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HUMPHREY URGES PRESIDENT
TO WORK OUT ETHNIC, CULTURAL
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MIAMI -- Senator Hubert H. Humphrey today urged the President to intercede on behalf of Soviet Jewry during his forthcoming trip to Moscow and to work out a program for ethnic cultural exchange among minority groups with sizeable populations in both the United States and the Soviet Union.

In remarks prepared for delivery at the Knesset Israel Synagogue here, Senator Humphrey said:

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What can we do now to assist Soviet Jewry?

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REMARKS BY SENATOR HUMPHREY - KNESSET ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE - MARCH 11, 1972 8:30 p.m.

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There is a message in ^{these} ~~these~~ three millennium of struggle and ^{of the Jewish people.} ~~suffering~~ ^{Survival}

There is a message in the countless martyrdom and nameless victims.

The message, my friends, is that while men may be oppressed by slavery, the urge for freedom will persist undiminished and that while death may break men's bodies, it shall have no dominion over their ~~shards~~ souls.

This message has been reaffirmed by each new chapter of Jewish suffering and triumph. It echoes through the pages of your history, haunting those who would crush your people--and it is strikingly reaffirmed in our ^{gen} ~~generation~~ both by the emergence of the state of Israel and by the heroic struggle of Soviet Jewry.

Millenniums

Only 30 years ago Jewish children all over Europe were being herded into boxcars for transportation to the crematoria of Aushwitz and Dachau. Today, some of these same children dance in the shadow of the temple wall in the ~~United~~ Free Jerusalem.

Only twenty years ago Soviet Jewry ~~seemed~~ seemed doomed to die the slow death of ~~sim-~~ assimilation and apathy--today its children proudly declare their Jewishness to an admiring and inspired world. ~~The~~

The drama of Soviet Jewry is ~~less~~ ^{This} the drama of Jewish history. It is the drama of brave men and women demanding to be free. It is the drama of faith and hope, the flame of human liberty alive under the most adverse human circumstances.

It is the drama of the Georgian ^{Iran} ~~Jews~~ Jews who for ~~over~~ 2000 years have kept the Torah in a strange land under the most difficult of conditions. Armenian, Cossack, ~~C~~ ^Uzar and Communist could not break their ~~xx~~ spirit or quench their desire to live as Jews. ~~9 years~~

^{Three} years ago I was asked by leaders of the Jewish community to intervene on behalf of the Georgian Jews during my visit to the Soviet Union. I brought this matter up to Premier Kosygin as did other ~~American~~ world leaders and the Soviet Union finally began to allow Georgian Jews to emigrate to Israel.

It is the drama of Jewish parents risking prison terms to circumcise

their sons. It is the drama of Jewish teenagers gathering outside the Moscow synagogue to dance on Jewish holidays. It is the drama of the people refusing to surrender their heritage or betray 3000 years of accomplishment.

It is the drama of ~~Sylvia~~ Sylvia Zalmanson who is sick with tuberculosis in a Soviet prison camp. If she will only ^rdenounce her desire to go to Israel, she will be freed at once. But she refuses-- and how can we despair of the final and inevitability of human freedom if one frail ~~man~~ ^{woman} can stand up to the greatest totalitarian dictatorship that mankind has ever known?

This is what we may learn from the heroic example of Soviet Jewry-- what my friends, can we do to help them?

— First, we can raise our voices on their behalf. All ^A Americans of good will must join the outpouring of public opinion on behalf of this suffering remnant of martyred European Jewry.

— Secondly, we must assure that every step is taken to assist Israel in the massive task of resettling and absorbing the historic exodus of Soviet Jews who are ~~now~~ now reaching its shores. This is not and must not become a domestic partisan political issue. I urge all of my colleagues in the Senate of both parties to join in working together to assure the maximum aid to Israel, to assist in this demanding humanitarian task.

Thirdly, we must assure that every step be taken to insure that those Soviet Jews desirous of leaving Russia, be permitted to emigrate at once to the nation of their choice.

In a few months the President of the United States will be visiting the Soviet Union. He will be in an excellent position to intercede on behalf of Soviet Jewry. All Americans must write in urging him to do so. →

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~~I have sent ~~the~~ him tonite the following telegram and I am urging other all ~~of the~~ Presidential contenders to join me in the statement. so that the President and Soviet government will understand that we speak ~~for~~ for a united American people.~~

~~Mr. President, In the interest of peace and the easing of world tensions, I welcome your forthcoming trip to Moscow. I urge you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to help the Jews of the Soviet Union. I urge you to be their advocate and to convey to Soviet Leaders the concern of millions of Americans and people of good will everywhere over an oppressed minority which faces discrimination and is prevented from perpetuating its history, its culture, and its ancient religious heritage. Nearly 40 of its finest young people are in Soviet prison camps because they fought to live as Jews. While others seeking to emigrate are harassed. If some succeed in departing, it is only after months of struggle and of deprivation.~~

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I urge you to exert your influence to help free Jewish prisoners of conscience and to help Soviet Jews achieve the fundamental right to live as Jews in Russia and to leave for Israel and elsewhere if they so wish.

Hubert H. Humphrey

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--- ~~lastly~~ we must take vigorous steps to help assure the cultural and religious vitality of this harrassed and persecuted communtiy. The vnerable ~~and~~ chief Rabbi of Moscow ~~passed away~~ ^{had} 4 months ago. No adequete replacement is available. as the Russians have ong forbidden the teaching of the Jewish religion. Tens of thougands of Soviet Jewish youth long to know their heritage but qualified teachers, books and other educational materials are rearely if ever availbble.

~~Accordingly~~ ^{wage} I am ~~suggesting~~ ^{to assure that} to the President that any further

cultural exchange program arrived at with the Soviet Union include provisions for ethnic cultural exchange within each of the several minority groups with sizeable population in both the United States and the Soviet Union.

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As far as it pertains to the Jewish community, this ~~must~~ include: allowing Soviet Jewish students to study at the great Jewish Universities and seminaries ~~and~~ of the United Staes and to allow American ~~xxxx~~ Jewish scholars to tour and lecture in

Soviet Union.

Allowing the free flow of Jewish educational, cultural and religious supplies from the American Jewish community to the Soviet Jewish community.

If the Soviet Union is sincere about the detente and if it sincerely wishes to reduce tensions and enhance international goodwill, it shall, I am sure, consider such an exchange program if it is vigorously advocated by a President of the United States.

This, then, is my proposal for tonite. It is a call for all American people and specifically for the President of the United States who goes to Moscow as our spokesman to make the struggle of Soviet Jewry ~~their~~ ^{our} own struggle.

Mr. Kosygin, we shall not be silent as long as your government denies religious and cultural freedom to millions of its citizens.

keeps tens of thousands of Jews ~~of~~ virtual prisoners in a nation which they no longer wish to live in.

Mr.-----

Harasses, jails, and tortures innocent men and women whose only crime is a refusal to betray a heritage of 3000 years.

Mr-----gove refuses to learn from the mistakes and fate of others who have tried to do what you are doing.

Mr. K, we shall not be silent until Soviet Jewry is redeemed.

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And Soviet Jewry shall be redeemed. Today they weep by the waters of Babylon but the day will come when they shall ascend to Jerusalem in song and to Zion in rejoicing.

The day will come when the suffering will end, when the harassment will stop, when the persecution will halt.

The day will come when they will stand in the land of their fathers and give thanks to the God of their fathers. and free men everywhere will rejoice with them.



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