

members of the religious minority are considered "nonpersons" under Iran's constitution, and are therefore afforded no protection in Iranian courts. The Baha'is' only real chance of survival lies with the U.S. and other sympathetic members of the international community.

Iran cares about its standing in the international community. Indeed, condemnation of Iran's gross human-rights violations in United Nations resolutions succeeded in pressuring the government to curb some of its most egregious actions. Its persecution of the Baha'is abated, with fewer reported executions and the release last year of 500 members of the religious minority from Iran's prisons. But when the United Nations turned its sight from Iran, the fundamentalist government stepped up its persecution of the Baha'is.

Iran was merely biding its time, figuring that the U.S. and other concerned members of the international community had short attention spans; that they would not be vigilant in protesting its persecution of the Baha'is. This past May Egypt sentenced 48 Baha'is to prison for practicing their religion. The weak protests of the U.S. and other nations hardly discourages other Moslem nations from following suit.

That a peaceable community such as the Baha'is could come to this plight reveals the danger of Moslem fanaticism. The Baha'i faith is relatively small, with fewer than four million followers world-wide. Its teachings pose no threat to Iran's religious or government leaders. Its adherents are instructed to obey the laws of the governments under which they live and to avoid partisan political involvement. Its religious dogma is certainly unoffensive; it seeks "universal peace" for all humanity.

This aspiration seems consonant with the peaceful, humanitarian principles espoused in Moslem teachings. That Iran's Moslem clergy are so intolerant of the Baha'is (whom they refer to as "misguided infidels"), and advocate their oppression, indicates an inherent hypocrisy in these ruling fanatics. That the government acts on this hypocrisy—jailing, torturing and killing Baha'is merely for adhering to their faith—underscores how important it is that the U.S. and other nations draw attention to Iran's persecuted religious minority.●

#### NAUM MEIMAN

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, Naum Meiman continues to wait for permission to leave the Soviet Union and emigrate to Israel. Naum is a courageous man, who has suffered for too long. And why has he suffered? Merely because he wishes to leave the Soviet Union and make a home in the West.

An old man, Naum sits in his Moscow apartment and lives out his last years hoping that permission to be re-united with his daughter will be granted. Great efforts must be made immediately to bring some happiness to the remaining years of Naum's life. His health is poor, and time is running out.

I strongly encourage Soviet officials to allow Naum Meiman to emigrate to Israel.●

#### AN OBSCENE CELEBRATION

● Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, the Chicago Tribune reported that on the

night marking the 49th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the infamous night Nazis destroyed Jewish-owned storefronts and burned synagogues in Germany, several synagogues and Jewish-owned stores in the Chicago suburbs were vandalized. This reminds us only too well that violence motivated by religious and racial hatred still exists in the United States, and that we as a nation must do all we can to help find solutions.

I have long been concerned about the occurrence of religiously and racially motivated crime. It is my firm belief that in order to combat these crimes, we need to collect data to identify the problems, determine trends, and target solutions. That is why I have introduced a bill in this Congress, S. 702, the Hate Crime Statistics Act. The bill directs the Justice Department to collect statistics on serious crimes which manifest racial, religious or ethnic hatred.

This bill will not erase the blight of religious or racial violence from our Nation. But I believe it will help officials to identify and combat these ugly incidents. It will demonstrate to the Nation that we are committed to the eradication of crimes of bigotry.

I ask that the Chicago Tribune editorial on this incident be printed in full in the RECORD.

The editorial follows:

(From the Chicago Tribune, Nov. 13, 1987)

#### AN OBSCENE CELEBRATION

Vandals assaulted synagogues and Jewish-owned stores, painting swastikas and breaking windows, in the Rogers Park and Albany Park neighborhoods early Tuesday in a manner that appeared too well-coordinated to be spontaneous or random. Rather, the acts looked like an obscene celebration of an obscene event in human history.

The night would have marked the 49th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, the "night of glass" when Nazis broke the windows of thousands of Jewish-owned businesses in Germany and set fire to most of the country's synagogues. Horrible as it was, it offered only a bitter taste of the murderous horror that was to come, an ominous sign of an impending escalation of anti-Semitism. The Holocaust had begun.

It is tempting to offer the mental defectives who commit such vile acts no more public attention than that which is necessary to catch them and bring them to trial. But that would not be wise. Vandalism aimed at religious and racial minorities is intended to send a message. Society should send a message right back.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary two weeks ago, cited evidence of growing anti-Semitic youth groups around the country. Such movements are born of ignorance and a host of socio-psychological disorders. Their right to free expression is guaranteed by the Constitution, even when they set out to undermine what the Constitution stands for. But the right of minorities to be protected from acts of racial and religious violence, and the right of all people to be secure in their property, is essential if a free society is to survive.

The thugs who showed their contempt for common sense and decency by breaking the windows of innocent Chicagoans may, in the long run, have done society a favor. They

reminded everyone of how the horrors of genocide begin. All it takes is for good people to fail to pay attention.●

#### QUORUM CALL

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair, in his capacity as a Senator from Louisiana, suggests the absence of a quorum.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR TOMORROW

##### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 8:45 A.M.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 8:45 tomorrow morning.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that after the two leaders or their designees have been recognized under the standing order on tomorrow, there be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond 9:15 a.m. and that Senators may speak for not to exceed 3 minutes therein.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OVER, UNDER THE RULE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that no motions or resolutions over, under the rule, come over on tomorrow.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### WAIVER OF CALL OF CALENDAR

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the call of the calendar be waived on tomorrow.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### RESUMPTION OF ENERGY-WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that morning business be closed at 9:15 a.m. tomorrow and that the Senate resume consideration of the energy-water appropriations bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### ROLLCALL VOTE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I will suggest the absence of a quorum at that time and it will be a live quorum, and it will be a 30-minute rollcall vote. I ask unanimous consent that the call