

SOVIET TAX

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manding the diploma tax, but expressed the view that its suspension is only temporary and that the tax would probably be renewed after Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev's visit to Washington this summer. The immigrants said most Jews applying for exit visas get them, but that in some cases, Soviet authorities make every possible effort to prevent their departure; they accuse them of offenses, refuse to issue the necessary permits and send many to jail. They said that young people who have completed their military service must wait for 4 to 5 years after their discharge to leave.)

TELEGRAM FROM WASHINGTON

AN AMENDMENT TO THE PRESIDENT'S NEW FOREIGN TRADE BILL, PROHIBITING MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT TOWARD NATIONS WHICH IMPOSE FEES AS A CONDITION TO EMIGRATION, was introduced in the Senate with backing of Senators Alan Bible and Howard Cannon.

The Bill was introduced by Washington Sen. Henry M. Jackson. The Senators said the amendment would require the President to submit to the Congress a report indicating that the recipients of the most favored nations treatment or the extension of credits, credit guarantees or investment guarantees, does not deny its citizens the right or opportunity to emigrate.

Moreover, the President would be required to report that the country in question does not resort to more than the nominal taxes as a means of denying its citizens the right or opportunity to emigrate.

"There is nothing in this amendment which would prevent an American businessman or an agency of the U. S. Government from trading with the Soviet Union or any other nation," Bible and Cannon said.

"What is at issue here is whether to give the countries in question, in effect, 'economic assistance' by extending such benefits."

The amendment "will enable the Congress to assure that its insistence on the right to free emigration is and will remain a condition of American economic assistance to the Soviet Union and other nations," the Senators stated.

/s/ OFFICES OF SENATOR BIBLE AND SENATOR CANNON

MRS MEIR RAPS FULBRIGHT, A HERO TO THE ARABS

TEL AVIV (WNS) -- Premier Golda Meir has denounced Sen. J. Fulbright's charge on CBS' "Face the Nation" that the U. S. Senate was "subservient" to Israel, and characterized the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee as "a man who hasn't slept nights for years" because under American law part of United Jewish Appeal funds are tax free.

But the Cairo newspapers, Al Akhbar and Al Ahram, said Fulbright's remarks constituted "a courageous voice of truth" on the Middle East and urged Arabs to write him expressing "appreciation of this bold man to make him realize that we re-

spect and uphold the supporters of right and justice.

Al Ahram said Fulbright and Yugoslav president Tito agreed that America is the main factor for all the crimes Israel commits.

Fulbright maintained that Congressional subservience to Israel prevented the Administration from exerting leverage it has on Jerusalem because "we supply a major part of the wherewithal to finance or pay for everything that Israel does."

He also expressed opposition to the Jackson Amendment linking most favored nation status for the Soviet Union to the removal of emigration restrictions.



U.S. and Israel dignitaries will join American Jewish community leaders at the 14th annual Policy Conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) in Washington on May 7-8.

TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Newly-arrived Israel Ambassador Simcha Dinitz will make his first major public appearance in Washington at a May 7 celebration marking Israel's 25th birthday. Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco and Walworth Barbour, who recently retired after 11 years as U.S. ambassador to Israel, will also speak at this gala event, which is jointly sponsored by AIPAC and the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. AIPAC Chairman Irving Kane of Cleveland will preside.

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Arthur J. Goldberg, former Supreme Court Justice and U.S. ambassador to the UN, will address AIPAC delegates on May 8. House Floor Leaders Thomas P. O'Neill and Gerald R. Ford will speak at the annual AIPAC luncheon on Capitol Hill, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Alfred L. Atherton will brief delegates at the State Department on May 8.

HISTORIC NIXON - JEWS MEETING

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- American Jewish Community leaders met for 70 minutes with President Nixon at the White House April 19, the day after his presentation to key Senators of communications from Soviet authorities that they had suspended the exit tax on emigrants. The Jewish leaders

said Dr. Henry Kissinger, the only other government official present at the meeting which was called by the President, read "documents received from the Soviet leadership." These documents, they said, indicated that the "recent Soviet policy of waiving payments of the education tax on aca-

demics desiring to emigrate would be continued without any time limit."

The leaders termed the meeting a "historic event", and "reaffirmed" their commitment to Soviet Jews and "our determination to continue maximum effort in their behalf." They said President Nixon "reaffirmed his concern for the plight of Soviet Jews and pledged his continu-

ing personal efforts."

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