{enclose http://dev.ksco.got.net/podcasts/2007-07-13.mp3} The following is a KSCO commentary. Here is Kay Zwerling: What I am about to disclose to you is unbelievable and disappointing. Having always looked upon the British government and its people as closest to Americans in our thoughts of respectful human rights and assessment of different religions, it is with sadness and shock to learn the British Union of Colleges and Universities, a labor organization representing 125,000 British academics, have chosen to opine to the world on human rights, democracy, and peace in the Middle East. This organization will not denounce Iran, which is developing nuclear weapons and has declared its intent to obliterate Israel. Neither will it denounce Saudi Arabia, which executes prisoners in public by stoning and beheading, and which is widely known to finance terrorism around the region. Nor does it care that Syria, which holds sham elections and tolerates Hamas - or Egypt, where opponents of the government are tried by secret military tribunal. You will not find any of these countries on the black list considered by the British Union of Colleges and Universities. Instead, this organization claiming concern for human rights, is considering a boycott against the only democracy in the Middle East - Israel. Under the terms of the boycott, Israeli academics will not be permitted to publish in British journals, or attend academic conferences in the United Kingdom. Joint research between British and Israeli scholars - whether about strategies for peace or cures for disease - would be barred and student exchange programs would immediately come to a halt. The purpose is clear - to punish Israeli scholars and isolate Israeli universities - and these foolish British scholars will shoot themselves in the foot in the name of hate and bigotry. Don?t these so-called educated academics understand that academic boycotts are a loss for everyone? That boycotts of this nature besides being unethical and biased, are counterproductive to human progress and world peace. Many pioneering innovations beneficial to the global community evolve from collaboration with colleagues in other parts of the world. And, some of the most significant discoveries made in Israel are shared gladly with the scientific world community. Some of these recent discoveries are:1. A revolutionary drug developed in Israel holds hope for tens of millions who suffer from schizophrenia.2. A scientist at Ben Gurion University in the Negev developed a biological control for mosquitoes and black flies that cause malaria and blindness, saving the sight and lives of millions of people in Africa and China. 3. Velcade, an effective new cancer drug, is based on research that won two Israeli professors the 2004 Nobel prize. These are but a few of the Israeli scientific contributions to the world for the betterment of humanity. And, this is what the British scientists want to throw away in the name of hoping to destroy the Jewish state of Israel? They want to boycott a cure for cancer? They want to stop drip irrigation - discovered by Israeli scientists? And they want to prevent scientific cooperation between nations? These actions by some British academics, who do not speak for the people of Britain, who want to boycott Israelis, have lost all their credibility. The only explanation to their strange actions could be that some British-born Muslim scientists have infiltrated the British organization and brainwashed the membership to hate Israel. The Israeli response is to educate the world community of these strange actions of the British scientists. For KSCO and KOMY, this is Kay Zwerling. Copyright 2007