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J - V AMENDMENT STANDS

Supporters of the Soviet Jewry emigration movement should be prepared for a concerted drive by the Carter Administration to repeal the Jackson - Vanik Amendment or at least find some way to circumvent it. President Carter has made no secret of his desire to extend most - favored - nation trade status to the Soviet Union, especially since it is certain to be granted to the People's Republic of China.

The official position of the Administration is that the issue is being discussed with Congressional leaders but no decision has been reached. Many members of Congress, including Rep. Charles Vanik (D, Ohio), co - author of the Jackson - Vanik Amendment, are known to believe that serious consequences may result if China is given the trade benefits and they are denied to the Soviets. Many others are being influenced by the increasing number of Jews allowed to leave the USSR and by the release of Soviet dissidents and Jewish activists from Siberian prisons.

But these moves have not convinced Sen. Henry Jackson (D, Wash.), the other co-author of the amendment, and such Senators as New York's Jacob Javits, a Republican, and Daniel Moynihan, a Democrat. At a Soviet Jewry rally in New York which included the appearance of Eduard Kuznetsov and Mark Dymshits, two of the Jews convicted in the 1970 Leningrad hijacking trial, who were released with three other imprisoned Soviet dissidents in a swap for two spies, all three Senators urged continued enforcement of the Jackson - Vanik Amendment.

Jackson correctly pointed out that "many of those who are now urging repeal because the numbers (of emigrants) have been going up, were urging repeal last year because they said the numbers were going down." Jackson said the amendment must remain law "as long as the prisoners remain in jail," as long as people are "punished for asking to emigrate" and as long as people have "to wait two, three, four, even six or seven years for a visa." He said the President has promised, in writing, to uphold the Jackson - Vanik Amendment and "I intend to hold him to that promise." The American Jewish Community can do no less.

Behind The Scenes

At The United Nations

By DAVID HOROWITZ

A World-Union Press Feature

Holocaust by Blum

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My grandfather, all eight of my mother's brothers and sisters, their spouses, twenty - two of their children, some of them married with children of their own -- they all perished at the hands of Nazi Germany and its Fascist collaborators in other European countries. Likewise, most of my father's uncles and aunts and many of his cousins, and their children became the victims of what Sir Winston Churchill called 'a monstrous tyranny never surpassed in the dark lamentable catalogue of human crime.'



JOSEPH BLOC (LEFT), VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE PEPSI-COLA COMPANY, PRESENTS A CHECK FOR \$15,000 TO HENRY SIEGMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, RENEWING PEPSI'S ANNUAL GRANT FOR YEDID NEFISH (FRIEND OF MY SOUL), A WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE MARTIN STEINBERG CENTER OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS.

"Fate also willed it that I should celebrate my own Bar Mitzvah in the concentration camp of Bergen - Belsen. And that experience remains an integral part of my life today in my present role as Israel's Ambassador to the UN. "Indeed, these two events in my life in a way symbolize the road traversed collectively by the Jewish people over the past three decades.

"From the depths of persecution, anguish, misery, death and destruction, the Jewish people has defiantly risen again -- as it has on so many occasions in the past -- and has miraculously staged a national renaissance of which few of us would have dreamed at the end of World War II.

"What is more, our generation has been granted a privilege denied to 80 successive generations of Jews: in the aftermath of the greatest tragedy that befell our people in the course of the long history of martyrdom, we, of all Jewish generations, were allowed to witness the reemergence of Jewish statehood and Jewish sovereignty in Eretz Yisrael, the Land of Israel.

"Nothing better demonstrates the immense difficulty we have today in discussing and understanding the Holocaust than the recent controversy over the television series by that name. On the one hand, many of us felt that a soap opera package interspersed with commercials served only to diminish the enormity of the tragedy that befell our people. On the other hand, all of us had to admit that millions throughout the world who had never heard of the Holocaust became aware of it for the first time through this series, and that perhaps they could only have grasped it in such a watered-down form.

"Therein lies the dilemma. How, with the passage of time, do we remember the Holocaust without ever diminishing its magnitude or losing sight of its profound significance? The issue is not simply 'remembering.' That, perhaps, we may finally be learning to do. The question, rather, is how we remember. To tackle that question honestly is no easy task, for it requires not only the overcoming of deep psychological resistances but also a willingness to face squarely the issue of responsibility for actions both in the past and at the present time. I feel duty bound to address the question I have posed as directly and straightforwardly as I possibly can. And let me state right at the outset that I wish to speak here tonight as a survivor of the Holocaust, as well as a Jew and as an Israeli, rather than in my capacity as Israel's envoy to the United Nations.

Prof. Blum then went on to recount a brief history of the survivors, the fate that had befallen them during the early years of their release. "A sense of shame remained attached to every memory of the event..." he notes. "In an almost unspoken way, the survivors were given to feel that they should somehow apologize for their own survival, that they were somehow

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"One Man Plus The Truth Constitutes A Majority"

BY JACK TELL



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press agent was sold a bill of goods that Italian olive oil was going sky high. So Eddie lined his walls with hundreds of five - gallon tins. Net result, the oil dropped to its lowest price on the market and Eddie couldn't give the stuff away.

That's what is going to happen with the gasoline. Before you know it, the reserves will be overstocked and the companies will be sending out more than the stations could handle. It will be a buyer's paradise. But motorists will not forget how they were treated during the mock shortage. The day of reckoning will soon come.

Meanwhile, we hope and pray a responsible man will come forward and head a delegation of public spirited citizens who will demand an accounting. If any laws were broken, the culprits should land in jail.

Isn't it about time the public gets what it rightly deserves? The best, quickest and only way is to organize. In union there is strength.

The No. 1 purpose of course is to get the gas back into the gas stations. This may call for a court order for immediacy. The rest can be ironed out at a hearing or trial but the main consideration is to get the oil where it belongs -- to serve the motorist.

Aren't we right?

to blame themselves, that they should have resisted...The Jewish world bore a different burden of shame -- that they had not responded as they should have during the war to the plight of their brethren in Europe...We lived in a world of denial...."

He dwelt at length with the "catharsis" of the Eichmann trial. "All the horrors were described out loud in excruciating detail and in their true dimensions by the survivors. The facts emerged, agonizingly from the closet and were presented to the youth of Israel, to the Jews of the Diaspora and to the world, as their history and their reality. It could no longer be hidden..."

The time finally came, Blum points out, that "the survivors had shed their shame and learned to take pride in the Jewish uprisings at Warsaw, at Treblinka, at Vilna, at Bialystok, at Cracow and Czestochova, and they learned to understand the true dynamics of their own painful experience...."

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MY ARM STARTED TO HURT ME. I SAID "DOCTOR, EXAMINE MY ARM." HE LOOKED AT MY ARM, HE BROUGHT OUT A MEDICAL BOOK AND STUDIED IT FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES.

HE SAID TO ME, "HAVE YOU EVER HAD THAT PAIN BEFORE?"

I SAID, "YES."

HE SAID, "WELL, YOU'VE GOT IT AGAIN."