

I am firmly committed to the issue of human rights and I am outraged by the Soviet Union's continued violation of these rights. I have taken many opportunities to register protest against the Soviet Union's system of repression and continuing persecution of dissidents.

In July, 1978  
~~last month~~ introduced in the House a Concurrent Resolution expressing disapproval of the Soviet Union's treatment of Mr. Ida Nudel and others who are being harassed and imprisoned by their government. Enclosed is a copy of this resolution.

That same month, he also

In July ~~co-signed~~ with other members of Congress to Lord Killanin, President of the International Olympic Committee. ~~This letter~~ urged the committee to use its influence to oppose Soviet government policy in regard to political ~~dissident~~ dissidents. Enclosed is a copy of ~~this~~ <sup>the</sup> letter.

The letter warns that if the Soviet Union continues to "sanitize" its cities in prep. for the Olympics, the U.S. will demand forceful action in order to

Last March, on the grim anniversary of Anatoly Shcharansky's

arrest, I once again appealed for his release. In July Trongas participated in Helsinki's "Unfilled Promise" project on behalf of Soviet Jews who are being forcibly detained in the U.S.S.R. Enclosed are copies of my statements marking these occasions as printed in the ~~the~~ Congressional Record.

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I have written and cosigned many letters and cables to Soviet and world leaders protesting human rights violations by the Soviet government. With these communications I have registered my deep and continuing concern on behalf of Anatoly <sup>Sheharansky</sup> ~~Smeliansky~~

Alexander Ginzburg

Lev Roitburd and Family

Jessica Katz

The Mai-Sedel Family

Marat and Klaudia Osnis

Ida Nudel

Kyrill and Aleksandr Podrabinek

Hillel Butman

Tosef Mendelevich

Viktors Kalnins and Helena Celmina

Viniamin and Tanya Levich

Isaac Zlotver

~~Emmanuil Smeliansky~~ ~~Smeliansky~~ and Family

Lev Gendin

Dr. Sergei Kovalev

Yuri Orlov

Zviad Gamsakhurdia

Merab Kostava

Oleska Tikhii

Mikola Rudenko

Vladimir Preston and Family

Dr. Yosef Begun

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Lev Blitshtain

Vladimir Lazaris

Maria Slepak

Andrei Sakharov

Enclosed are copies of some of the letters I have written to Soviet officials and ~~the~~ to the International Red Cross concerning the unjust and inhumane treatment of Anatoly Schransky and Josef Mendelevich.

As you can see, I share your concern for the fate of Soviet dissidents. I will continue <sup>to</sup> work on their behalf for as long as the Soviet government continues to persecute them. I hope that through our efforts the time will come when no one in any country is denied his basic human rights.

Sincerely,

Thank you for your letter about the trials of Anatoly Shcharansky and Alexander Ginzburg, and about the upcoming Olympic Games. I too am outraged by the Soviet Union's continuous violations of human rights.

There are currently many actions being taken in Congress to protest the trials: among them is the resolution you noted to relocate the 1980 Olympics. Although I do not favor the use of the Olympics as a political forum and feel that this sort of action should only be taken as a last resort, I have joined with other members of Congress in asking that the International Olympic Committee review the situation carefully. If the Soviet Union continues to "sanitize" its cities in preparation for the Olympics, we must demand forceful action in order to prevent a repeat of the mockery that characterized the 1936 Games.

Included among responses to the Soviet treatment of dissidents is the recent decision by the Carter Administration to stop the sale of the Sperry Univac computer to the Soviet News Agency, Tass. Other measures which would restrict trade and the sale of technology to the Soviet Union are also being considered.

On July 12, in the latest of a number of efforts I have undertaken on behalf of Mr. Shcharansky and other Soviet prisoners of conscience, I cabled Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev urging him to stop Shcharansky's trial and allow his immigration to Israel. In addition, I have introduced

*Recent PET  
letter re  
Olympics &  
Conscience*  
  
Mr. Romano

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a resolution in the House of Representatives condemning the Soviet Union for their actions against Mrs. Ida Nudel, the "Guardian Angel of Prisoners of Conscience", and against other Soviet dissidents.

As you know, I am firmly committed to the issue of human rights, and welcome the opportunity to help in any way possible. I will continue to speak out on behalf of oppressed dissidents in the Soviet Union. Please feel free to contact me again if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

PAUL E. TSONGAS  
Member of Congress

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