

HOUSE No. 2644

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 11, 1951.

The committee on Rules, to whom were referred the Resolutions (filed by Mr. Bresnahan of Lawrence) condemning the actions of the Czech government in the action taken against William N. Oatis, an American correspondent (House, No. 2644), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

MICHAEL J. BATAL.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-One.

RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF THE CZECH GOVERNMENT IN THE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST WILLIAM N. OATIS, AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT.

Whereas, Massachusetts being the "Cradle of Liberty" and home of one of the oldest legislative assemblies in the United States; and

Whereas, We cherish the right of freedom of press and the dignity of man; and

Whereas, We have a traditional respect for the Czechoslovak people themselves; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts House of Representatives denounces the mockery of spy charges levelled against associated press correspondent William N. Oatis by the Czech communist leaders for his lawful and above-board pursuit of legitimate news; and be it further

Resolved, That the sentiments of this House be conveyed by the State Secretary to the Czech Embassy to let the communist rulers know they stand condemned as fear-ridden tyrants among the peoples of the free world, with a conscience to bear and some day explain.

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Adopted.

LAWRENCE R. GROVE,
Clerk.