

Mr. FRIEDLANDER. That is a very important point you make, Mr. Curtis. We have lost a great many conventions to Montreal, Quebec, and Toronto because the scientific meetings of physicists and the like will have men from behind the Iron Curtain, and they have not been able to get visas. They have had to wait weeks and months to get their visas. This is something that government could move on immediately.

If the President's proposal is adopted, this would include, I should think, automatically Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, which last year abolished the need for a visa for American citizens. So it would seem to me their scientists would be allowed to come in.

Mr. CURTIS. It seems to me we need to make a bigger distinction than we apparently do between people who are coming over in package visits, conventions, or short-term things, as opposed to what has been so much of our traffic before, that is people coming over as immigrants.

There you have, of course, a lot of reasons for long forms and paperwork and so on, but apparently we haven't made this big distinction in the amount of paperwork between people who are just going to travel over here and those who plan to live here. I don't know enough about this, and I am just asking if this is true.

Mr. FRIEDLANDER. I think you are quite correct. The Europeans do it differently. If you are going over to Europe to live, you have to have certain working papers. If you are going over as a tourist, you need nothing but your U.S. passport.

Mr. CURTIS. Yet some people have said to me that one reason that the European countries don't require so much is because every hotel-keeper inspects your passport. He has it there and the local police have it. Over here we don't have that kind of system and supposedly we save them all that trouble by asking the questions ahead of time.

I was interested in your feeling that this is an area that we need to move on. Apparently the administration is moving, I think, possibly as a result of some of the testimony that has come out in these hearings which have been going on.

We have to go on over to the House session now. Thank you very much for your appearance.

Mr. FRIEDLANDER. Thank you.

Mr. ULLMAN. Thank you, Mr. Friedlander. You have been very helpful to the committee.

The Committee will stand adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

(Whereupon, at 12:37 p.m., the committee adjourned, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Friday March 1, 1968.)