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Many different groups and individuals have recently urged me, because of my part in originating and authoring the Captive Nations Week Resolution (now Public Law 86-40) to stimulate the formation of a National Committee on Captive Nations Week Observance. Chiefly in the hope that such a committee would provide informative direction for state and local planning for the first anniversary observance this July 17-23, I accepted the privilege of this task.

The committee is now being formed. Invitations are being extended only to those who firmly hold that the captive nations in Europe and Asia constitute one of our most formidable deterrents against a global hot war. That these nations are a strategic necessity to our interests in the cold war is very obvious. It is also clearly unthinkable, in the enduring light of our moral and political principles, for us to accommodate Moscow by accepting their permanent captivity.

It is with pleasure that I extend this invitation to you and seek the honor of your name on the committee's roster. Congress laid the groundwork last year; it is for us to develop it this year, so that our citizens generally will be impressed by the above truths. A documented study of the Resolution has appeared in the January 21 issue of the Congressional Record, pp. 918-925. Your moral aid, if you wish, other modes of support will, and necessarily our paramount objective, namely, to generate observances throughout our land.

Because of the time element, I would appreciate receiving your acceptance as quickly as possible, as well as your suggestion of other names. Wire or write to our office at 617 15th Street, N.W., Suite 904, Washington, D. C., telephone District 7-1426.

With grateful thanks and warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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