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ROMANIA, ALBANIA, YUGOSLAVIA THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION THAT HAS SWEPT OVER MUCH OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD HAS SO FAR BEEN THWARTED IN ROMANIA, ALBANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA -- INCREASINGLY THE THREE "ODD MEN OUT" OF EASTERN EUROPE.

IT IS TIME TO TURN A BRIGHT SPOTLIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON THESE INCREASINGLY ANACHRONISTIC AND OPPRESSIVE REGIMES. IT IS TIME THAT THEIR PEOPLE, TOO, ENJOY THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

IN ROMANIA, THE PROMISE OF DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS PROVED ILLUSORY. THE SO-CALLED "NATIONAL SALVATION FRONT" STAGE-MANAGED A SHAM ELECTORAL PROCESS WHOSE REAL PURPOSE WAS NOT TO MEASURE THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE, BUT TO PAINT A THIN VENEER OF RESPECTABILITY ON A REGIME MADE UP LARGELY OF CEAUCESCU RE-TREADS.

IN ALBANIA -- LONG THE BACKWATER OF EUROPE -- DEMONSTRATIONS DEMANDING DEMOCRACY AND FREE MARKETS WERE FORCIBLY REPRESSED, AND THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN SOUGHT REFUGE IN A DOZEN FREE WORLD EMBASSIES. THOUGH A FEW HAVE BEGUN TO TRICKLE OUT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, UNDER A REGIME OFFER OF SAFE PASSAGE, MOST STILL REMAIN HOLED UP -- CHOOSING THE SELF-IMPOSED CONFINEMENT OF EMBASSY COURTYARDS OVER THE OMNIPRESENT TYRANNY OF THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT.

IN YUGOSLAVIA -- A CONFEDERATION OF DISPARATE REPUBLICS AND ETHNIC GROUPS -- A COMMUNIST FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO DRAG ITS FEET IN RESISTANCE TO REAL CHANGE. MEANWHILE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA HAS TURNED A DEAF EAR TO THE DEMANDS OF MILLIONS OF ETHNIC ALBANIANS, SEEKING SOME REAL SAY IN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS; HAS WIPED OUT WHAT LITTLE AUTONOMY THE ALBANIANS HAVE ENJOYED; AND HAS CRACKED DOWN HARD ON THE MOVEMENT FOR ALBANIAN

SELF-DETERMINATION -- MURDERING, MAIMING AND IMPRISONING MANY. I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO INCLUDE IN THE RECORD AN ARTICLE FROM THE JULY 6 NEW YORK TIMES, DESCRIBING SOME ELEMENTS OF THE SERBIAN GOVERNMENT'S CRACKDOWN.

WHILE WE CELEBRATE FREEDOM'S GREAT VICTORIES, AND DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP THE EMERGING DEMOCRACIES -- WE MUST NOT FOR A MOMENT FORGET THE MILLIONS STILL LIVING UNDER REPRESSIVE COMMUNIST REGIMES IN THESE THREE NATIONS.

WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE EMERGING DEMOCRACIES, BUT IN MY VIEW WE SHOULD NOT BE IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING AID TO GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE DENYING BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

WE SHOULD NOT BE ASSISTING REGIMES WHICH REFUSE TO HOLD FREE WHICH DENY TO THEIR OWN PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO AND FAIR ELECTIONS; SELF-DETERMINATION.

WE SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDING AID TO PROP UP SOCIALIST, STATIST ECONOMIES -- WHICH SUBSIDIZE FAILED AND BANKRUPT ECONOMIC POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.

THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION IN EASTERN EUROPE HAS COME A LONG WAY -- BUT THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO.

AS WE GO FORWARD, WE MUST ALWAYS MAKE SURE, AND MAKE CLEAR, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE -- THE SIDE OF THE PEOPLE -- THE SIDE OF POLITICAL FREEDOM AND FREE ENTERPRISE.