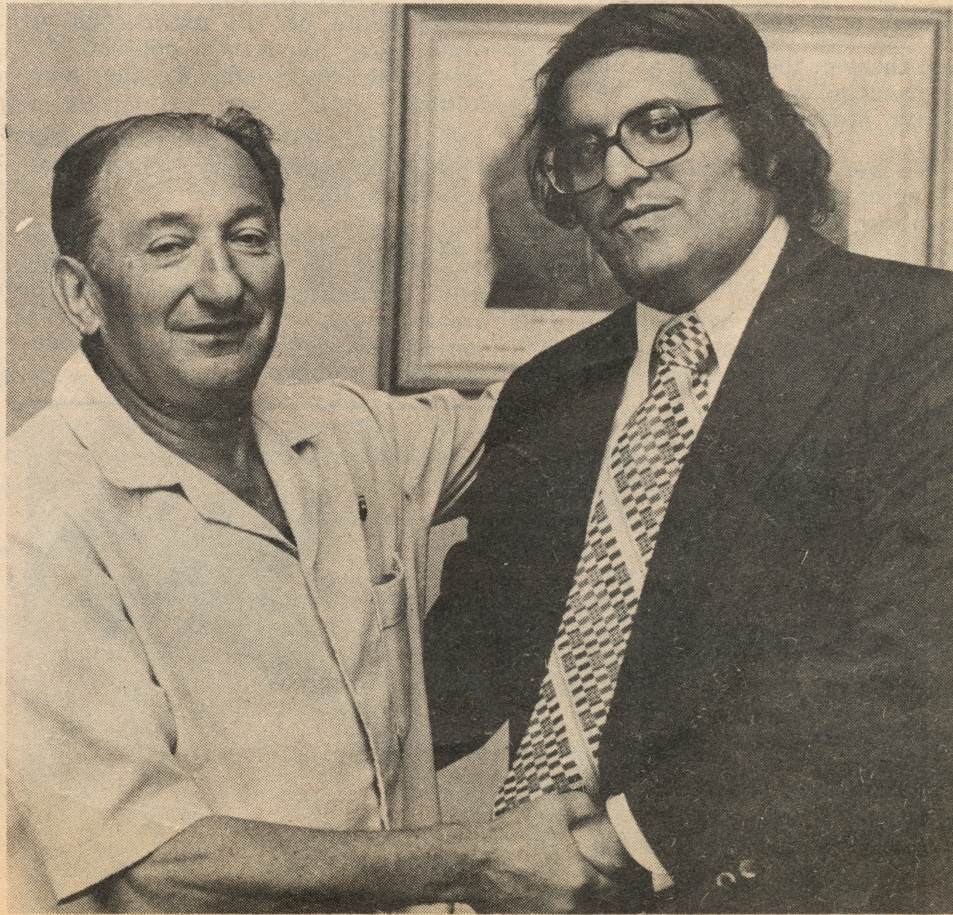


Ex-Soviet war hero meets American benefactor here



Naum Alshansky (left) and Leon Charney.

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TEL AVIV. — Leon Charney, here again on one of his lightning visits to Israel, this time had a moving encounter with a man he had helped: Naum Alshansky, war-time lieutenant-colonel of the Red Army, and one of several war heroes from Minsk who have been waging a long fight with the authorities for the right to emigrate to Israel. Only Alshansky has been allowed to go so far.

Mr. Charney, an aide to Indiana's Democratic Senator Vance Hartke, was in Minsk two years ago. "I substituted for the cantor in some Rosh Hashana prayers," Mr. Charney says. He hopes to repeat the trip again on the coming High Holidays.

Senator Hartke and his assistant have been very active in helping Soviet Jews who wish to come to Israel. Thanks to them, some 40 families are already here. Senator Hartke, incidentally, is one of the few Democrats who has been consistently opposed to linking the emigration issue to U.S.-Soviet trade agreements.

Senator Hartke now hopes to be able to obtain permission for former Colonel Efim Davidovich, also from Minsk, to go to Israel. Col. Davidovich has been harassed by the Soviet authorities ever since he applied for an exit visa. An outspoken man, Col. Davidovich has been writing letters to the authorities accusing them of anti-Semitism.

"A public committee has now been set up in the U.S. to help Davidovich," Mr. Charney said. Members include former boxing champion Joe Louis, actors Lee Strassberg and Red Buttons, and Judge Louis Kaplan.

Mr. Charney, a New Yorker, is himself seeking the Democratic nomination for Senator in his state.

Meanwhile, Itim reports that Prisoner of Zion David Czernoglaz, one of the defendants in the 1971 Leningrad trial, has received an exit permit from the Soviet Union. Czernoglaz's co-defendants, Ley Yagman and Lassal Kaminsky, arrived in Israel at the end of last week after being released from prison and allowed to leave to join their families here.