

J.D.L. Says Its Help Is Sought By a Leader of Attica Uprising

An officer of the militant Jewish Defense League said yesterday that Herbert X. Blyden, who emerged as a leader of rebelling inmates in both the Attica Correctional Facility last September and in the Tombs in Manhattan a year ago, had asked the league to help him and fellow inmates be "transferred" to "whatever socialist country will accept us."

The league spokesman said Blyden made his appeal in a brief letter penciled at the Bronx House of Detention, where he is awaiting trial next week in connection with the riots in the Manhattan House of Detention for Men, known as The Tombs.

The 34-year old prisoner was the rebel leader at Attica who, with his large figure draped in a poncho, delivered the inmates' 28 demands to the authorities.

The letter was made public yesterday in the press room at the Manhattan Criminal Courts Building, 100 Centre Street, by Bertram Zweibon, national vice president of the league.

Mr. Zweibon said the league fully supported the request and would contact the State Department and Governor Rockefeller in an effort to carry out the request. "I think it's a good idea," he said.

The letter said that Blyden was speaking for "all the survivors of Attica," where Blyden is serving a 15-to-20-year sentence for armed robbery.

"If at all possible," he wrote, "please try and arrange to have the Attica Liberation Faction members transferred to whatever socialist country will accept us, preferably in exchange for incarcerated people in those countries."

"I, for example," he continued, "would gladly go in exchange for Sylvia Zalmanson if you can set it up." Miss Zalmanson, 27, a Soviet Jew and one of the so-called Leningrad 9, is serving a 10-year sentence for alleged anti-Soviet activity.

Such an exchange, Mr. Zweibon said, would "be good for Russia and good for the U.S. and good for all the people involved."