

SEN. JACKSON: 'LET RUSSIAN JEWS GO'

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I am honored to be among the thousands of Americans joined here today to express our solidarity with thousands of our fellow human beings who want out of a country which has made it intolerable for them to stay.

They are our inspiration in this great demonstration for human freedom; we are their hope. Their plight compels us to be here; their courage makes us proud to be here.

I remember when the voices raised in behalf of these brave men and women were scattered and unnoticed. Well, the Kremlin can hear us now. The conscience of the free world is aroused. The message is clear: Let them go.

We are talking about an end to the brutal Soviet campaign of arrest, harassment, imprisonment, and intimidation of those seeking to emigrate.

We are thinking of the more than 100,000 who have risked what little security they have left by requesting to leave. We are thinking of those who have been turned down time and time again -- Panov, Levich, Rubin, Lerner, and too many more. We are thinking of those in Soviet prisons -- Zalmanson, Feldman, Shkolnik, Penson, Kaminsky, and too many more.

Soviet officials -- from Brezhnev on down -- come to the United States and tell us first, that they have no emigration problem, and second, that their emigration problem is none of our business.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was unanimously adopted more than 25 years ago. It is past time for the Soviet Union to join the civilized world in respecting a most basic right enshrined in that document -- the right to emigrate.

The Soviet economy is in deep trouble. We have been asked to extend to them most-favored-access to our markets and credits subsidized by our taxpayers. If Secretary Kissinger wants to make their case to the Congress, Secretary Kissinger must make our case to Moscow.

I can tell you that the Congress is more determined than ever to insure that our economic strength is harassed to the cause of freedom of emigration by enacting into law the Jackson-Mills-Vanik amendment.

We remember that the infamous ransom tax was imposed just three months after the 1972 Moscow summit and suspended only when the Congress went on record in support of our East-West Trade and Freedom of Emigration amendment.

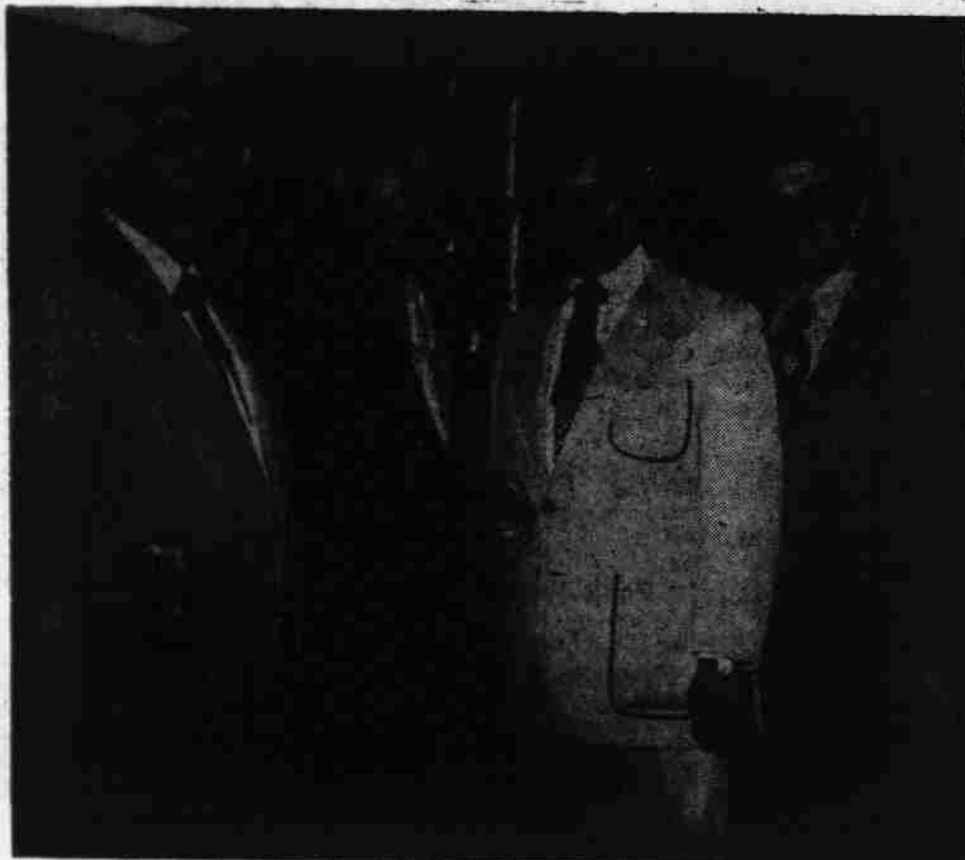
Quiet diplomacy slides all too easily into silent diplomacy. The truth is that it took the introduction of our amendment to put this issue on the White House agenda with the Soviet Union -- and it will take passage of our amendment to keep it there.

We have heard endless excuses from the Kremlin. It is time to end the excuses. We have heard endless rationalization from the White House. It is time to stop rationalizing.

We Americans are a nation of immigrants. While we talk about free trade, let us also talk about free people.

We have the leverage to bargain hard for progress toward the free movement of people between East and West. Thousands of brave people in the Soviet Union are depending on us to use it.

This is a noble cause. As we are reminded by the Talmud: To save one life is as though one saved a whole world.



COMMANDER WELCOMED -- Jewish War Veterans (JWV) National Commander Ainslee Ferdie is greeted by a reception committee from Las Vegas JWV Memorial Post No. 711. Ferdie visited Las Vegas recently on the last leg of an international good will tour and discussed plans for the 1975 national JWV convention slated to be held here. Those welcoming Ferdie are from left, Major S. H. Kaye, deputy national chief of staff JWV and founder and past commander of Post No. 711, Las Vegas; Louis Licker, post commander No. 711; Ferdie; and Chic Hecht, Nevada State Senator. (SUNfoto)

ORT-ISRAEL STUDENTS INVENT MEDICAL INSTRUMENT


Nahum Amos, a heavy equipment operator, was wounded in the palm of his hand during the Yom Kippur War and lost the use of his fingers. In order to regain movement, so that he could do his job, Nahum went for daily physiotherapeutic treatment at the Shiba Hospital in Tel-Hashomer.

Every day, a physiotherapist exercised Nahum's paralyzed fingers for almost an hour.

But now he no longer needs the help of a nurse. He himself straps his injured hand to a strange-looking instrument made up of copper and plastic tubes, which, with the help of water flow from the faucet, activates his fingers.

The instrument, unique in Israel and perhaps in the world, was devised and built by two youths, aged twenty -- Ron Linwill of Ramat Gan and Amit Limoni of Givatayim -- both students at the ORT Technical College in Givatayim. They constructed the instrument within the frame work of their diploma

project. Dr. Yoel Engel, an orthopedic surgeon and expert in hand-surgery at Tel Hashomer, says: "What is special about the instrument is its simplicity and easy operation." Dr. Engel states that surgery plays "a minor part in the rehabilitation of an injured hand." The most important work is done through prolonged physiotherapy.



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