

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

March 16, 1960

Dear Colleague:

Together with a number of our mutual friends, I plan to introduce the enclosed Concurrent Resolution on Monday, March 21st. We would be pleased to have you join us either (1) by introducing a similar resolution next Monday, or (2) by being listed as one of the co-sponsors. A one-hour Special Order has been reserved for this subject for Monday, March 21st.

Will you kindly call my office -- ext. 4572 -- and let me know about your decision?

Sincerely,

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to restoration of freedom to captive nations.

Whereas the rulers of the Soviet Union have repeatedly declared their determination to pursue relentlessly their political, economic and ideological drive for a world-wide victory for Communism; and

Whereas, in its efforts to attain that objective, the Soviet Union, through force of arms, subversion, infiltration and other methods, has imposed puppet Communist regimes upon the people of the captive nations of Eastern and Central Europe and exerted tireless effort to crush their spirit and to transform their countries into replicas--on political, economic, social, cultural and administrative levels--of the Soviet Union; and

Whereas, in direct violation of the provisions of the Yalta agreement, the people of the captive nations are still being denied the opportunity to solve their problems by democratic means and to choose, through free and unfettered elections, national governments of their own free choice; and

Whereas, in contravention of duly ratified Treaties of Peace, of the Charter of the United Nations, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and of expressions of the United Nations General Assembly, the people of the captive nations are being systematically deprived of the exercise of fundamental freedoms and basic human rights; and

Whereas the United States of America has consistently refused to sanction, either directly or by implication, the political status quo of the captive nations; and

Whereas the United States of America has stood firmly on the principle of self-determination, welcoming the enlargement of the area of freedom and self-government and insisting on the inalienable right of the peoples of the captive nations to live under governments of their own choice; and

Whereas the attainment of just and lasting peace is inconceivable without the restoration of freedom, independence and national sovereignty to the captive nations of Eastern and Central Europe, the attainment of which objective the United States of America is determined to pursue by all non-military means:
Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That--

- (1) The Congress of the United States calls for the respect of the fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people of the captive nations;
- (2) The Congress of the United States reaffirms its belief in the inalienable right of the people of the captive nations to live under governments of their own choice; and
- (3) The Congress of the United States urges the President to pursue energetically at the forthcoming summit conference the restoration of the fundamental freedoms and basic human rights of the people of the captive nations.