

Jackson Makes Stiff Attack On Nixon's Soviet Detente

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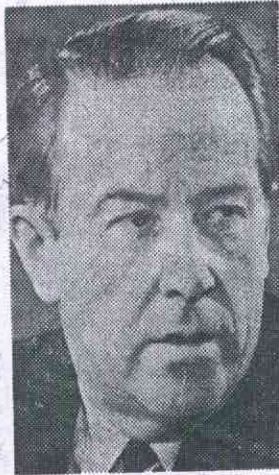
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Sen. Henry M. Jackson made a scathing attack on President Nixon's policy toward the Soviet Union yesterday and suggested that the current Soviet-American detente is "a formula between governments for capitulation on the issue of human rights."

Jackson said Congress would block a Soviet-American trade agreement until Moscow takes steps to allow free emigration of its citizens. He attacked Mr. Nixon's "quiet diplomacy" and "those who argue that we must make" trade concessions to promote detente with Moscow without attaching conditions to "promote human rights in the Soviet Union."

He pledged continued assistance to Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate and said, "For us, a nation of immigrants, to turn our backs on them in the interest of the most shallow notion of detente—or worse yet, in the blind pursuit of profits from trade—would be a betrayal equaled only by our abject silence in the 1930s" during anti-semitic pogroms in Nazi Germany.

Coming two weeks before



SEN HENRY M. JACKSON
... to press amendments

Communist Party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev's scheduled visit to Washington, Jackson's speech was a pledge that he intends to push for congressional passage of his amendments. They would deny trade benefits to the Russians and prevent Mr. Nixon from extending U.S. government credits to them as long as Moscow does not permit a free flow of emigration.

The amendment, which was cosponsored by 77 senators and 280 House members, would effectively prevent the implementation of the Soviet-American trade pact and also slow down the momentum for further improvement in Soviet-American relations.

Speaking at commencement exercises at Yeshiva University in New York, where he was awarded an honorary doctorate degree, Jackson said

that "without bringing about an increasing measure of individual liberty in the Communist world there can be no genuine detente."

"When reading the Western press and listening to Western broadcasts is no longer an act of treason, when families can be reunited across national borders, when emigration is free—then we shall have a genuine detente between peoples and not a formula between governments for capitulation on the issue of human rights."

Jackson specifically criticized the Soviet-American agreement on limiting strategic arms, which he said gives advantages to Moscow, and Washington's sale of grain to the Soviet Union that Jackson said was "subsidized to the tune of \$300 million by the American taxpayers" while the American housewife now must pay higher grocery bills.

"That is not the sort of diplomacy we need and it cannot produce the sort of detente we need," Jackson said.