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Supporters of imprisoned Soviet scientist Yuri Orlov have created T-shirts with this logo.

## Free scientists for collaboration

by Robin Samelson

On Sept. 8, the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group, founded in 1976 to monitor and transmit information on violations of the humanitarian provisions of the Helsinki Final Act of 1975, folded. The group was founded by the now imprisoned physicist, Yuri Orlov, the highest-ranking scientist in Russia.

One member of the Moscow Watch Group, Yuri Yarim-Agaev, is a post-doctorate professor of chemistry at Stanford University. He said, "With the folding of the watch group comes the end of the

Helsinki Final Act."

By signing this agreement, the Soviet Union and more than 30 other signatories agreed to, in good faith, confirm the essential link between world peace and the right to follow the dictates of one's own conscience.

According to Orlov, the interference with the free exchange of information is a fundamental violation of the spirit and letter of the Final Act. Orlov recognized that the agreed-upon principles of international accountability would be moot without pro-

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cedures "to collect, analyze and transmit to the participating states information on violations of the humanitarian provisions of the Final Act."

Such violations are exemplified by the impossibility of scientists here in Palo Alto, at SLAC and Stanford University to collaborate with Orlov, world-reknowned scientists Anatoly Scharansky and Andrei Sakharov and others because they are either imprisoned or exiled in Soviet Russia.

Several local events bring the severity of human rights violations to light for residents of Palo Alto. Last February a conference on Orlov's work took place at SLAC. Morris Pripstein, collaborator at SLAC and chairperson of Sakharov, Orlov and Scharansky (SOS), initiated a petition under which 9,000 scientists signed an agreement to stop scientific collaboration until the release of these scientists.

Another petition is now circulating to nominate Yuri Orlov for a Nobel Peace Prize. In mid-September a computer music concert was held, in dedication to Yuri Orlov and the Moscow Helsinki Watch Group, organized by musician Jaron Lanier.

Of particular interest to several Palo Alto scientists and interested observers is Orlov's work in a paper, miraculously developed during imprisonment and recently obtained from his prison cell, entitled, "A Physical Mechanism for the Emergence of Incompatible Points of View in Consciousness," translated by Scott Samuel, lecturer at Stanford in Slavic languages.

Eddie Oshins, former guest scientist at SLAC under the sponsorship of H. Pierre Noyes, professor in theoretical physics at SLAC, is one of few scientists in the world who closely follows Orlov's work. He is unable to collaborate, but can only read the papers published before his imprisonment and the three papers which have come out of Russia since his conviction for agitation and anti-Soviet propoganda in 1978.

Orlov was sentenced to seven years in the labor camps, plus five years in internal exile. The most recent reports on his physical condition are grim, as he has frequently waged hunger strikes and is refused medical attention.

The Moscow Watch Group folded, according to Dr. Agaev, because of its lack of support among democratic leaders participating in the Helsinki Accords. Also, over the six-year existence of the Watch Group, one by one its members were arrested and imprisoned.

Science, like human rights, is a world activity. There is no such thing as American science and Russian science. It's important to reaffirm the human rights issues because of the scientific consequences — no contact.

There exists a direct correlation between scientific freedom and human rights. The advancement of science affects every aspect of civilization as we know it. The folding of the Moscow Watch Group will not discourage, but rather bring into focus the severity of human rights violations. We must regroup our efforts toward creating new understanding among people of differing political and social societies.

Volunteers are welcome to assist in this effort, and Oshins is in need of an Apple computer on a short-term loan to complete some work he started on another loaner some time ago. Write: Orlov, Box 50697, Palo Alto, CA 94303. ☐

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