OF THE AID WALLEBERG RECEIVED FROM THE BARONESS EXPLAINS IN PART THE SUCCESS HE HAD.

FOR SIX MONTHS UNTIL THE RUSSIANS REACHED BUDAPEST AND WALLEBERG DISAPPEARED IN THEIR HANDS AS A CAPTIVE, THE THEN 32-YEAR OLD SWEDISH DIPLOMAT ACTED AS A ONE-MAN SAVIOUR OF HUNGARIAN JEWS.

WITH HUNGARIAN ARROW CROSS AND GERMAN SOLDIERS ROUTINELY ROUNDING UP JEWS FOR EITHER TRANSPORT TO AUSCHWITZ OR OUTRIGHT MURDER BY FIRING SQUAD ON THE BANKS OF THE DANUBE, WALLEBERG, SPECIALLY DESPATCHED FROM SWEDEN, SET UP A STAFF OF HUNDREDS PRODUCING THOUSANDS OF SWEDISH PASSPORTS TO PROTECT THEM.

WHEN THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT REALISED WHAT HE WAS DOING, IT ORDERED THAT SWEDISH TELEPHONE BOOKS AVAILABLE IN BUDAPEST BE CONFISCATED TO PREVENT JEWS FROM LOOKING UP NAMES OF PEOPLE WITH WHOM THEY COULD THEN CLAIM A RELATIONSHIP. (PTO)

WALLENBERG SET UP SAFE HOUSES THAT FLEW THE SWEDISH FLAG AND EVEN DRAGGED JEWS FROM CATTLE CARS AND OFF DEATH MARCHES, CLAIMING THEY WERE SWEDISH CITIZENS.

MISS MARTON CONTRADICTS RECENTLY PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT CLAIM THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN A SOVIET PRISON CAMP IN THE 1960S. SHE SAYS THAT THE LAST REPORTED SIGHTING OF HIM WAS IN 1980 AT A SOVIET MENTAL HOSPITAL PRISON ON THE MANCHURIAN BORDER.

"IF HE IS STILL ALIVE, THE CHANCES ARE THAT HE HAS TUNED OUT THE WORLD," SHE SAID, REFERRING TO PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT WALLENBERG IS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS BROUGHT ON BY HIS LONG IMPRISONMENT. IF ALIVE, HE WOULD BE 70 YEARS OLD.

MISS MARTON SAID THAT HER RESEARCHES HAVE LED HER TO BELIEVE THAT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO HOLDS THE KEY TO EXPLAINING TO WHAT HAPPENED TO WALLENBERG AFTER HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE RUSSIANS.

"HIS NAME IS ON THE ONLY PIECE OF SOVIET PAPER PURPORTING TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TO WALLENBERG," SHE SAID.

THAT PAPER IS A 1957 MEMORANDUM TO THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT STATING THAT WALLENBERG DIED A DECADE EARLIER IN MOSCOW'S LUBYANKA PRISON APPARENTLY OF A HEART ATTACK AND THAT HIS BODY WAS CREMATED WITHOUT A POST-MORTEM BEING PERFORMED.

MR GROMYKO, IN THE MEMORANDUM, BLAMES WALLENBERG'S DETENTION ON "CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES" COMMITTED BY VIKTOR ABAKUMOV, THE HEAD OF SMERSH COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE WHO WAS LATER EXECUTED.

NOWADAYS WHEN THE SUBJECT OF WALLENBERG IS BROUGHT UP TO MR GROMYKO, MISS MARTON SAID, "HIS EYES SHOOT UP TO THE CEILING AND A LOOK OF UNMISTAKEABLE BOREDOM TAKES OVER HIS FACE."

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E/W--U.S. DELEGATE IN GENEVA URGES NEW SOVIET EFFORT ON WALLENBERG

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GENEVA, FEB. 25 (AP)--THE CHIEF U.S. DELEGATE TO THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA TODAY URGED THE SOVIET UNION TO CONDUCT A RENEWED SEARCH TO DETERMINE WHETHER RAOUL WALLENBERG IS STILL ALIVE.

IN A SPEECH DURING THE COMMISSION'S DEBATE ON MISSING PERSONS, U.S. DELEGATE MICHAEL NOVAK SAID WALLENBERG WAS A HERO FOR HAVING HELPED SAVE THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE NAZIS TOWARD THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO.

WALLENBERG WAS ARRESTED JANUARY 1945 AND DEPORTED TO THE SOVIET UNION. MOSCOW SAID IN 1957 THAT WALLENBERG DIED IN A PRISON IN 1947.

NOVAK TOLD THE COMMISSION: "MANY REPORTS SINCE THAT TIME HAVE LED WALLENBERG'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO BELIEVE THAT WALLENBERG HAS SEVERAL TIMES BEEN SEEN, OR TALKED TO, ALIVE. PERHAPS THERE HAS BEEN A MISTAKE. PERHAPS MR. WALLENBERG IS ALIVE."

THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, HE SAID, HOPES FOR "A HUMANITARIAN GESTURE WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO UNIVERSAL GOOD-FEELING, NAMELY, A RENEWED SEARCH AND FULL REPORT, WHICH MAY LAY QUESTIONS TO REST."

THE SWEDISH OBSERVER DELEGATE TO THE COMMISSION ALSO INVOKED THE WALLENBERG CASE, SAYING NO SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION HAS EVER BEEN GIVEN BY THE SOVIETS. HE SAID THAT UNTIL PROVED OTHERWISE, "THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THAT RAOUL WALLENBERG IS ALIVE AND WILL DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO FIND THE TRUTH." IL RW

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Geneva. -- Mrs Nina Lagergren, sister of Mr Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat arrested by the Soviet Army after it entered Budapest in January, 1945, said that according to indications coming out of the Soviet Union he was seen last year in a mental hospital. She is here because the case is to be raised by the Swedish delegation when the 43-nation United Nations Human Rights Commission starts discussing missing persons this week.

She said the family believed that Mr Wallenberg, who was born in 1912, was possibly moved from place to place within the Soviet Union. A prisoner who had been in a mental hospital near the Sino-Soviet frontier had reported meeting "a Swede" there in 1978.

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Munich, Dec. 15 - (CND/BCY) ¹⁹⁸¹ - following article by R. Seligmann (Brussels) appeared in today's DIE WELT (right-cons) titled:

Ehrung für den verschollenen Raoul Wallenberg

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R. SELIGMANN, Brüssel

Unter dem Motto „Im Europa von morgen“ tagt in Brüssel der 29. Kongress des Europäischen B'nai B'rith. Es ist die älteste und größte soziale jüdische Organisation, sie wurde 1843 gegründet.

Bei der Eröffnung wurde erstmals die „Raoul-Wallenberg-Medaille“ für besondere Verdienste um die Menschenrechte verliehen. Erster Preisträger ist Wallenberg selbst. Der schwedische Diplomat rettete im letzten Weltkrieg annähernd 100 000 ungarische Juden vor der Vernichtung. 1945 wurde Wallenberg von der Roten Armee in die Sowjetunion verschleppt. Über sein Schicksal besteht seither Ungewißheit.

An Wallenbergs Stelle nahm dessen Schwester Nina Lagergren, die Vorsitzende des schwedischen „Raoul-Wallenberg-Komitees“, die Auszeichnung entgegen. Sie erklärte, sie sei davon überzeugt, daß ihr Bruder noch lebe und in der Sowjetunion festgehalten werde. Sie hoffe, es werde gelingen, Moskau zu bewegen, Raoul Wallenberg freizulassen.

Ehrengast der Veranstaltung war der österreichische Bundespräsident Rudolf Kirchschläger. In seiner Rede erklärte er: „Der Friedensvertrag von Camp David war ein Mindestmaß einer gemeinsamen Basis für die Herstellung des Friedens.“ Auf die Frage der WELT, weshalb er das Camp-David-Abkommen als einziges Beispiel für eine friedliche Überwindung von Gegensätzen im Nahen Osten erwähnt habe, sagte Kirchschläger, bislang sei allein der ägyptisch-israelische Friedensvertrag eine von beiden Seiten anerkannte friedliche Übereinkunft.

Kirchschläger zeigte sich besorgt über die Zunahme des militanten Antisemitismus. Die Bekämpfung von Vorurteilen muß bereits in Elternhaus und Schule beginnen, das ist wichtiger als alle Theorien“, sagte Kirchschläger zur WELT.

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Raoul Wallenberg a Swedish diplomat who vanished 36 years ago, was the absent guest of honor at a tribute in Los Angeles to focus attention on a movement to find out what became of him. Actor Jon Voight, who will star in a movie on Wallenberg's life, urged an audience of about 1,200 to push for a U.S. appeal to the Soviet Union "to either release this innocent man or tell his family the truth about his fate." Wallenberg is credited with saving thousands of Hungarian Jews destined for extermination by the Nazis in the waning days of World War II. The diplomat, a non-Jew, was last seen in 1945, apparently under arrest by Russian forces during the liberation of Budapest. Soviet officials have maintained that he died in a Soviet prison in 1947, but there have been reports by prison camp survivors that he may still be alive in a Soviet camp. Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter who flew from his home in Vienna to attend the \$500-a-plate dinner, said he is focusing most of his current work on the Wallenberg case. Wallenberg's sister, Nina Lagergren, accepted a humanitarian award for her missing brother. Among those on hand were show-business celebrities Barbra Streisand, Red Buttons, Milton Berle, Dinah Shore, Jane Fonda and Joel Grey.

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E/W--JEWISH LEADER IN HUNGARY BELIEVES WALLEMBERG CASE IS CLOSED

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BUDAPEST, NOV 20, REUTER-- THE CASE OF RAOUL WALLEMBERG, A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO DISAPPEARED AFTER SAVING AT LEAST 25,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM THE NAZIS DURING WORLD WAR TWO, IS CONSIDERED LONG CLOSED BY JEWISH LEADERS IN BUDAPEST.

OFFICIALS OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF HUNGARIAN JEWS SAID THEY HAD ALWAYS BELIEVED MR WALLEMBERG, WHO WAS LAST SEEN HERE IN 1945 BUT WHO HAS BEEN RUMOURED TO BE STILL ALIVE IN A SOVIET LABOUR CAMP, ACTUALLY DIED IN THE LATE 1940S.

REPORTS THAT HE MIGHT BE ALIVE WERE PRESS SPECULATION POPULAR IN THE WEST BUT WITHOUT ANY FACTUAL BASIS, THEY TOLD REUTERS HERE.

"RAOUL WALLEMBERG HELPED HUNGARIAN JEWRY ENORMOUSLY BY ISSUING FALSE IDENTITY PAPERS AND TAKING OTHER INITIATIVES," IMRE HEDER, PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW.

"WE WOULD BE GLAD IF HE WERE ALIVE AND WE COULD MEET HIM AND EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR ALL HE DID. BUT AS FAR AS WE KNOW, RAOUL WALLEMBERG DIED SOME TIME IN 1947 OR 1948."

"WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE TRUTH," HE SAID.

MR WALLEMBERG, WHO ORGANISED ESCAPES FROM JULY 1944 UNTIL HIS DISAPPEARANCE IN JANUARY 1945, WAS RECENTLY GRANTED HONORARY UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP BY THE U.S. CONGRESS.

THE SOVIET UNION SAYS HE DIED OF HEART FAILURE IN MOSCOW'S LUBIANKA PRISON IN 1947, BUT FORMER SOVIET LABOUR CAMP INMATES HAVE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN OR HEARD OF THE DIPLOMAT.

"WE ONLY HEAR THE PART ABOUT SOVIET LABOUR CAMPS FROM FOREIGN JOURNALISTS," HUNGARY'S CHIEF RABBI LASZLO SALGO COMMENTED.

NONE OF THE JEWISH LEADERS INTERVIEWED KNEW HOW MR WALLEMBERG WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE DIED IN THE LATE 1940S, ALTHOUGH ONE SAID SHE THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED IN A PLANE ACCIDENT.

"HE MAY HAVE JUST DISAPPEARED IN THE CONFUSION OF THE TIME," SHE ADDED. "THERE WERE ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE BURIED IN THE CEMETARY ON DOHANY STREET AND ONLY ABOUT 15 PER CENT OF THEM WERE IDENTIFIED." DOHANY STREET WAS IN THE JEWISH GHETTO HERE.

THE CENTRAL BOARD OF HUNGARIAN JEWS HAS DOCUMENTED MR WALLEMBERG'S WORK AND THE CITY OF BUDAPEST NAMED A STREET IN HIS HONOUR AFTER THE WAR.

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E/W--CONGRESSMEN URGE USING SUB AS BARGAINING CHIP FOR WALLEMBERG
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WASHINGTON, NOV. 5 (AP) -- 23 U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEMBERS TODAY ASKED THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO USE THE SOVIET SUBMARINE AS A BARGAINING CHIP IN THE EFFORT TO FIND RAOUL (WALLEMBERG).

THE REQUEST WAS HAND-DELIVERED TO WILHELM WACHTHEISTER, SWEDEN'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

WALLEMBERG, A SWEDE WHO WAS RECENTLY NAMED AN HONORARY U.S. CITIZEN, HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR TWO. HE WAS ARRESTED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN BUDAPEST.

THE SOVIET SUBMARINE WHICH WENT AGROUND LAST WEEK IN SWEDISH TERRITORIAL WATERS IS BEING HELD UNDER GUARD.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MIGHT PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL AND FRANK NEGOTIATIONS TO ACHIEVE THE RELEASE OF RAOUL WALLEMBERG," SAID THE HOUSE MEMBERS' LETTER RELEASED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOBBI FIEDLER, REPUBLICAN-CALIFORNIA.

EARLIER, A SIMILAR LETTER WAS SENT TO SWEDISH OFFICIALS BY REPRESENTATIVE TOM LANTOS, DEMOCRAT-CALIFORNIA, WHO WAS AMONG THE MANY HUNGARIANS WALLEMBERG SAVED FROM GERMAN DEATH CAMPS. LANTOS ALSO SIGNED THE NEWEST COMMUNICATION.

THE WALLEMBERG ISSUE WAS EARLIER LINKED TO THE SUBMARINE IN SWEDEN, BUT BOTH SWEDEN AND THE SOVIET UNION SAID THE TWO ISSUES COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED RELATED. IL/CK
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