

MR. DOWELL *CD*

MRS. EKER: WOMENS CAMPAIGN FOR SOVIET JEWRY

Mrs. Eker rang to plead for an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister. Even five minutes would be enough. She was being besieged by refuseniks who were telephoning her from the Soviet Union, often at some real personal risk to themselves, and even though Josef Begun had telephoned to say the Prime Minister was "a wonderful lady and we all love her". Many refuseniks were anxious to know what was going on. They were particularly concerned, Mrs. Eker said when I pressed her, about Mr. Bronfman's statement that 12,000 Jews would be coming out. What was that set against the vast numbers who would remain?

Mrs. Eker is leaving for Israel on Tuesday morning. She appreciated the diary difficulties and the problem the Prime Minister would have if she started going back on her decision not to have individual meetings like this. But she very much hoped a short meeting will be possible.

I said that I would of course pass on the request. But I knew the diary would be very difficult indeed on the Prime Minister's return. Mrs. Eker said she could understand that.

Mrs. Eker's telephone number is: 458 7148/9.

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