

CONGRESS WORKING ON BOYCOTT MEASURE

WASH. (WNS) -- A Senate - House conference committee is trying to iron out differences in the Export Administration Act including the provisions aimed against the Arab boycott of Israel.

The House version, adopted by a 318 - 63 vote, carries stiffer provisions on the boycott than the Senate version which had been adopted earlier. The Senate measure, introduced by Sens. Adlai Stevenson (D, Ill.) and J. Harrison Williams (D, N.J.), requires companies to disclose any compliance with the Arab boycott but does not

specifically prohibit an American company from refusing to do business with Israel. Both bills, in addition to requiring disclosure, forbid American concerns from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex or national origin.

Rep. Robert Michael (R, Ill.) in opposing the House bill authored by two New York Democrats, Reps. Jonathan Bingham and Benjamin Rosenthal, predicted that the anti-boycott laws would bring Arab retaliations causing American firms to lose money and em-

ployees to lose jobs. He said the Department of Commerce testified that 400,000 American jobs are at stake in the American exports to Arab countries which he said total \$5 billion a year.

Rep. Thomas Morgan (D, Pa.), chairman of the House International Relations Committee, replied that "We cannot let those people in the Middle East discriminate against American citizens and that is exactly what they are doing and they have been doing it for a long, long time." Morgan noted that "There are certain big corporations like the Mobil Oil Corp. that are running full page ads in every newspaper in the country in opposition to this bill but we do not see such ads from the many companies that oppose boycotts and whose people are also out of work."

Noting that anti-boycott laws have already been adopted by Massachusetts, Maryland, and Illinois and are pending in Pennsylvania, Morgan declared that Congress must make "these laws national and we will find that Arab countries will come back into the community of nations."

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CARTER-FORD BOWS TO ARAB BLACKMAIL

BOSTON (WNS) -- Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter accused the Ford Administration of "bowing down to foreign blackmail" by "doing everything in its power to keep new anti-boycott legislation from being passed" and pressuring Congress to reverse the ban on the sale of 650 Maverick missiles to Saudi Arabia.

He told a meeting of the conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations here that this "demonstrated the moral bankruptcy of its foreign policy." Carter said there is no reason to believe that the sale of missiles to Saudi Arabia will increase security and stability in the Middle East or that they will be used only for defense. "There are only reasons to fear that we will increase the chances of conflict," Carter told the 350 Jewish leaders who attended the meeting.


"No administration which was sensitive to the climate in the Middle East would let the sale go forward," Carter said if the reason for the arms sale is oil, the

risk peace -- by vague threats which the Administration is itself perpetuating." On the anti-boycott legislation, Carter attacked the Administration,

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