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Attached for your retention is a copy of a letter written by the Communist-dominated Federation Democratique Internationale des Femmes (WIDF). The letter describes a letter allegedly written to the WIDF by Mrs. Morton Sobell, protesting her husband's imprisonment.

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MRS. SOBELL PLEADS FOR HER HUSBAND'S LIFE

The W.I.D.F. has just received a letter from Mrs. Morton Sobell, whose husband was sentenced to 30 years in prison for refusing to bear false witness against the Rosenbergs. She informs us that he is in immediate danger of his life in Alcatraz prison and that she has written a letter to President Eisenhower explaining the facts and urging him to have Mr. Sobell removed to a regular federal prison.

Her concern is based on the fact that Alcatraz is a notorious prison for hardened criminals and prison trouble-makers, and that murder and criminal assault have recently taken place in American prisons.

Mrs. Sobell's letter to the W.I.D.F. concludes with the words, "I ask you who have helped before by voicing your strong protests to act again and speak again in every way that you can. I do not want my young husband harmed. I want him home again strong and well so that he may be again a father to his children, and a scientist for the world."

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Beginning in January 1955, the W.I.D.F.'s regular Monday evening radio broadcasting time is changed to 7:50 P.M. and 12:10 A.M. Greenwich Mean time and 8:50 P.M. and 1:10 A.M. Middle European Time. The programme continues to be relayed over short-wave station Berlin I, at 41.56 metres/7150 kilocycles.