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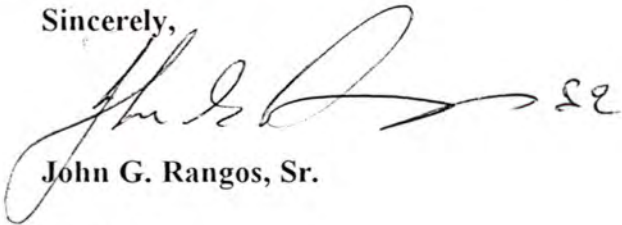
July 13, 1998

The President, The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20000

My Dear Mr. President:

I am including with this letter a biographical video tape so that you may know of my deep abiding interest in the welfare of our country and the world at large.

Sincerely,

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John G. Rangos, Sr.

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July 13, 1998

The President, The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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My Dear Mr. President:

I recently met informally with the Secretary of Defense at the State Department and later, again informally, at the hotel with the Minister of Defense of Greece. At that time I broached an idea which could alleviate the tensions that presently exist in the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean areas and have a potential for military conflicts between and among several friends and allies of our country. Each expressed an interest in the idea and felt it had merit for further consideration.

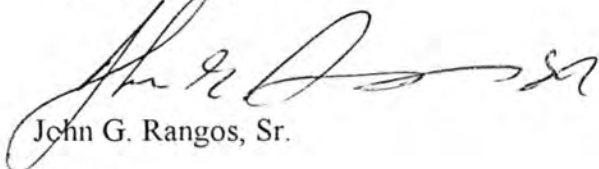
The issue of Cyprus has plagued us for quarter century and no solution appears on the horizon. The Republic of Cyprus wishes to bolster its military defenses and Turkey views these efforts as warlike and brings its military units to the island thus increasing the tensions. Other countries in the immediate area also view one another with alarm and cause the United States to intervene to help find political and diplomatic solutions.

I would like to suggest that consideration be given to obtaining from both ends of Cyprus leases for 100 years to permit the United States to base its Air, Naval, Marine and Army units on various parts of the island, coastal and inland. Such a deployment of United States forces would most assuredly stabilize the entire Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean areas. Such an American presence will guarantee the rights of the Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriot minority.

Turkey, Greece and Cyprus each place implicit trust in the integrity of the United States and will have no need to arm themselves against each other. Peace and security will be assured for now and into the future. Also, the other nations bordering on the eastern Mediterranean will also breathe a sigh of relief and continue their efforts to solve their international problems without the threat of hostilities lying in the horizon.

Mr. President, my deep concern has brought me to think long and hard before writing to you. I personally believe that this plan is do-able and I will do all within my power and whatever influence I may have to help bring this about. Incidentally, the cost of maintaining our forces in this region can be carved out of the foreign aide we provide to the area each year. Once the affected nations realize the value of keeping our forces in the area, they will most likely help defray the expense.

Sincerely yours,

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THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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July 24, 1998

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I understand that Vice President Gore plans to announce your decisions regarding designation of American Heritage Rivers on July 27, and that you and the Vice President will make a public announcement at a ceremony on July 30. The Lower Mississippi has been a central feature and contributor to the culture of the nation since the Louisiana Purchase. The River's broad social contributions have been recognized in our literature and art, from Mark Twain to Showboat to the Blues. Economically, the Lower Mississippi is the artery for much of our international trade, serving agriculture, mining, banking and tourism. I urge that the Lower Mississippi Delta be designated as an American Heritage River.

As you know, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has several important responsibilities and initiatives affecting the Lower Mississippi Delta. The southern Louisiana section of the Lower Mississippi is comprised of four ports which together are the busiest port in the nation, in terms of cargo tonnage. Individually, these four ports-- Baton Rouge, Port of South Louisiana, New Orleans, and Plaquemine-- are four of the eight busiest ports in the country.

The Coast Guard is leading the Congressionally established Lower Mississippi River Waterways Safety Advisory Committee, which includes representatives of pilots, vessel owners and government. With cooperation of port users, the Coast Guard is developing an innovative vessel traffic system upgrade to improve safety in the ports. The Port of New Orleans has begun an initiative to improve intermodal transportation in the region. I have pledged the Department's support for this effort. Finally, DOT, the Corps of Engineers, and others have established the River Crisis Action Plan to respond to high water and flood conditions.

I am hosting a one-day conference on the Lower Mississippi Delta Region on July 31 in Memphis. This meeting will begin an interagency effort intended to give focused economic and infrastructure support to the states along the Lower Mississippi --Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois, one of the nation's poorest regions. This

initiative will build on the Administration's response to the 1990 Report of the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission. DOT's 1995 update showed that improved transportation facilities in the region had led to significant job increases.

I believe the cooperation demonstrated in these efforts show how well this region can work in partnership, an important ingredient of the American Heritage Rivers Program. Designation of the Lower Mississippi segments as an American Heritage River will continue the Federal government's work to support the region. These segments could be designated separately or as part of a full Mississippi River designation with the Upper Mississippi segments. I would be pleased to work with Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Witt in leading Administration efforts on the river, with DOT taking the lead for the Lower Mississippi.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney E. Slater", written in a cursive style.

Rodney E. Slater



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Rev. Dr. Barbara L. King, Founder-Minister

July 16, 1998

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President Bill Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear President Clinton:

In these times of turmoil and uncertainty, it must seem very lonely at the top. Have no fear for Spirit is every where, even at the top. He is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient.

Every morning after rising and every evening before retiring, repeat this affirmation, 'God is my defense and my deliverer'.

I will remember you in my prayers and if the need ever arises to have prayer with someone, please feel free to call me at (404) 753-9630 or (770) 306-7080, my private lines.

Spiritually yours,

Rev. Dr. Barbara L. King

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Ms. Betty Currie
Secretary to the President
White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Ms. Currie:

It was my distinct pleasure to speak with you while visiting the White House as part of the Boys' Nation Class of '63 Reunion last week. You were most gracious and have a first-rate reputation for integrity and competence.

If I may be so bold, I ask that you remind the President that I asked him to try to schedule a "Town Meeting" on education in my school district this year and he said he would like that. I really believe that Mr. Clinton's finest legacy will be in the area of education before he leaves office. Visiting my district in Arlington, Vermont, would be a natural (since Vermont is known as a leading State in the area of educational change). Seeing the need for newer facilities could also serve to pursue the idea of federal school construction funds in return for community service hours.

Regardless of my request, I'm proud that you are in your position.

May you and the President be blessed with many more successes.

Sincerely,



Raymond J. Pentkowski
Superintendent of Schools

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June 24, 1998

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
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Washington, DC 20500

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Dear *Mr. President,*
~~Mr. President,~~

I am writing to ask your help on a federal project of great importance me and to southern West Virginia.

The Bureau of Prisons is considering a site near Welch, in McDowell County, for construction of a new prison facility. Just last week, a site selection consultant, along with Bureau officials visited the county to tour the proposed site and to obtain additional specific site information. The site selection consultant is now studying all aspects of the site and will be reporting findings to the Bureau by the end of the summer. Based upon their visit last week, local officials and my staff are confident that they will find the site technically acceptable.

I also believe that McDowell County meets the site requirements set forth by the Bureau of Prisons in siting facilities to house the Lorton inmates. Hospitals, airports, highway access, educational facilities are all located in close proximity to the proposed site. There is overwhelming public support for the facility. The site will also be conveyed free to the BOP with all required infrastructure and highway access in place.

The location of a federal prison in McDowell County would serve as impetus in stimulating the economy of not only that county, but also the neighboring county of Wyoming. To understand the importance of this facility to the area, you have to understand that McDowell County's economy was virtually wiped-out by the recession of the early 80's. In 1983, McDowell County's unemployment rate averaged 37% - - the highest in the nation for several months. And, unlike many areas of our nation, the county has never had the chance to recover from that recession as its economy was totally dependent upon coal mining and its mines were largely worked-out. Also, the county's topography consists of steep mountains and very narrow valleys - it's beautiful, but does not allow for industrial development. A once-thriving county with a population of almost 100,000 in 1950 has dwindled down to around 30,000 residents.

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June 23, 1998
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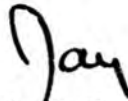
County leaders have been working with me for almost four years to bring a prison to the County. As part of that effort, the McDowell County Commission has aggressively worked toward developing acreage for industrial use. The prison would be sited on a portion of that acreage. Finding that acreage, purchasing it from a land company, and creating a plan that will allow it to be flattened, has required a herculean effort by the county. And, I believe is proof that the county is ready to move forward economically. There are two new federal highways planned to traverse the county, that when complete, will provide the county's first four lane access.

McDowell Countians have been working hard to struggle back from the early 80's when its unemployment rate led the nation. The prison will really be the spark that re-ignites this county and gives its residents hope for the future.

This project is very important to me. I can think of no other federal action that could take place that would have as much positive impact to an area than the siting of this prison in McDowell County.

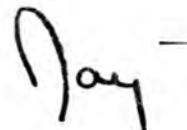
Thank you, Mr. President, for considering my request.

Sincerely,



John D. Rockefeller IV

On the China trip, I will tell you how
incredibly strongly I feel about this.
McDowell County is the 4th poorest county
in America!





The Washington Post/KEVIN SULLIVAN

A boy cries amid the ruins of his home in Kandla, India, where a June 9 cyclone killed as many as 10,000 migrant workers, most of whom earned a living scraping sea salt from the sun-baked flats. The cyclone was India's deadliest natural disaster in five years.

India's poor accept their lot in life

10,000 swept away by cyclone taken in stride; seaside slums rebuilding

BY KEVIN SULLIVAN

Maverick's candidacy shakes up Japan race

Cabinet minister vows to streamline government

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Japan's bruising battle for a new leader gained momentum Saturday after a renegade Cabinet minister joined two veteran politicians in the contest to replace resigning Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto.

Just two days ago, backroom maneuvering by ruling Liberal Democratic Party elders had made Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi seem a shoo-in for party president, a post that effectively guarantees the premiership.

But an explosion of protests against politics-as-usual from young lawmakers and the entry of a newcomer into the race threw the consensus-building process into turmoil.

The 59-year-old health and welfare minister, Junichiro Koizumi, is promising big tax cuts to spur the economy and a radical streamlining of government.

Koizumi differed little from his rivals on immediate economic measures, pledging to clean up the banking system and issue deficit-covering bonds for economic stimulus measures.

But the outspoken lawmaker's candidacy — joining Obuchi, 61, and former Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiroku Kajiyama, 72 — promises to shake up the leadership race by bringing raucous debate to what is normally a staid, predictable procedure.

Hashimoto announced he would resign Monday after his party suffered a crushing defeat in elections for the upper house



Associated Press

Health and Welfare Minister Junichiro Koizumi declares his candidacy Saturday in Tokyo for the top post of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

ministry, and his assertive style and fresh ideas make him popular with the younger wing of the ruling party.

The Liberal Democratic president, who will be chosen July 24 in balloting by party lawmakers, is certain to become prime minister because the party controls the powerful lower house of Parliament.

Kajiyama has recently pushed more aggressively for economic reforms, but some have voiced concerns about his health because of his age.

Obuchi appears to be the favorite of party power brokers, but the colorless veteran lacks broad

of each of those killed — provid-

KANDLA, India — Saira Ahemad stood barefoot in the muck, kicking with her leathery toes at the shards of bones left over from the cremation of her neighbor's children.

It was almost 110 degrees and the sky hissed with hot little pellets of rain, but Ahemad, 56, had no shelter except the dirty shawl she pulled tighter over her head. All around were the shattered remains of the Shirwa Labor Camp, a city of shacks where thousands of impoverished migrant workers lived until June 9, when a cyclone roared across the tidal flats with 100 mph winds pushing a wall of water at least eight feet high.

As many as 10,000 workers, most of whom earned a living scraping sea salt from the sun-baked flats, were swept away in India's deadliest natural disaster in five years. But this country of 950 million people has absorbed the massive loss of life in stride.

Even as bodies still wash ashore, to be doused with kerosene and cremated on the spot to fend off disease, new workers are traveling here to take their place, and slums dangerously close to the water's edge are being rebuilt.

The tragedy in Kandla, India's busiest industrial port, 560 miles southwest of New Delhi, illustrates a sad truth about the poorest people in one of the world's poorest nations. Drivers who hit a cow on the streets of New Delhi could be attacked by a mob furious over the death of a sacred animal. But when thousands of people from society's flimsy bottom rung die in a place like Kandla, there is a collective shrug of resignation: It's simply the way things are for the very poor.

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Saira Ahemad, 56, survived the June 9 cyclone that roared across the tidal flats in Kandla, India, with 100 mph winds and pushed a wall of water at least eight feet high that swept away thousands of workers from the Shirwa Labor Camp, a city of shacks along the sea.

The Washington Post/KEVIN SULLIVAN

of each of those killed — provided they can show positive proof of death, which will be impossible in most cases. There have been mass cremations of unidentified bodies, and many simply washed out into the Gulf of Kutch.

Many of those who died here had traveled halfway across the continent to find jobs in Kandla's salt pans — vast, low-lying tidal flats where sea salt, baked dry in the blistering sun, is scraped by hand from the rocks and mud. Salt workers go blind from the reflected sun and suffer skin disease and gangrene at alarming rates from wounds constantly exposed to brine and filth. An entire family might work for days to collect a ton of salt, for which they would earn less than \$4.

"We never pressure them and say, 'Come work in our salt fields.' They come by choice," said Babul Singvi, a member of the Indian Salt Producers Association. The workers' income, though paltry, is more than most would make in their home villages.

Nearly a month after the storm, Kandla is still a tapestry of destruction, death and rot. The storm blew down brick factory walls, bent massive cranes in two and tossed 50-foot-high oil storage tanks around like tennis balls. Huge ships were pushed so far ashore that they must be abandoned. The shacks of Shirwa and other laborers camps' exploded into kindling when the tidal wave crashed down.

Bodies were found hanging from electrical wires 20 feet above the ground. Corpses littered the streets and washed up on railroad tracks. The place still smells of death, with an overpowering stench of decaying soybeans, wheat and other cargo rotting in the relentless, wet heat.

While government agencies and private employers pass around blame, there is agreement on one point: Almost no one seems to think that life will ever

in elections for the upper house of Parliament. The defeat signaled voter dissatisfaction with the way the party handled the economy, which is mired in its worst recession since World War II.

In announcing his candidacy, Koizumi attacked the very way his party has been going about the business of governing for decades.

"I want to create a situation in which the people of this country can really lead the government through politics," he said.

He also promised to cut the government work force by half in 10 years and reduce the size of both chambers of Parliament.

Koizumi is considered a maverick for his controversial espousal of privatizing the postal

service of party power brokers, but the colorless veteran lacks broad popular appeal.

Koizumi received wide media coverage last year opposing Hashimoto and other party elders last year in calling for postal privatization.

However, his relative youth and his staunch belief in postal privatization are almost certain to hurt his chances of winning the party vote.

The privatization issue is particularly touchy for the LDP because postmasters wield enormous influence in rural Japan, where the party's most faithful bastions are located.

The postal system also operates as a bank and manages the lion's share of Japan's mammoth personal savings.

Palestine now real entity, at least to stamp collectors

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Far from loud political declarations and high-profile votes in the United Nations, the Palestinian Authority has gained legitimacy among the largest hobby group in the United States: stamp collectors.

Scott Publishing Co., which produces the premier catalog of worldwide stamps in the United States, said recently that in its 1999 catalogs it would include stamps issued by the Palestinian Authority, which is led by Yasser Arafat.

An initial listing, for the 77 stamps issued between 1994 and July 1997, appears in the July issue of *Scott Stamp Monthly*, the company's magazine for collectors.

The international authority on what stamps are valid for postage is the Universal Postal Union, which typically does not recognize stamps issued by entities that have not achieved full independence.

But there are gray areas, like the "homelands" for blacks decreed by South Africa under

las, to collectibles, thus increasing their value to dealers. It will also encourage album publishers and other hobby suppliers to create materials especially for collectors of the Palestinian issues.

James Kloetzel, editor of the catalog, in announcing the decision, said that Scott's inquiries had shown that letters and packages from the Palestinian areas were being handled routinely through international mail centers in Egypt and Jordan and that no postal officials in other countries had challenged the use of Palestinian Authority stamps.

Other stamps from the area now under Palestinian control are already listed by Scott.

When the area was ruled by Turkey, residents used Turkish stamps. But after World War I, starting in 1918, when Palestine was occupied by British forces based in Egypt, Britain issued stamps inscribed "Palestine." When Britain's civilian mandate was decreed in 1920, more stamps

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"If you are poor, basically your life has no value here; a cow would get more importance than a human being," said Suhas Chakma, of the South Asia Human Rights Documentation Center. "There is no sense of moral outrage against injustices like this that take place in India. People just say, 'That's the way it is.'"

Complex forces shape a nation as vast as India, and a deadly mixture yielded the massive death toll at Kandla. Trying to save the millions of Indians in poverty is like standing under a waterfall with a spoon; the government's best efforts are swamped by sheer volume.

Bottom-line business owners have no incentive to do Mother Teresa's work, and they argue that they are helping simply by giving jobs to the poor. The irrepressible poor, uneducated and desperate to survive, make themselves available as a cheap, disposable labor force.

It is a cycle that will surely repeat itself, and it is the cycle of Ahemad's life. When the storm came roaring into the Shirwa camp, she escaped in a human chain of 60 or 70 people who pushed and swam their way to a three-story building nearby. Her sister and four other relatives didn't make it.

Ahemad still comes each day to the muddy remains of her wooden



The Washington Post/KEVIN SULLIVAN

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hut, pushing debris this way and that for no obvious reason. "My heart is feeling too much," she said, as the rain soaked her through. "My heart is broken, and my mind is not working right."

India has been criticized by the United States and other nations recently for spending billions to develop nuclear weapons rather than to improve education, health and welfare for millions who live in poverty. The government recently turned down Japan's offer of about \$300,000 in humanitarian aid for the cyclone victims, citing its anger over economic sanctions imposed by Japan after India conducted nuclear tests on May 11 and 13.

Although the government has sent food and promised financial aid to the cyclone victims and Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee toured the disaster area, critics here say the government has done too little for the poor of Kandla.

"If the government was serious enough, it had at least 72 hours to warn people about the cyclone," said Chakma, the human rights official. "But the government was too preoccupied with other polit-

ical issues. The fact that poor people were going to die in a cyclone was not on the agenda for the government in Delhi."

Since the storm, critics say, the government has played down the extent of the damage to keep the public spotlight off industries whose workers endure miserable health and living conditions. Officially, the death toll stands at about 1,000, although relief agencies say it could easily be 10,000.

The government rejects accusations that it is indifferent to the fate of the Kandla victims. Assisted by a wide range of private aid groups, all levels of government have helped in the cleanup and relief efforts. The government has built refugee camps and plans to erect permanent settlements for salt workers farther from the dangerous seaside.

"The picture is being painted that in India there is no law for poor people; this is not a correct picture," said P.S. Gadhavi, a member of Parliament from Vajpayee's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party who represents Kandla.

The state and national governments also have promised to provide about \$2,400 to the families

above the ground. Corpses littered the streets and washed up on railroad tracks. The place still smells of death, with an overpowering stench of decaying soybeans, wheat and other cargo rotting in the relentless, wet heat.

While government agencies and private employers pass around blame, there is agreement on one point: Almost no one seems to think that life will ever get much easier for India's migrant workers.

No one understands this reality more clearly than the workers themselves. Nanbai Gopal, 55, lost three children, her brother and her brother's wife in the storm. She lives with about 5,000 other survivors in a refugee camp in Gandhidham, about five miles inland.

All things considered, this camp is probably a step up from the hut in which she lived. It's clean and has sanitation and plenty of room for people to stretch out, away from the rain and sun, under a shiny, new corrugated metal roof.

Gopal came to Kandla from the countryside to take a job sweeping. She said she and her remaining son will move back into their shantytown on the water's edge as soon as it is rebuilt.

Asked how she can carry on after such a great personal loss, she looked almost confused by the question, as if the death of most of her family is just one more in a long string of difficulties in a difficult life.

"I will work," she said, holding up her calloused hands. "Thank God, I am strong."

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But there are gray areas, like the "homelands" for blacks decreed by South Africa under apartheid and the lands controlled in the Gaza Strip and West Bank by the Palestinian Authority, whose stamps have come to be accepted internationally.

Collectors look to major catalog publishers to decide when such de-facto legitimacy is earned, and Scott has found that the stamps of the Palestinian Authority have reached an appropriate level of acceptance.

Scott's decision raises the Palestinian stamps from the level of local labels, known as cinderel-

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Beginning in 1948, after Israel became independent, Egypt and Jordan overprinted some of their own stamps "Palestine" and promoted their use on letters from Palestinian areas under Israeli control. Though the goal was largely propaganda, enough mail entered the international system that Scott was persuaded to list the 44 Jordanian and 180 Egyptian stamps. Those issues ended in 1967.

China launches European satellite

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — China successfully launched its first European-made telecommunications satellite Saturday aboard a Chinese rocket.

Sinosat-1 will serve China's budding financial industry and Shanghai's booming information network, the official *China Daily* reported. It is the third of four planned launches to enhance telecommunication services in China.

The satellite's builder, Aerospatiale of France, will monitor and control the satellite, the official

Xinhua News Agency reported.

Sinosat-1 is the first European-made satellite ever launched by China. The Long March 3B rocket is an improved version of an earlier rocket that blew up after takeoff in 1996 while carrying an American-made satellite.

U.S. prosecutors and Congress are examining whether American satellite companies, in looking into the explosion, improperly passed on sensitive information that may have helped China improve its military capabilities. China denies the allegations.

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Foreign Affairs

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Two Sick Nations, One Cure

By Bill Doyle

Here's Saturday's news quiz:

1. Is there really any difference between Boris Yeltsin and Suharto or between Russia and Indonesia?

2. Isn't the real reason that the I.M.F. is giving Russia \$17 billion and Indonesia only fish bait simply the fact that Russia has 20,000 nuclear weapons still pointed at the West, while Indonesia is only capable of shooting itself in the foot?

Let's answer these one by one. First, Indonesia and Russia are suffering from the same general disease — microchip deficiency disease. It is no accident that the Soviet Union, General Motors, I.B.M. and centrally directed Asian capitalism all were forced to restructure in the same decade. They could not deal with the new dynamic created by the microchip and the personal computer — which made dispersed systems of business, production, information gathering and governance much more efficient than centrally commanded ones.

As Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers likes to put it: "Communism, planning ministries and corporate conglomerates all ran into great difficulties in the same era because with the P.C. and the microchip it became much more efficient to empower individuals, who could get more information and make more decisions themselves, rather than having a single person at the top trying to direct everything." Companies and countries that did not empower individuals that way ended up with a lot of obsolete people, which breeds counterproductivity, misallocated resources and ultimately stagnation.

G.M. and I.B.M. restructured. Russia and Indonesia, however, went from one extreme to the other. They went from centralized states — where the bloated center dominated everything — to non-states, with no strong, legitimate institutions to collect taxes, regulate capitalism or provide a social safety net. Both Russia and Indonesia are now learning a

Russia and Indonesia: the fever charts.

fundamental truth about this high-speed, free-market era: The state and institutions matter more, not less. While you need to get the size of your government down, you need to get the quality of your government up. Otherwise your free market is all freeways and no stoplights, and that breeds chaos.

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By Charles Flow

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Russia's top negotiator with the I.M.F., Anatoly Chubais, remarked in Washington last week that despite all the tough conditions being imposed on Russia by the I.M.F., anti-Western feeling in Russia has not been growing — because an increasing number of Russians get it. True, Russia's Communist Party still regularly smears Mr. Chubais as an agent of the C.I.A., the I.M.F. and the Mossad. "O.K., I tell them," said Mr. Chubais of his debate with the Communists, "Chubais is a spy for the C.I.A. and I.M.F. But what is your substitute? Do you have [any alternative] workable ideas?" They have none, which is why even some of the Communists are now coming around.

"Recently," said Mr. Chubais, "I was testifying before the Duma and [a Communist member] challenged me: 'What is the level of money supply you are planning to have? What is your M2 target? You gave us wrong M2 numbers.'" Such a conversation with a Communist was unimaginable six years ago, he said.

That's the good news, and it justifies the I.M.F.'s bet on Russia. But let's be clear: It's still a bet, because this is hard stuff. To use a computer analogy, Russia first needed to get a whole new operating system — capitalism — plus the software to go with it, i.e., the rule of law. Indonesia had the operating system — capitalism — but it stuck with an old, centrally directed version (DOScapital 1.0) that was fine in the 1970's but unsuited for the high-speed 90's. And Indonesia had very little software.

Getting your operating system and software up to speed requires cultural changes and institution-building, often in an environment of economic inequality, democratic chaos and global competition. Politics in places like Russia and Indonesia is going to be about managing this painful process. That they have no other choice is for sure. That we have no other choice but to support those who "get it" is for sure. The outcome, though, is not for sure. □

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Charles Flowers is the author of *Science Odyssey*.

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By Reiko Hatsumi

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On the day of Japan's per House elec earlier this month housewife said on radio, "I went to v — for anyone who c n't belong to the Liberal Democratic Party."

Most of the people I talked to, cluding former strong supporters the party that has ruled Japan decades, shared this sentiment. They were fed up — with the prolonged recession, with the consumer tax imposed on a cost of living that already the world's highest, with reliable bonds and securities, rising unemployment, with the care for the elderly. They had their fill, too, of graft and corruption.

Reiko Hatsumi is the author of *"R and the Feast of the Stars,"* a collection of short stories.

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THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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July 24, 1998

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I understand that Vice President Gore plans to announce your decisions regarding designation of American Heritage Rivers on July 27, and that you and the Vice President will make a public announcement at a ceremony on July 30. The Lower Mississippi has been a central feature and contributor to the culture of the nation since the Louisiana Purchase. The River's broad social contributions have been recognized in our literature and art, from Mark Twain to Showboat to the Blues. Economically, the Lower Mississippi is the artery for much of our international trade, serving agriculture, mining, banking and tourism. I urge that the Lower Mississippi Delta be designated as an American Heritage River.

As you know, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has several important responsibilities and initiatives affecting the Lower Mississippi Delta. The southern Louisiana section of the Lower Mississippi is comprised of four ports which together are the busiest port in the nation, in terms of cargo tonnage. Individually, these four ports-- Baton Rouge, Port of South Louisiana, New Orleans, and Plaquemine-- are four of the eight busiest ports in the country.

The Coast Guard is leading the Congressionally established Lower Mississippi River Waterways Safety Advisory Committee, which includes representatives of pilots, vessel owners and government. With cooperation of port users, the Coast Guard is developing an innovative vessel traffic system upgrade to improve safety in the ports. The Port of New Orleans has begun an initiative to improve intermodal transportation in the region. I have pledged the Department's support for this effort. Finally, DOT, the Corps of Engineers, and others have established the River Crisis Action Plan to respond to high water and flood conditions.

I am hosting a one-day conference on the Lower Mississippi Delta Region on July 31 in Memphis. This meeting will begin an interagency effort intended to give focused economic and infrastructure support to the states along the Lower Mississippi --Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois, one of the nation's poorest regions. This

initiative will build on the Administration's response to the 1990 Report of the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission. DOT's 1995 update showed that improved transportation facilities in the region had led to significant job increases.

I believe the cooperation demonstrated in these efforts show how well this region can work in partnership, an important ingredient of the American Heritage Rivers Program. Designation of the Lower Mississippi segments as an American Heritage River will continue the Federal government's work to support the region. These segments could be designated separately or as part of a full Mississippi River designation with the Upper Mississippi segments. I would be pleased to work with Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Witt in leading Administration efforts on the river, with DOT taking the lead for the Lower Mississippi.

Respectfully,

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Rodney E. Slater

Bill Clinton

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Mr. President: A few brief points in re pending projects/activity in Northern Ireland

1. Springvale: Mo Mowlam has committed to a groundbreaking during your visit to Belfast. This is a major opportunity for you to establish a permanent symbol of US commitment (through IFI) to reconciliation and a positive future through education and community outreach. I regard this as a must for your visit.
2. Northern Ireland Assembly: I spoke this past week to a workshop at the Kennedy School for newly elected members of the NI Assembly. A number of the major players (eg David Ervine, Gary McMichaels, Monica McWilliams) were in attendance. They are most supportive of your visit and endorsed your addressing them formally or at a less formal reception as Trimble has suggested. I concur.
3. Entrepreneur Growth Trust (EGT): This is the micro-finance entity (modeled on Shorebank and Bancosol) which I have been working on with the NI govt, community groups and the banks. We are about to present the feasibility study in Belfast on Aug 7. I am hopeful that the banks will commit the capital (10 million pounds) so that HRC can announce the project during her visit for the Vital Voices conference in Sept. Mowlam has given her support, but I may need PM Blair to help persuade the banks to commit. I'll keep you informed.

Overall, I regard the mood in NI as positive, but always fragile. The Quinn murders seem to have galvanized the moderates on both sides into a renewed commitment to make the peace and the Assembly work. Your continued personal interest and commitment (as demonstrated by your statements and the upcoming visit) are playing a major role in reassuring them that this is the only way forward.

Enjoy Aspen (aka the Hollywood Hills). Best to HRC.

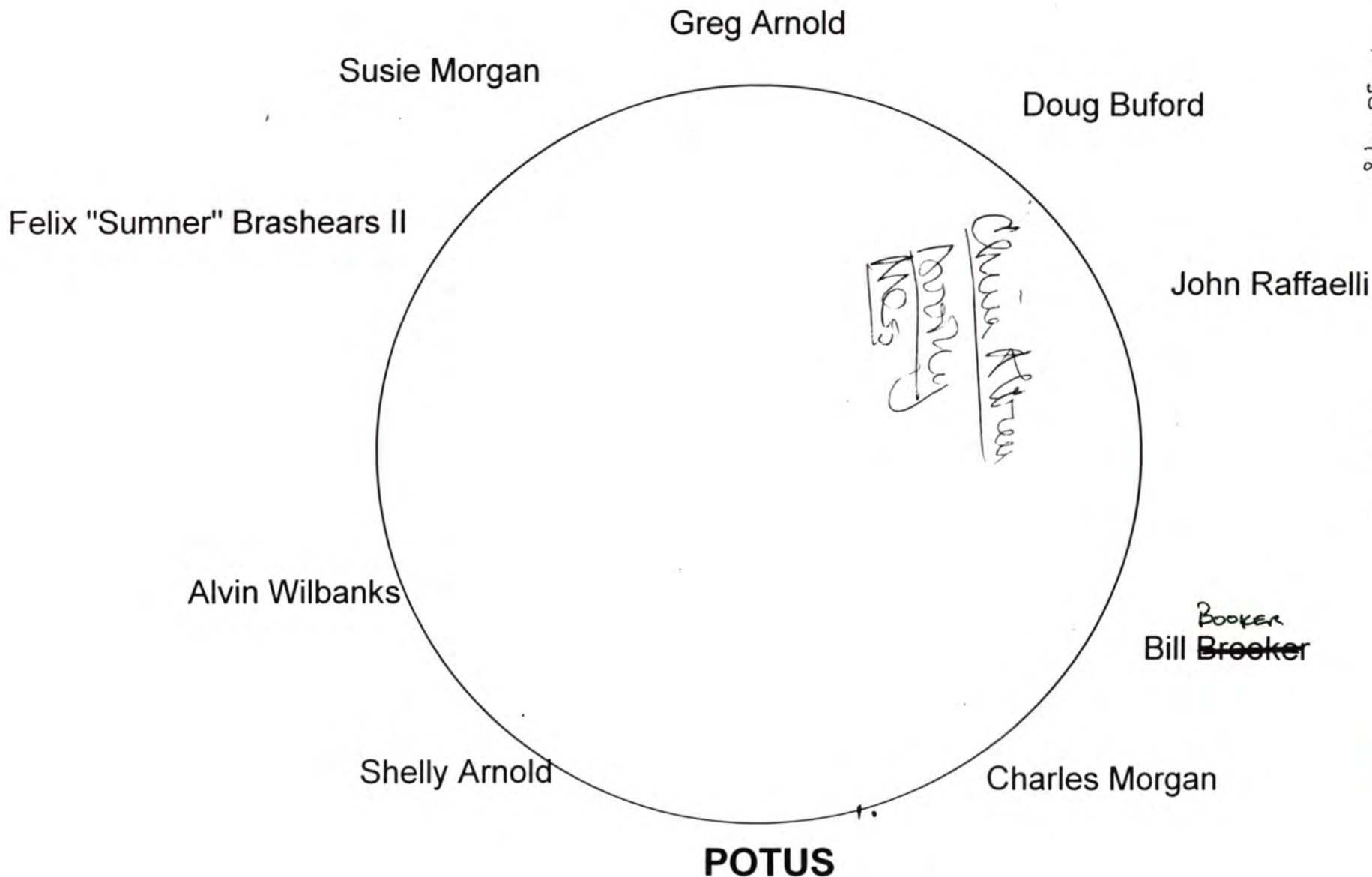
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President's Table

Mr. Greg Arnold and Ms. Shelly Arnold Truman Arnold Corp.

Greg is the President of the Truman Arnold Corp. He is the son of Truman Arnold. The entire Arnold family has been longtime Democratic Party supporters. Shelly is a homemaker.

Mr. Bill Booker Funeral Director/Roller Funeral Homes

He is the funeral director for Roller Funeral Homes. He is the president of the National Association of Funeral Home Directors. He and Mrs. Christine Roller, his boss, have been longtime supporter of Blanche Lincoln.

Mr. Felix "Sumner" Brashears II Funeral Director/Brashears Funeral Homes

He is the owner of the Brashears Funeral Homes in northwest Arkansas.

Mr. Doug Buford Attorney/Wright, Lindsey, Jennings

He is an attorney with Wright, Lindsey, Jennings. He is a member of the Friends of Blanche Lincoln Finance Council. He has been active with the Democratic Party of Arkansas as a member of the state Finance Council as well.

Mr. Charles Morgan and Ms. Susie Morgan CEO/Acxiom Conway, AR

Charles is the CEO of Acxiom. He is a long time supporter of Blanche Lincoln and a new contributor to the Democratic Party. Susie is a homemaker, they live in Conway.

Mr. John D. Raffaelli Partner/The Washington Group

He is a longtime Democrat, originally from Texarkana. He is a partner of the Washington Group.

Mr. Alvin Wilbanks
Manager/Environmental Products and Research, LLC

He is the president of Environmental Products and Research (EPAR), a manufacturer of Mosquito Killing Systems. He worked for 11 years with NASA Assistants to develop the technology used in EPAR products.

July 18, 1998

Attendee's for private reception:

Mr. Charles Alman
Pres./Sol Alman Company
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Little Rock, AR 72207
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He is a member of the Arkansas Recyclers Association and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries.

Mrs. Martha Alman
teacher/University of Arkansas at Little Rock
22 East Palisades
Little Rock, AR 72207
(501)661-0558

She is the wife of Charles Alman and they are representing the scrap metal recycling community who have been extremely supportive of Blanche's campaign.

Mr. Greg Arnold
President
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Rt. 3, Box 420
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Mr. Aubra Anthony
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He is the cousin of former Rep. Beryl Anthony. He is a longtime democrat from Union County and the current president of the Union County Democratic Central Committee.

The Honorable Beryl Anthony
Partner/Winton & Strawn
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He is the former member of Congress from the 4th District of Arkansas. He still resides in the District of Columbia with his wife Shelia.

Mr. John L. Anthony
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Mrs. Barbara Henry
Aide/Arkansas State Auditors

Mrs. Beth Coulson
CEO/Coulson Oil
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Mr. Earnest Brown
Attorney/Cross, Kerney, and McKissic
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(870)536-4113

He is active member of the Democratic party. He is currently the unopposed candidate for Secretary of the Democratic Party of Arkansas. He practices law in Pine Bluff and earned his J.D. at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

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Little Rock, AR 72227
(501)227-5551

She is the wife of Bill Clark.

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retired/none
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Little Rock, AR 72227
(501)227-5551

He is the former Chairman of the Arkansas Highway Commission. He is the Chairman of the Finance Council for Blanche Lincoln's campaign for the U.S. Senate.

Mr. Ralph Cloar
Attorney/self
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He is a strong Democratic activist. He is a member of ATLA and is on the budget committee for that organization.

Mr. Mike St. Martin
Attorney
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Houma, LA 70360
(504)529-2393

He is an attorney from Houma, LA. He is a big supporter of Democratic Party in Louisiana and nationally.

Ms. Jennifer Matthews
Political Consultant
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Little Rock, AR 72207
(501)666-9797

She is a political consultant in Central Arkansas. She is the guest of Lane Kidd.

Mr. Jerry Maulden
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Little Rock, AR 72205
(501)663-3561

He is the CEO of Entergy Corp. He is a very big supporter of the Democratic party.

Mrs. Sue Maulden
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Little Rock, AR 72205
(501)663-3561

She is the wife of Jerry Maulden.

Mr. Mac McLarty

Mrs. Donna Kay McLarty

State Rep. John Miller
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He is a longtime member of the State legislature.

Mr. Charles Morgan
CEO/Axiom
Conway, AR

He is the CEO of Axiom. He is a long time supporter of Blanche Lincoln and a new contributor to the Democratic Party.

Mrs. Susie Morgan
homemaker/none

She is the wife of Charles Morgan. They live in Conway.

Rev. Robert Nelson, Jr.
Pastor/Bethel AME Church
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West Memphis, AR 72301
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He is actively involved in youth programs in Crittenden County. He and his church have long been supporter of Blanche Lincolns since her congressional days. The AME church was founded in Blanche's hometown of Helena, AR.

Mrs. Carla Nichols
Administrative Asst./Met. Life
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Friends of Greg and Shelly Arnold.

Mr. Joe Nichols
CEO & Chairman/Century Bank
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Friends of Greg and Shelly Arnold. Joe is the Chairman and CEO of Century Bank in Texarkana.

Mr. Chuck Penry
Government Relations/National Rural Electric Cooperative Commission
545 East Braddock
Alexandria, VA 22314
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He is a long time Democrat. He worked for Senator Heflin before going over the Electrical Coop.

Mr. Jim Pledger
Exec. Director/Arkansas State Fair
P.O. Box 928
Danville, AR 72833
(870)495-2720

Jim is a longtime activist of the Democratic Party of Arkansas. He currently serves as the Treasurer of the state party.

Ms. Ann Pride
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(703)836-6944

She is the government relations director for Entergy. She is originally from Arkansas.

Mr. John D. Raffaelli
Partner/The Washington Group
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Alexandria, VA 22302
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He is a longtime Democrat, originally from Texarkana. He is a partner of the Washington Group.

Rep. Jacqueline Roberts
Political consultant/self
105 West 34th
Pine Bluff, AR 71603
(870)536-1723

She is currently serving her fourth term in the Arkansas General Assembly. She is an active member of the Democratic Party of Arkansas.

Mr. Gary Smith
President/Nations Bank, Little Rock
2515 N. Filmore
Little Rock, AR 72207
(501)663-7419

He has been with the bank since 1985 when it was Worthen. He is originally from North Little Rock, AR.

Ms. Rebecca Smith
homemaker/none
2515 N. Filmore
Little Rock, AR 72207
(501)663-7419

She is the wife of Gary Smith. She is actively involved in the Junior League of Little Rock and the Susan G. Komen foundation/Arkansas.

Ms. Elwanda Templeton
Administrator/City of Newport
201 Elm Street
Newport, AR 72112
(870)523-5546

She is a long time strong Democrat from Jackson County. She is very involved in the Jackson County Democratic Women and municipal affairs. She is attending tonight via a ticket purchased for her by Sam Boyce.

Bishop L.T. Walker
Bishop/The Holy Temple Cathedral, Church of God in Christ
2315 Chester
Little Rock, AR 72206
(501)375-5804

He is the Chairman of the Board of Bishops for the Church of God in Christ.

Mr. Morgan "Chip" Welch
Attorney/Morgan, Welch, and Assoc.
300 Cleburne Place
North Little Rock, AR 72116
(501)758-3219

He is very active and the American Trial Lawyer Association, the past president of the state chapter. He was also a past member of the board of governors. He attended the University of Arkansas Law School at Fayetteville. He was a student the years you taught law.

Mr. Alvin Wilbanks
Manager/Environmental Products and Research, LLC
3501 West Country Road, #668
Osceola, AR 72370
(870)531-2159

He is the president of Environmental Products and Research (EPAR), a manufacturer of Mosquito Killing Systems. He worked for 11 years with NASA Assistants to develop the technology used in EPAR products.

Ms. Judie York
The Office of Dr. Jim Naples
701 W. 14th Street
Texarkana, AR 71854
(870)779-1082

She works for Dr. Jim Naples from Texarkana. She was part of the delegation that attended the event with Gary Mauro in Texas.

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July 29, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

After working at the White House for over five years and a year on the campaign, it is with some reluctance that I offer this letter of resignation. It has been an honor to serve in your administration, and I am more than grateful to have had the opportunity to work for someone for whom I hold so much admiration. But, it is time to take the experience and knowledge gained from you and explore other opportunities that will allow me to spend more time with my daughter, Rebecca. At two years old, I'm afraid she will be off to college before I know it.

I take pride in knowing that I have been able to contribute in small part to the enormous progress that your Administration has made improving the lives of all Americans -- and particularly children.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your great legacy. Please let me know if I can ever be of any assistance to you or Mrs. Clinton.

Sincerely,



Ann Walker Marchant

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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20TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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Dear Mr. President,

Words could never
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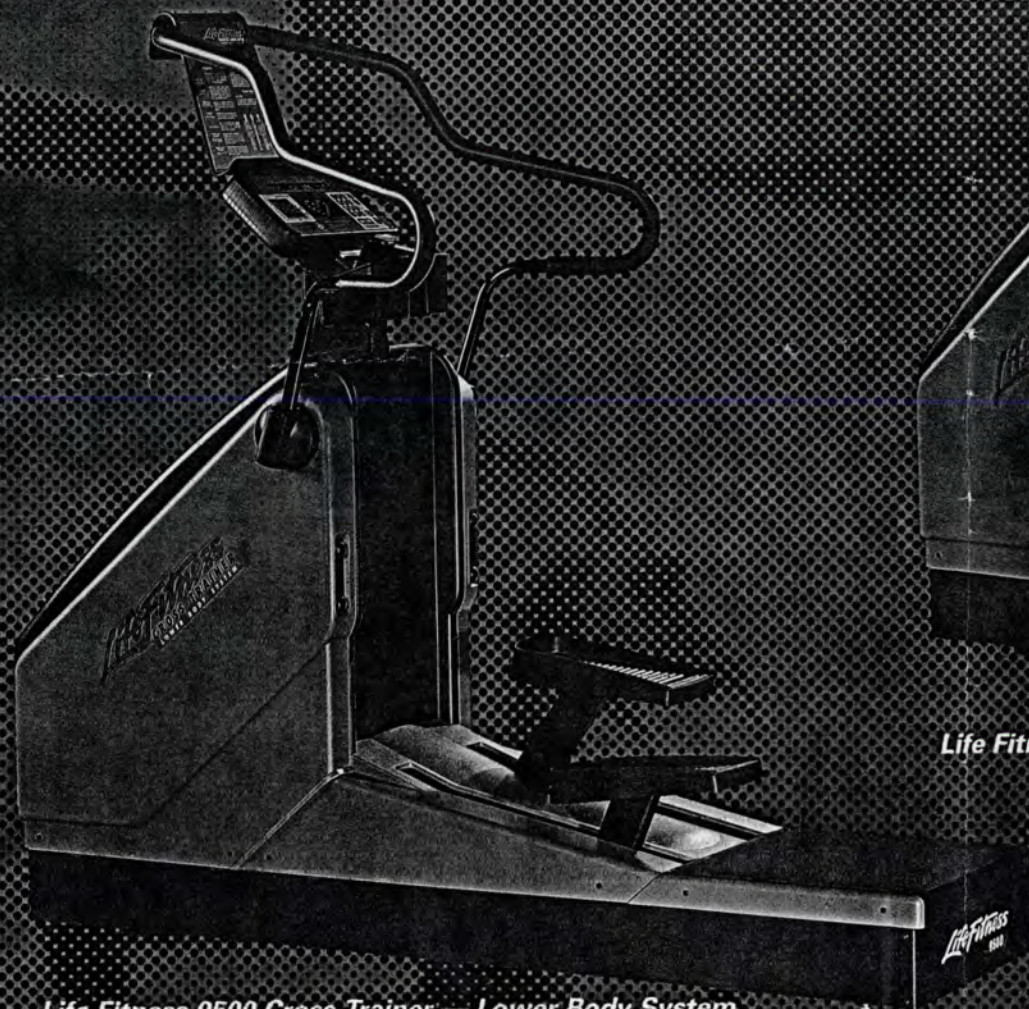
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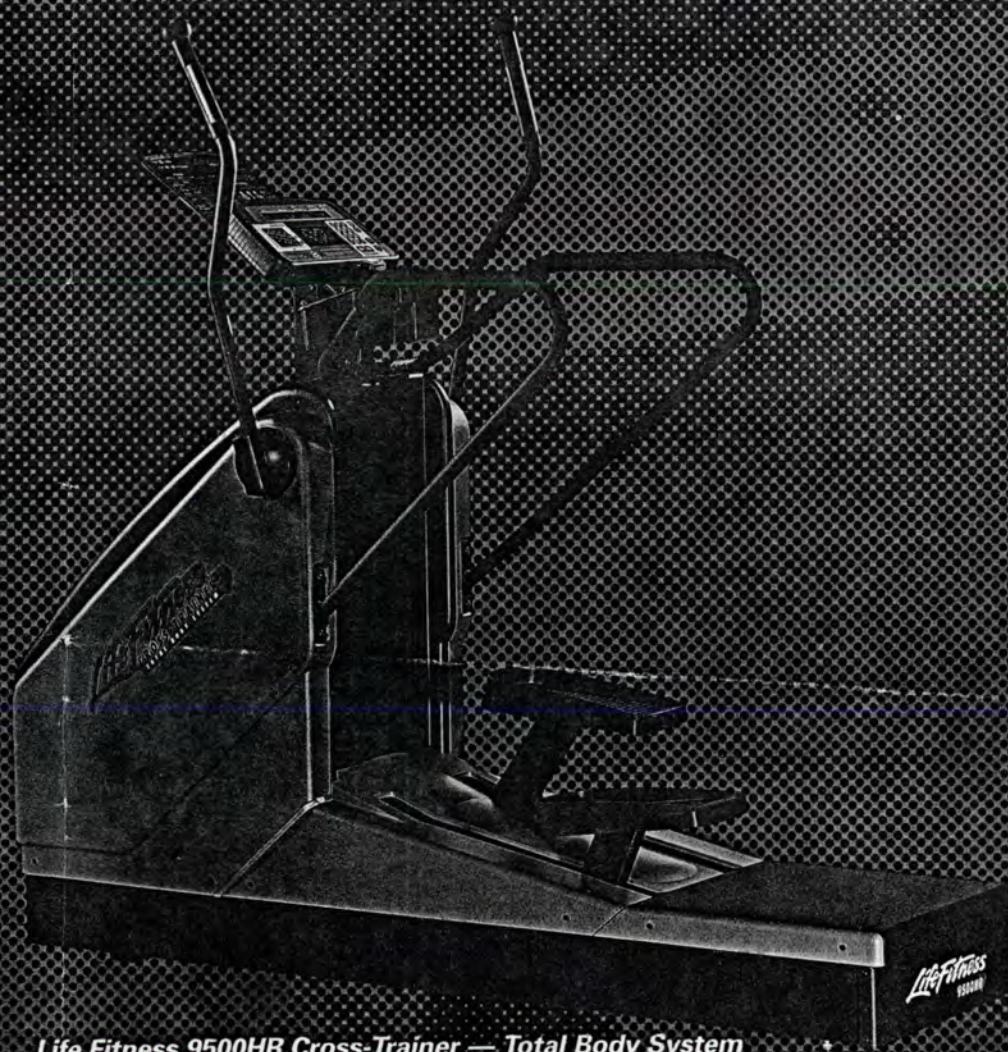
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Washington, D.C. 20500

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of July 16, complementing the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) on its work on behalf of the United States and Canada. One of the most exciting projects we have undertaken recently is in collaboration with Texas A&M University to create a distance learning network throughout the hemisphere. We are currently working on modules to teach marketing, food safety, animal health issues and more in both English and Spanish.

During the Bi-Annual Executive Committee Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture, October 28-30, 1998, IICA plans to inaugurate its first Distance Learning Center at the Institute Headquarters in San Jose, Costa Rica. At that time our hope is to have a video conference including the Presidents of the United States, Mexico and Costa Rica. Please consider this letter as a personal invitation to participate in any manner that you would like.

We want to show the exciting possibilities presented by such a communication system and would be happy to arrange the timing for the convenience of your schedule. We believe the program would be beneficial to highlight a message from the Clinton Administration to share throughout IICA's Latin America/Caribbean network.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kay M. McClanahan

Kay M. McClanahan
Representative in the United States

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and deliver your message in-person, as they say. It will
be an excellent musical production sponsored by the Silver/
Golden Owls -- the 25 and 50 year members.

For additional background information, a copy of the Club's
90th anniversary history, RELIABLE SOURCES, is attached,
together with other pertinent information.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request
for a message from you. All good wishes.

Sincerely,

John P. Cosgrove, Chair
NPC Silver/Golden Owls Program

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The President of the U.S.A.
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Dear Mr. President,

As part of the continuing observance of the National Press Club's 90th anniversary there will be a musical tribute at the Club on the evening of September 15, 1998. Songs of the century (1908-1998) will be represented by those who wrote the words and music from Victor Herbert to present day members of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Dublin-born Herbert, founder and first president of ASCAP, was a frequent visitor to the Club, coming after testifying/lobbying Congress. In essence that was the beginning of the Club's splendid evening entertainment.

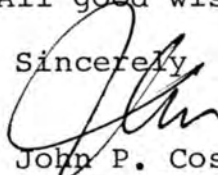
So it is fitting that the songwriters salute the newswriters during this anniversary year. Former President Truman and Chief Justice Warren participated in our 50th anniversary program. (See pages reproduced from that event, attached)

We welcome a word of greetings from you which would be read during the program. Better yet, you are invited to attend and deliver your message in-person, as they say. It will be an excellent musical production sponsored by the Silver/Golden Owls -- the 25 and 50 year members.

For additional background information, a copy of the Club's 90th anniversary history, RELIABLE SOURCES, is attached, together with other pertinent information.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request for a message from you. All good wishes.

Sincerely,



John P. Cosgrove, Chair
NPC Silver/Golden Owls Program

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The President of the U.S.A.
The White House

*It will be
a fun night,
a good host.*

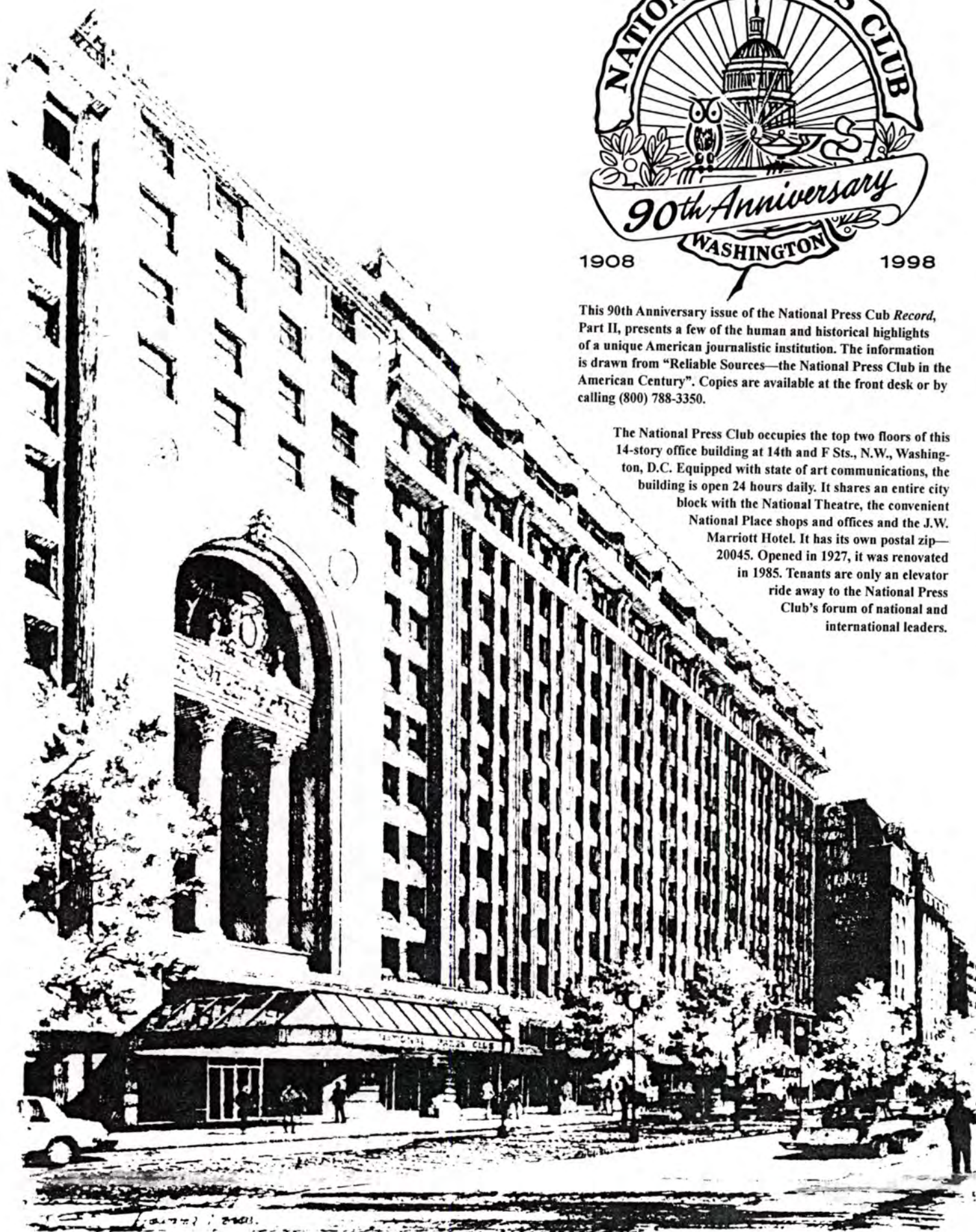


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This 90th Anniversary issue of the *National Press Club Record*, Part II, presents a few of the human and historical highlights of a unique American journalistic institution. The information is drawn from "Reliable Sources—the National Press Club in the American Century". Copies are available at the front desk or by calling (800) 788-3350.

The National Press Club occupies the top two floors of this 14-story office building at 14th and F Sts., N.W., Washington, D.C. Equipped with state of art communications, the building is open 24 hours daily. It shares an entire city block with the National Theatre, the convenient National Place shops and offices and the J.W. Marriott Hotel. It has its own postal zip—20045. Opened in 1927, it was renovated in 1985. Tenants are only an elevator ride away to the National Press Club's forum of national and international leaders.



NPC'S FIRST 80 YEARS WERE GREAT

THIS CENTURY was just eight years old when the National Press Club was founded. A dozen years from now we will enter the 21st century. What better time to review the Club's 80 years and its dominant role in the Nation's Capital, its impact in international affairs.

In 1908, Washington was emerging as a pleasant little city on the Potomac. Congress met for only a few months a year, its members had offices in two moderate buildings—one on either side of The Hill.

The Capitol building also housed the third branch of the Federal government—the Supreme Court. The President, as Chief Executive and Commander-in-Chief, ran the other branch of government with a small staff in an office attached to his residence, and assisted by a nine-member Cabinet.

The Press Club occupied a few rooms over a jewelry store at 1205 F Street, a converted town house. There were 192 newspapers and wire services (including foreign press) with Washington bureaus, and 184 news reporters and writers entitled to admission to the Congressional Press Galleries. As the Federal government grew so did the Press Club, but not in any comparable sense.

It is noteworthy to point out that the Press Photographers' Gallery did not exist, no Radio-TV and no Periodical Galleries, either. According to the 1988 edition of Hudson's Washington News Media Directory, there are now 3,928 news outlets [bureaus, newspapers, news services, radio-TV, magazines, newsletters, syndicates] and 4,326 correspondents and editors. In addition, Howard Penn Hudson points out that Washington is a publishing center in its own right.

Washington was the official capital city, population 343,003, but New York City claimed to be the real "nation's capital" by virtue of its longevity, financial influence, cultural



First President to visit National Press Club.

emplacements—museums, opera, theatre, the artists themselves, and impressive layers of wealthy individuals who supported these activities. Other cities, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and the like, were content with their financial standing and cultural tastes. Like their Big Brothers in New York, they "tolerated" Washington, and frequently helped send similar-minded individuals to political power in Washington. It seems that the District of Columbia rated less than a State. Being voteless it was a city in name only, run by three men called Commissioners, appointed by the President. D.C. residents were certainly in a class by themselves! Such was the scene, 1908 A.D.

As we enter our 81st year, evaluate our place and position today mainly through Club publications—*The Goldfish Bowl*, *Dateline: Washington*, *shrdlu*, and the *NPC Record*. By sharing this distilled inventory with fellow members, we hope to be better prepared for our role in the morning years of the century ahead.

Already there are signs that the Press Club is preparing for changes in media/communications, and meeting the challenges probably every bit as exciting as experienced since 1908.

In the mid-seventies, Press Club leaders realized that the 24-hour news building at 14th and F Streets, and the Club house occupying most of the 13th and 14th floors, would not be equal to the ultrafast changes taking place in downtown Washington. They began to plan either a replacement or renovation program. This complex story would be a book in itself.

On February 1, 1982 there was a ceremony on F Street marking the beginning of the rebuilding project. President Joe Slevin presided, and during the program introduced his successor, Vivian Vahlberg, as the 75th President of the Club, and the first female to occupy that office.



President Wilson's "Confessions" at Club's Hobby Night



R E L I A B L E S O U R C E

INTRODUCTION

Journalists by nature are not joiners. They are neither club people nor members of boards and fraternal organizations.

Except, that is, when it comes to the National Press Club.

The National Press Club is not the world's only press club, but it is the largest, the best-known and the most durable. Since 1908, it has overcome the pervasive individualism of journalists to provide them a professional organization, a sanctuary and a refuge. It is a place where the tired editor, the weary foreign correspondent and the bruised reporter can come in from the cold. Come in to warm at the fires of camaraderie; to be soothed by conviviality; and to talk, and talk and talk to people who know exactly what is being talked about.

When the National Press Club was founded in 1908, news was transmitted by telegraph, and the linotype (the technological marvel which revolutionized the production of newspapers) had been invented less than 20 years earlier. Afternoon newspapers dominated journalism and many cities had half a dozen newspapers, and some had many more. The newsmagazine, the glossy magazine, radio and television were still in the future.

At that time, ours was a profession with no formal roots of entry; no training; hardly a college graduate; and with only the ability to do the job, learned on the job, counted.

Like boxing, it was often a way out of the ghetto: a way for a bright boy to leave the manual work that had sustained his father.

They were a rough-hewn lot. They ranged from the just adequate to those who have yet to see a peer, like H. Mencken. Writing counted, and speed was often a physical function—as in running back to the office.

Today, we are trained and educated, yet surprisingly similar to the journalists at the time of the National Press Club's founding. We are good, and we are bad; some write like angels, others are simply craftsmen.

For 50 years, the National Press Club was a professional organization and a crucible of ideas. But it was also a drinking club. As late as the 1960s, it was still a drinking club, with the patrons often three deep at the bar. Lore a law contributed to this. Strong drink and journalism were a tradition, and government policy abetted drinking at a press club.

The National Press Club served during Prohibition and for nearly four decades afterwards. It was the only place where you could get a hard drink on Sunday. And its two famous bars were, for nearly 40 years, the only places in Washington, D.C., where it was legal to stand up and walk around with a drink.

The law changed, society changed, journalists changed, but the press club continues to thrive. It thrives because it is an adaptive institution, correcting for the sins of the past, like racial segregation and the exclusion of women, who striving, like the news business itself, toward the future.

The National Press Club of the 1990s is a different place from the press club I joined in 1966; and yet it is the same place. It is multi-faceted; it is about journalism, about journalists, about fraternity, about the past and for the future.

The work binds us, so we remain unchanged at our core, while always changing. We venerate our little traditions from voting in person, to the lovely, touching but unceremonious memorial gatherings we have for those who have left us.

The tradition of speeches from the most important podium in the free world continues unabated. A verbal sparring across the ballroom of the club is heard around the world instantly. Morning newsmaker events give us news and give those who cannot afford the paraphernalia of public relations and press agents a ready avenue to the media.

The first members of the club would not recognize the state-of-the-art electronic-library, nor the gym. But they would know the feel of the place, the love of words; the sanctity of news; the hatred of cant; the mistrust of power; the loathing of corruption and the rest of the panoply of evils which are the targets of the journalist's calling.

They would know all of these. And they would applaud and approve that their work and their club are alive, and as special as they have ever been in Washington, D.C.

Llewellyn King
Publisher, King Publishing Group





BROADCASTING RESPECTS

John P. Cosgrove

ONE SUNDAY afternoon nearly a quarter-century ago a red-cheeked high school lad gazed enthralled across blossom-spangled Tidal Basin. "I like it here," he whispered as his mind wandered from Eastertime Washington back to the industrial gloom of the anthracite belt.

John P. (for "Patrick," according to Luzerne County, Pa., records; for "Politics" according to his Press Club friends) Cosgrove meant what he said on his one-day excursion that spring Sunday in 1937. Back at his Pittston, Pa., home he finished his high school course, earned some small capital and Greyhounded to Washington.

City room service ■ With two years reporting background (afternoons and evenings on the *Wilkes-Barre Record*), he went job hunting around Press Bldg. bureaus and wire services, landing a job on the AP dictation desk and stringing on the side for papers back in Pennsylvania.

Late one summer night in 1939 the phone rang just as he reached home after work. Ted Koop, AP early editor, was calling. "Hitler has marched into Poland John," Ted said. "Can you come right back?"

He could and did, spending the night taking historic copy from AP's White House and State Dept. staffers. By morning Washington journalism was in his blood—to stay. The jump upward from an AP dictation desk was a long one so he went job hunting again. An opening had developed at the National Republican Congressional Committee and he was assigned to its famous speech and handout hatchery in the garret of the Old House Office Bldg.

In 1940 Wendell Willkie lost his GOP campaign and John Cosgrove lost his GOP job. He had another handy, though, and moved to the Senate side in the office of Sen. Hiram Johnson, again writing speeches and handouts.

Came the conflict ■ WWII arrived, leading to immediate enlistment in the Navy. John landed in naval communications as yeoman 3d class and later was assigned to the Office of Censorship as assistant, in uniform, to Ted Koop, assistant director of censorship under Byron Price. After being landlocked almost two years he asked for sea duty. He got it—two solid years aboard the *USS Gendreau* (DE639), a destroyer escort that acquired fame for its record of shooting down and warding off Japanese kamikaze planes during the Okinawa ceremonies.

In February 1946 he was released from duty and set out to find a job. After assorted assignments he joined the staff of BROADCASTING. He's now publications director of Broadcasting Publications Inc., whose founder and president is Sol Taishoff, longtime NPC member. In addition to BROADCASTING businessweekly, founded in 1931, Sol recently acquired TELEVISION, a monthly *Fortune*-type book for its namesake business.

After his first BROADCASTING pay check, John realized a longtime ambition by joining NPC. In 1953, as chairman of NPC's Publications Committee, he produced the special inaugural issue of BROADCASTING honoring Ted Koop, CBS

Washington director of news and public events and first NPC president from electronic journalism.

Committee head ■ He served three years as publications chairman, putting the Club's *Record* on a regular schedule. This energy and time-eating committee chairmanship is now held by Dave LeRoy, *U. S. News & World Report*.

During his three-year chairmanship John became interested in club politics, discovering quickly that even in NPC's relatively relaxed environment a political career has its ups and also its downs. His first political foray was a down—he lost a 5-4 board vote for a board vacancy.

One licking doesn't faze a true politician. It convinced John he could make the NPC political team. A run for financial secretary in 1955 was successful.

By that time he had framed his political strategy. It's really quite simple—always run in a club election without opposition. This involves a bit of doing: First, take club membership and official service seriously; second, build up friendships by daily contacts; third, enlist the support of key members and groups well in advance of elections to discourage competition.

It worked ■ This methodology paid off during one election that had developed into a three-way fight for two places on the board. His blitz campaign in the "primaries" was so successful that one of the contestants withdrew a few hours before the balloting.

On the way to the presidency John had one of NPC's most important publication tasks—production of the Golden Anniversary club history, *shrdlu*—"an affectionate chronicle" of 50 dramatic years.

And on his way up the escalator he was aided by the unbelievable patience of his gracious wife, Pat, for whom late and lonesome dinners became normal routine. John had courted the former Patricia O'Hara, a Washington native, in post-war years. They were married in 1951.

At home in hills ■ The new NPC president loves the rolling acreage of the outlying suburbs. He's a man of simple but patrician tastes—elderly bourbon, grilled steaks and good music, for example. An fm set in the living room provides dawn-to-bedtime music. He's an amateur painter, preferring landscapes. Once he glamorized his white board fence in oil and he has been active in NPC's art shows.

John is of medium height and not as heavy as his chubby cheeks would indicate. His hair is grayish for his age (42) and absolutely atypical of his auto-energized carcass. He's soft-spoken, persistent and thinks along organized patterns. A slow-burner most of the time, he can come up with a sizzling burst of temper when aggravated. He worships at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Potomac, Md., and belongs to the National Press Club Bldg. Corp. board and Cabin John Fire Board.

Platform? Of course. Broadly, he wants to see constant improvement in club service to members. His presidential campaign was directed at energizing the younger club members into more active participation and to bringing in new members who should have joined long ago.—*Frank Beatty, BROADCASTING.*



"Congratulations, Mr. President."
And vice versa. ■ President John F. Kennedy went to the National Press Club's Jan. 28 inaugural dinner in honor of the club's new president, **John P. Cosgrove**, publications director of BROADCASTING and TELEVISION magazines. Left to right: President Cosgrove; Mrs. Douglas Stengel and Douglas Stengel, retired General Motors pr executive; President Kennedy; Ernest Barcella, United Press International, a member of the club's board of governors.

Top government officials and media executives participated in the inaugural ceremonies. Chief Justice Earl Warren, of the U. S. Supreme Court, administered the oath to

President Cosgrove. Sid Caesar topped an entertainment program. Club officers were escorted to the stage of the auditorium in the manner of the inaugural parade.

The event marked the first participation of a U. S. President in a club inaugural.

President Kennedy's application for non-active membership in the club was approved by the board of governors. A former newspaperman, he paid the \$90 non-active initiation fee by personal check. He was proposed for club membership by Sol Taishoff, Broadcasting Publications Inc.; seconded by Theodore F. Koop, CBS News; sponsored by William H. Lawrence, *New York Times*.



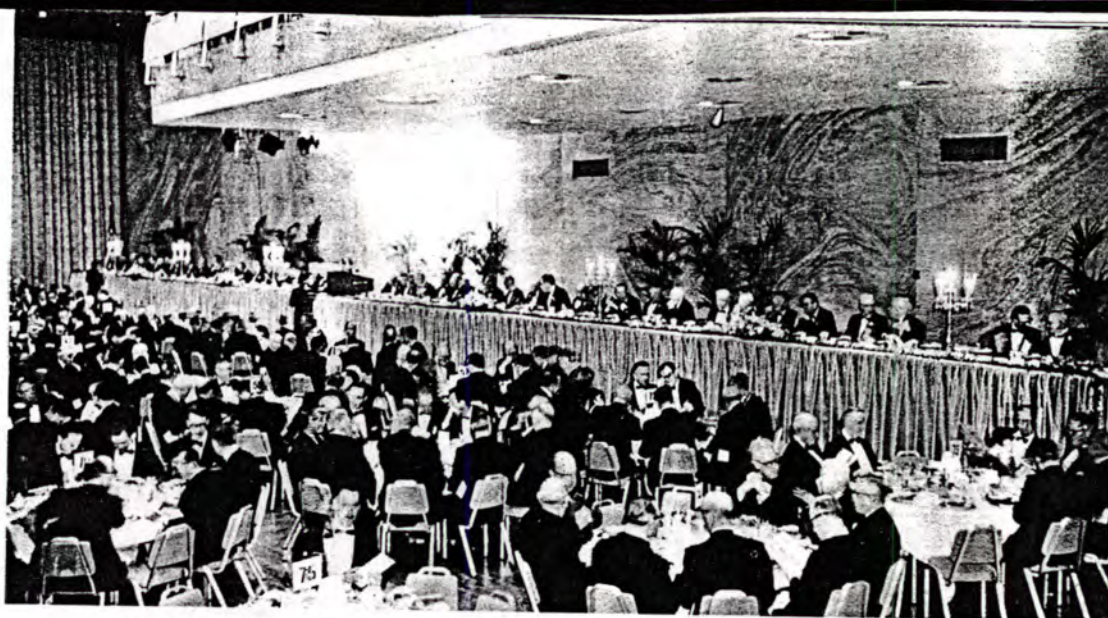
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Southern Musical 'Kudzu' Cast Featured At Club Apr. 15

"Kudzu," the southern-style musical at Ford's Theatre, is "engaging, goofy and nostalgic" according to the *Washington Post*. And author Doug Marlette, Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist, brings the cast to the Club for excerpts featuring the Red Clay Ramblers from 5:30-7 p.m. on Wed., Apr. 15. Frankie Hewitt, artistic director of Ford's, introduces the group as she celebrates the 30th anniversary of the theater as a live playhouse. You'll love the easy good humor in three hit songs from the show, "We're Your Mamas," "Home" and "National Recognition." No charge, but reservations are required. Call 662-7501 to reserve.

Popular Casino Night Returns to NPC May 1

NPC's Casino Night, a Spring gambol, returns for the third year Fri., May 1, featuring ample hors d'oeuvres, open bar and \$25,000 in Press Club "funny money," with gifts for the big winner and heaviest loser. Ballroom doors open at 6 p.m. with continuous gambling from 7-10, all for a bargain rate of \$25 for members and \$30 per guest. Organize a group and reserve now at 662-7501.

Laugh Your Heart Out

If you think Al Gore is funny, you ought to see Bob Somerby, Al Gore's roommate at Harvard, when he teams up with Chip Franklin of WMAL radio for a one-night, one-two punch of comedic capers at the Club. The free show will be on Thurs., Apr. 30. Seating is limited, so it's a good idea to reserve. Call 662-7501 to guarantee your seat.

NPC LUNCHEONS

Thurs., Apr. 9, **Thomas F. "Mack" McLarty**, Counselor to the President and Special Envoy for the Americas, details "Clinton's Upcoming Trip to South America." . . . Tues., Apr. 14, **Marvin Runyon**, Postmaster General. . . . Wed., Apr. 15, **Charles Rossotti**, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, on the future of the IRS. . . . Fri., Apr. 17, **Zoe Caldwell**, four-time Tony award winning actress, 1998 recipient of the Shakespeare Guild's Sir John Gielgud Award. . . . Wed., Apr. 22, **Edward Rendell**, Mayor of Philadelphia. . . . Thurs., Apr. 23, **Rodney Slater**, Secretary of Transportation. . . . Wed., Apr. 29, **Dr. Mae Jemison**, NASA astronaut. . . . Thurs., Apr. 30, **Katherine Shindle**, Miss America. . . . Wed., May 6, **Dr. David Satcher**, Surgeon General of the U.S. . . . Tues., May 19, **Sadako Ogata**, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. . . . Mon., June 1, **Gerald R. Ford**, former President, will present his annual Ford Foundation Journalism Awards.

Wine Tasting Scheduled

You can taste wine expert Rob Stewart's top wines for spring on Thurs., Apr. 16, from 7-9 p.m. in the Club Room of the Fourth Estate Restaurant. The cost is \$15 for NPC members, \$20 for guests and includes discussion about and tastes of 10-12 wines. The deadline for reservations is Mon., Apr. 13. Call 662-7501 to reserve.

Dinner and a Movie

This month's feature, Apr. 23, starting at 7 p.m., is the great Gene Kelly musical "Singin' in the Rain" (1952). Enjoy \$5 and \$10 dinner specials, pitchers of beer and free popcorn.



Rodney Slater

Club Newsmakers

Fri., Apr. 10, at 8 a.m., **Yassine Jaber**, Lebanon's Minister of Economy and Trade. . . . Tues., Apr. 14, **James Kelly**, CEO of United Parcel Service, will discuss the need for legislative reform of the U.S. Postal Service. . . . Wed., Apr. 15, **Pino Arlacchi**, Executive Director, U.N. Drug Control Program. . . . also on Wed., Apr. 15, at 9:30 a.m., **Jack Faris**, President, National Federation of Independent Business, will discuss abolishing the IRS Code. . . . Thurs., Apr. 16, **Hans Van Den Broek**, EU Commissioner for External Relations with Central and Eastern Europe.

Truman Buffet Featured

The Reliable Source all-you-can-eat buffet Apr. 16, 5:30 p.m., includes Truman Bean Soup, Corn Dodgers, Callaway Ham, Ozark Pudding and other Missouri treats at only \$12.95.

Fiction Discussion

The winning short stories of the Club's recent contest will be discussed by the Fiction Writers Group at the Club at noon on Sat., Apr. 18.

Food, Fun, Fellowship Characterize Club's 90th Anniversary



Past Presidents assemble around a huge birthday cake, while three gather before the restored painting of Phryne and one, John Cosgrove, raises a toast to the Club on its 90th. Members enjoy refreshments throughout the Club for the gala Apr. 3. HEW Secretary Donna Shalala (over), with Frank Aukofer, 1978 NPC President, and Japanese Ambassador Kunihiro Saito. President Doug Harbrecht, with "Buffalo Bill" who was there at the beginning. Dancing to big-band of Doc Dikeman and choristers from the Silver Owls reveling in the Club's golden past.



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All-Day Celebration Apr. 3 Brings Together 1,000 Revelers





Walter Cronkite

Cronkite Returns to NPC For 90th Anniversary Critique of News Media

Walter Cronkite, who joined CBS News in Washington 48 years ago, came home to the Press Club Apr. 3 to kick off NPC's 90th Anniversary, captivating a capacity luncheon audience with praise and criticism for the press and offering sanguine advice for anyone entering the news business today. Cronkite lauded responsible journalists for recognizing the profession's "underlying ethic—the search for the truth, the adherence to facts, the practice of honesty and fairness for all." He said some of the complaints against the press are legitimate but maintained that much of the "carping" stems from the fact that today's press is doing a better-than-ever job of investigating and exposing wrongdoing in business, government and society at large. At the same time, he questioned whether the press is giving the public enough information to help make intelligent decisions. He deplored the fact that networks and many newspapers have cut back on the amount and quality of foreign news, closing bureaus around the world and leaving Americans "dangerously" uninformed. Cronkite also expressed concern over the excess of reporting based on "unconfirmed" or "anonymous" sources. And he said Congress is poorly covered, with both print and TV press



Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC), at 95, younger than Springtime, older than the Press Club, revealed his longevity secrets at 90th Anniversary Club Newsmaker.

Directory Updating

The Club is currently compiling members' addresses and phone numbers for the "1998-99 Directory of News Sources." Please help us update our files if you have had an address or phone change within the last year. E-mail us at srubens@npcpress.org, ctaylor@npcpress.org or lboren-hughes@npcpress.org. Thanks for your help.

Huffington Book Rap

"Greetings from the Lincoln Bedroom" is the provocative title of author Arianna Huffington's latest. Join her at a book rap Tues., Apr. 21, starting with a 6 p.m. reception. No charge but please reserve.

focusing mostly on final actions instead of pursuing the legislative process from its inception in committee. Asked what advice he would give to an aspiring young journalist, Sean Jensen, a four-year NPC scholarship winner who was also sitting at an honored head-table spot, Cronkite launched into a "Journalism 101" discourse emphasizing the need for courage under fire, especially in dealing with editors and owners "when you think they are wrong." And that's the way it was, Apr. 3, 1998, in the 90th year of the National Press Club.

Job Opportunities

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT—AVIATION/TRANSPORTATION: Prestigious DC public relations agency seeks applicants with knowledge of the airline business, industry and public policy issues. Minimum 12 years experience. Send cover letter and salary history. Reply Job Apr. 9-1.

GROUP DIRECTOR—INTERNATIONAL: Prestigious DC public relations agency seeks applicants to assist in formulating and implementing day-to-day communication strategy for prominent corporate clients. Strong writing skills, experience with direct media contact, campaign development, project management and staff supervision a must. Minimum of eight years experience. Send cover letter and salary history. Reply Job Apr. 9-2.

ACCOUNT SUPERVISORS—DEFENSE AND HEALTHCARE: Prestigious DC public relations agency seeks applicants to manage day-to-day program activities, assist in formulating communications strategies. Strong writing skills, media contacts and ability to run multiple engagements a must. Knowledge of industry and public policy issues a plus. Minimum of seven years experience. Send cover letter and salary history. Reply Job Apr. 9-3.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Journalism fellowships program seeks well-organized journalist/administrator for new program focusing on international issues. Responsibilities include arranging and moderating seminars on world events, planning conferences, publicizing program with U.S. editors, working with fellows to plan overseas travel, coordinating newsletter and website and monitoring international news coverage. Good pay and benefits. Send resume and salary requirements. Reply Job Apr. 9-4.

EDITOR: Local university's publication team needs editor to join their team. Supervise the thematic writing, editing, design and production of the university's alumni magazine and quarterly newspaper publications. Candidate should have BS/BA in English, journalism, communication or relevant field. Minimum 5-7 years of progressive responsibility for a magazine/periodical publication, including supervision and project management. Outstanding benefits. Reply Job Apr. 9-5.

NOTE: Submit replies (members only) and future listings to the NPC Membership Office or fax to 662-7512. 50 words maximum. Job Hotline: 879-6725.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 23, 1998

Total Information Service at Library

The Library announces a new service for members: Premium Search. Library researchers will locate the original, primary information you need—and on deadline. Experienced information specialists listen to your requirements, assemble your data, conduct research and interviews in-person and via phone, investigate electronic and non-electronic sources, compile results and write a customized, detailed report of the findings. Fees are \$65 per hour, plus expenses. We've been serving consultants and research clients since May. Want details? Contact Gini Blodgett, Library Research Manager, at 662-7523.

St. Michaels Trip Set

The bus trip, good food and a river cruise are scheduled as part of the excursion to St. Michaels on the Eastern Shore, Sat., July 25. There will also be time for shopping and sightseeing, all for \$50, including taxes and gratuities. Depart the Club at 9 a.m. Reserve at 662-7539.

Winner of Free Lunch

The winner of the business card drawing in the Fourth Estate Restaurant was **Sharon Downey** of Medill News Service.

LeRoy Service

A graveside memorial service for **L. David LeRoy**, 1967 NPC President, will be held on Sat., Aug. 1, at Tignale Baptist Church cemetery in his home town of Tignale, CA. A memorial service was held Sat., July 18, in Kernstown, VA.

Club Newsmakers

Thurs., July 23, **Dr. Mate Granic**, Croatian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, will discuss Croatian policy priorities and Croatian-U.S. relations. . . . Tues., July 28, at 10 a.m., **John Koskinen**, Chair of the President's Y2K Commission, will discuss progress made against the Y2K computer problem and challenges ahead. . . . Wed., July 29, at 9:30 a.m., **John Siedlarz**, CEO of IrisScan, Inc., will discuss issues in biometric identification. . . . Thurs., July 30, **Stephen Chen**, Head of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Washington, will present Taiwan's response to President Clinton's visit to China. . . . also on Thurs., July 30, at 10 a.m., **Gary Strong**, National Science Foundation Coordinator for Computing, will talk about a project to design a portable system for deaf-blind communication. . . . Wed., Aug. 5, at 8:30 a.m., **Gherhard Schroeder**, Minister-President, State of Lower Saxony and Social Democratic Party Candidate for Chancellor of Germany in the 1998 national elections, will discuss German domestic and foreign policy issues and "The European Union and the United States—An Indispensable Partnership for the 21st Century." . . . Wed., Sept. 2, at 9:30 a.m., **Stirling Scruggs**, Director of the Information and External Relations Division of the United Nation's Population Fund, will release the U.N. Population Fund 1998 State of the World Population Report.

Sea-Kayaking, Anyone?

Interested in a sea-kayak trip to the Eastern Shore on Sat., July 23? For information, call Christine Dorsey at (202) 783-1760.



Mark Russell

NPC LUNCHEONS

Tues., July 28, **Nick Brookes**, CEO, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co., CANCELLED. . . . Thurs., July 30, **Steven Brill**, Editor-in-Chief of *Brill's Content* magazine. . . . Tues., Aug. 11, **Mark Russell**, PBS entertainer, lounge singer and caustic piano-playing political commentator. . . . Wed., Sept. 9, **James Gustave Speth**, Administrator, U.N. Development Programs. . . . Tues., Sept. 15, **Richard Riley**, U.S. Secretary of Education, will address "back-to-school" issues. . . . Thurs., Sept. 17, **William Ivey**, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts.

ASCAP Salutes NPC's 90th Anniversary

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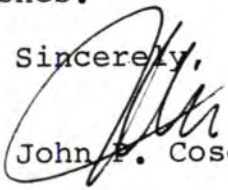
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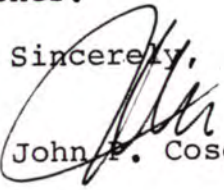
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AMERICAN IRISH FOUNDATION

HON. DANIEL J. FLOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 18, 1972

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker when my late friend, our great President John F. Kennedy made his celebrated journey to Ireland, the land of his ancestors, shortly before his death, he met several times with that dear and beloved man, Ireland's President Eamon de Valera. In the course of their conversation at the President's home in Phoenix Park, Dublin, the leaders of both nations decided that an effective coordinating force should be forged, to carry on the great tradition of the relationship between both nations, and the great feeling of mutual respect and admiration that people of both countries held for each other.

Out of these discussions grew the American Irish Foundation, which is headed today by its president, Mr. John P. Cosgrove of Washington. Mr. Cosgrove, many members of this House know him well, is a past president of the National Press Club, distinguished newsman and former publishing executive. He is a native of Pittston, a great community in north Luzerne County, Pa., which I have been privileged to represent in the House for a quarter century.

The American Irish Foundation has made great strides in recent years, and this is due in no small measure to its distinguished president, who seems to lend the "Midas Touch" to his undertakings, all of which have earned a good measure of success. Mr. Cosgrove, I might add, is executive director of the Honor America Day Committee, which has brought greater meaning and significance to our Nation's birthday, July 4.

During the past summer, Mr. Cosgrove, together with American Irish Foundation officials, along with our Ambassador in Ireland, Mr. Moore, and their American Ambassador, Mr. Warnock, led a distinguished group of Foundation members for a 2-week visit to Ireland, where the working relationship between training institutions. The Air Force in Ireland was greatly fortified.

It is my pleasure to submit herewith the foundation's report:

REPORT OF AMERICAN IRISH FOUNDATION AN HISTORIC RETURN

The first meeting of the American Irish Foundation held in Ireland was attended by 160 American business, professional and cultural leaders. The group left New York City on May 26, 1972, and returned June 7; these two weeks were extraordinary not only because of the promise they hold for the fulfillment of the Foundation goals, but also for providing an Irish experience of rare and warm memory.

County Clare

The first gathering at Dromoland Castle was welcomed by Foundation President John P. Cosgrove, Host John A. Mulcahy, the United States Ambassador to Ireland, Hon. John D. J. Moore, and the Irish Ambassador to the United States, Hon. William Warnock, all members of the Foundation board.

The Chief Justice of Ireland, Hon. Cearbhall O'Daigh, spoke eloquently of the relationship which has bound Ireland and the United States through the past two centuries.

At Dromoland, too, the nightly tradition of a hoolie was inaugurated by the internationally acclaimed Shannon Castle Entertainers and by Balladier Terry Wilson. Bob Hope, who with Mrs. Hope joined the party at Dromoland, provided a special American dimension to the celebration.

At Kilfrush House, where President Nixon had planted a California Sequoia when he was the guest of Mr. Mulcahy, all were exchanged by County Clare's young dancers.

County Kerry

Amid Killarney's Lakes the guests heard Dr. Patrick Hillery, Minister of Foreign Affairs, speak of the new Ireland and the

potential which its membership in the European Economic Community holds for that country. Also, a tour of Muckross House was led by Foundation Director A. W. B. Vincent, whose family gave the House and the Bourn Vincent National Park to Ireland.

Waterville

The Foundation group participated in an other and most pleasurable first: they were the initial guests of Mr. Mulcahy at the new Waterville Lake Hotel, the first to golf on its championship course, and enjoy the cuisine of the Hotel.

Columnist Bob Considine, arriving from Moscow, recounted to fellow guests his experiences during President Nixon's trip to Russia. Mr. George Colley, Minister for Finance and the Gael-tacht, discussed Ireland's position as a base for United States industrial products with a European market horizon. Two other governmental leaders, Mr. Michael Killeen, of the Irish Industrial Development Authority, and Mr. Thomas Garvey, of the Export Board, further described the aspirations and the spirit of the new Ireland.

Here, too, the richness of Ireland's cultural past and present was recognized by the presentation of the first American Irish Foundation Literary Award to Austin Clarke.

All were able to come to know and never forget Kerry, its peace and beauty.

Dublin

Foundation guests had the special privilege of a visit with President Eamon de Valera at Arus an Uachtarain in Phoenix Park. He spoke warmly of his own American and Irish heritage and of his hopes for the Foundation and its promise for strengthening the ties between the two countries.

The final dinner in the Gresham Hotel was addressed by Mr. Erskine Childers, Tanaiste, and Minister for Health, who suggested many projects of great importance to the people of Ireland which the Foundation could foster.

New directors

Three directors were elected to the Board of the Foundation at its meeting in Ireland. They are Admiral John J. Bergen, New York City; Mr. William T. Brady, Beverly Hills, California, and Mr. Wallace E. Carroll, Lake Forest, Illinois. All are members of a number of corporate and civic boards. Adm. Bergen is the honorary Chairman of Madison Square Garden Corporation, New York City; Mr. Brady is the honorary Chairman of the Board of CPC International, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey; and Mr. Carroll is Chairman of the Board of Katy Industries, Elgin, Illinois.

Foundation President Cosgrove joined with Ambassador Moore and Ambassador Warnock in welcoming these three respected leaders to the Board.

Foundation goals

It is the continuing goal of the Foundation to reflect the concern and the appreciation of Americans of Irish descent for the land of their forefathers and to provide a national organization for all Americans who wish to share in strengthening the Irish heritage. It was founded in 1963 at the time of the historic visit of President John F. Kennedy to Ireland in response to stated hopes of President de Valera. The two Presidents served as, the Foundation's first honorary co-chairmen. Both the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland and the Irish Ambassador to the United States are members of the present Board of Directors. The Foundation endorses and supports a broad program of cultural, educational, and scientific activities.

Following are excerpts from William Shannon's Presentation Speech on June 3, 1972, at Waterville, County Kerry:

In your travels this last week, you have seen many different aspects of this country. You have seen scenic Ireland with its incomparable beauty. You have fished and golfed in sporting

Ireland. You have listened to musical Ireland. In the address of the Chief Justice, you have heard about Ireland's place in history. In the address of Dr. Hillery, the Foreign Minister, you have heard about the determination of Irish Statesmen to lead this country into a United Europe and to find in a wise and responsible way a peaceful solution to the crisis in the North. In the industrial development and handsome new housing around Shannon Airport, you have caught a glimpse of a booming, go-ahead country with a rapid economic growth rate. In short, you have seen an Ireland in rapid transition from a rural past to a dynamic and creative present and future. In the last half century, and particularly in the last 20 years, Ireland has shaken off the crippling effects of military defeats and centuries of colonial bondage. A moment's reflection makes clear that there is intrinsically no good reason why Irish people, who have shown themselves in the United States of America to be keen businessmen and highly talented professionals in law, medicine, banking and other fields, could not put the same abilities to use in this country if only they had been given the opportunity.

Now that opportunity is theirs and they are making good use of it. The last generation and the younger generation of today are changing the face and spirit of Ireland.

But tragic though Ireland's history has been for several hundred years, there is also much in that heritage worth preserving and remembering—the music, the literature, the good talk, the traditions of neighborliness and hospitality which can make a visit to Ireland such a warm experience. No nation can cut itself off completely from its deepest roots and hope to flower.

The American Irish Foundation is dedicated to a two-fold task. We assist the new Ireland that is rapidly emerging. We have donated the teaching machines to Irish schools and helped finance pioneering programs in medical research and physical rehabilitation which Dr. Howard Rusk praised in our meeting at Dromoland Castle. The other half of our task is to rescue the usable past and to nurture Irish culture. That is why we have financed the publication of the first comprehensive, scholarly history of the nation, a vast scholarly enterprise now well advanced. That is why we support cultural projects like the Killarney Bach Festival. These scholarly and artistic undertakings are rarely, if ever, financially self-supporting. If there is not a foundation to subsidize them, they wither and die.

Ireland is famous for its literature. But in any country, the best writing often sells slowly in a writer's own lifetime. Yet literature is the indispensable memory of a people. To help the always hazardous enterprise of literature, the Foundation established the annual American Irish Foundation Literary Award.

Grants in Ireland

\$60,000—The Central Remedial Clinic, which offers a broad range of services to children and adults suffering from severe physical handicaps.

\$3,000—Killarney Bach Festival, a second grant to provide support for this program which won praise of audiences and critics.

\$6,000—The National Gallery for acquisitions of works for the American wing.

\$1,500—Extern Training Grant to assist two Irish extern students to improve medical skills in institutions in the United States.

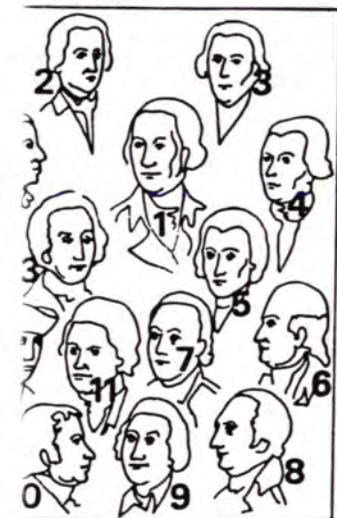
The Board of Directors also visited schools in Shannon and Limerick to which teaching equipment had been given last year, and the Royal Irish Academy in Dublin, which had received a grant of \$25,000 for its undertaking to provide an authoritative history of Ireland.

In addition to this, two important medical fellowships were established for Irish physicians. Dr. Howard Rusk, Director of the Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University Medical Center, announced that the Institute would provide a two-year fellowship in rehabilitation medicine. Mr. Patrick Frawley provided a fellowship in alcoholic rehabilitation education.

President Cosgrove also announced that \$70,000 in gifts had been received to support future projects of the Foundation.

SOME OF THE IRISH WITH WASHINGTON

In the American colonies' struggle for independence, citizens of many nations gave their support. In this painting are depicted some of the Irishmen who dedicated themselves to the cause of fighting for American liberty and freedom.



1. **George Washington.** The salient countenance in the painting, of course, is that of Gen. Washington, to whom the others were attracted by the magnetism of his leadership. This extraordinarily resourceful commander-in-chief, and first president, was gifted with the diplomatic talents to wield men of assorted nationalities and backgrounds into an effective military force. Washington led, pushed, prodded and buoyed his ragged, poorly-equipped forces into a viable combat organization that reshaped the course of world history. 2. **William Irvine** was born in Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. A surgeon by profession, after a period in the British Navy he set up practice in Carlisle, Pa. He was assigned command of the Pennsylvania regiment at Monmouth, N.J. and was later in command of Fort Pitt. 3. **Charles Thomson** was Secretary of the Continental Congress during the Revolution, and contributed to the original draft of the Declaration of Independence. Born in Co. Derry. 4. **Richard Butler** came from Dublin and set up as an Indian agent. He rose to the rank of Brigadier General in the Continental Army. After the war he returned to his Indian activities where he met his death. 5. **Matthew Thornton** from Limerick practiced medicine in Londonderry, N.H., before taking several important State posts. He sat in the Continental Congress and was the signatory for Pennsylvania of the Declaration of Independence. 6. **Edward Hand**, another medical man, practiced in Lancaster, Pa. Born in Co. Offaly, he rose to brevet Major General in the American Army and also sat in Congress. 7. **John Barry**, "father of the American Navy," is probably the most celebrated figure of all. He was born in Tacumshane, Co. Wexford. He it was who captured the tender "Edward"—the first seizure of a British warship by a regularly commissioned American cruiser. As a commodore he became renowned as a trainer of naval officers. 8. **John Shee** from Co. Meath commanded the Pennsylvania Line, one of the most effective combat outfits of the Revolutionary war. These troops came largely from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, and included a large number of Irish volunteers. 9. **Stephen Moylan** from Cork was Washington's secretary and aide-de-camp, and later Quartermaster General of the Continental Army. With his red waistcoat, buckskin breeches and bright green coat he brought a touch of color to the cavalry. 10. **James McHenry** from Ballymena, Co. Antrim, left his mark as surgeon, military man and political figure, and is commemorated by name in Fort McHenry at Baltimore. He served as secretary of war under both George Washington and John Adams. 11. **Thomas Lynch** (of Galway stock) was an attorney and planter in South Carolina. He was a member of the Second Continental Congress and was the youngest signatory to the Declaration. 12. **John Sullivan** who countersigned the Washington was the son of a Corkman. The first President once wrote of him that he had "a little tincture of vanity but along with it military genius." 13. **Charles Carroll** of Carrollton for Maryland. Grandson of a Co. Offaly O'Carroll, he acquired huge land holdings and was active in canal and road construction. He died in 1842, the last surviving signatory of the Declaration of Independence. 14. **Richard Montgomery** was slain in the assault on Quebec in December 1775. Initially fighting with the British against the French, he was converted to the American cause and led forces which captured Montreal. Montgomery County, Md., is named in his honor.

The portrait of Washington and thirteen of his senior officers or signers of the Declaration of Independence (by Lawrence O'Toole of Baltimore, Md.) was commissioned by Robert D. Stewart of New York and hangs today in the office of John P. Cosgrove, former president of the American Irish Foundation. It is reproduced by kind permission of Mr. Stewart, who is a great-great-great grandson of Brigadier General William Thompson.

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Cons:

- To the extent the proposal benefits producers at all, it comes at the expense of America's working families and potentially other government programs.
- OMB thinks it is unlikely that it could receive an "emergency designation" for the SPR purchase. Therefore, the \$420 million cost would have to be offset by cuts in other government programs.
- If the purchase has no effect on oil prices, some could argue we wasted \$420 million and did not help oil producers.
- If the purchase has an effect on prices, gas prices could increase by up to one cent per gallon. Thus, some may argue that this proposal is a "tax increase" on working families. And if prices increase, industries such as airlines, railroads, and utilities would complain because their input costs would rise. To the extent these industries pass through the increase in energy prices to consumers, American families will have to pay more for air travel, train travel, and their utility bills.
- The United States is a net importer of oil. This means that any oil price increase will raise the costs of American consumers by more than it benefits domestic producers. Oil exporting countries will gain from any price increase and the cost of U.S. oil imports will rise, increasing our trade deficit.
- Any increase in oil prices will tend to raise inflation and/or lower economic growth in the short run.
- The SPR currently exceeds the minimum amount recommended by some experts. But others recommend a higher level to maintain some import protection. The oil for the \$420 million SPR purchase would most likely come from large integrated oil companies or the Government of Mexico, not small independent producers.
- Some may argue that by providing insurance to this industry, we will attract additional claimants for government help whenever an industry experiences a temporary downturn.
- Oil prices are expected to rise on their own over the next several months; the future markets suggest that the price of oil will rise from \$14.20 per barrel today to about \$15.10 per barrel in three months and \$15.58 per barrel in six months. —
- If energy prices rise in the next several months as expected and we make an announcement today that we are buying oil, we may get the blame for the higher future oil prices.

Recommendations:

The NEC, Treasury, CEA, and OMB are strongly opposed to Senator Bingaman's proposal. There is unanimous agreement that this is a lose-lose proposal for the American people. First, to the extent that it succeeded in raising the price of oil at all, the costs of the policy would be borne at home, while the benefits would be substantially enjoyed abroad. Second, to the extent oil prices rise, it would hurt *all* American consumers, while helping only a few oil producers. Third, if oil prices do not rise, we spent \$420 million of taxpayer money and did not help oil producers. Therefore, your economic team is very concerned that this policy would be viewed as a gimmick and a step backward from our solid record of responsible economic policy-making.

Energy supports Bingaman's proposal -- if it receives an emergency designation -- because it would expand our oil insurance policy at a relatively low price. Without the emergency designation, though, Energy would not support Bingaman's proposal.

OMB is very concerned about the proposed "emergency designation" because it does not believe there is a compelling rationale for it. Your administration has traditionally reserved emergency designations for exceptional one-time events, such as natural disasters and foreign conflicts. Using an emergency designation for this purpose could create an undesirable precedent for other claimants whenever industries experience downturns. Some have suggested that this oil purchase would be analogous to the Administration's emergency designation of assistance for American farmers. OMB believes this is not an appropriate comparison because the agriculture proposal was primarily driven by severe weather-related impacts on agriculture, not normal price fluctuations in the market. Moreover, if this were designated as an emergency, we could end up hurting our chances at the end of this fiscal year to get needed emergency funds for Y2K and Bosnia.

Finally, your economic team is concerned that if this proposal were not scored as an emergency, we would have to come up with \$420 million in offsets. And, even if it were scored as one -- contrary to OMB's opinion -- some may argue that we are spending the surplus and abandoning our "Save Social Security First" pledge.

- _____ Support Bingaman Proposal to Purchase Oil for Strategic Oil Reserves
- _____ Oppose Bingaman Proposal (RECOMMENDED) _____
- _____ Discuss

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- The SPR currently exceeds the minimum amount recommended by some experts. But others recommend a higher level to maintain some import protection. The oil for the \$420 million SPR purchase would most likely come from large integrated oil companies or the Government of Mexico, not small independent producers.
- Some may argue that by providing insurance to this industry, we will attract additional claimants for government help whenever an industry experiences a temporary downturn.
- Oil prices are expected to rise on their own over the next several months; the future markets suggest that the price of oil will rise from \$14.20 per barrel today to about \$15.10 per barrel in three months and \$15.58 per barrel in six months.
- If energy prices rise in the next several months as expected and we make an announcement today that we are buying oil, we may get the blame for the higher future oil prices.

Recommendations:

The NEC, Treasury, CEA, and OMB are strongly opposed to Senator Bingaman's proposal. There is unanimous agreement that this is a lose-lose proposal for the American people. First, to the extent that it succeeded in raising the price of oil at all, the costs of the policy would be borne at home, while the benefits would be substantially enjoyed abroad. Second, to the extent oil prices rise, it would hurt *all* American consumers, while helping only a few oil producers. Third, if oil prices do not rise, we spent \$420 million of taxpayer money and did not help oil producers. Therefore, your economic team is very concerned that this policy would be viewed as a gimmick and a step backward from our solid record of responsible economic policy-making.

Energy supports Bingaman's proposal -- if it receives an emergency designation -- because it would expand our oil insurance policy at a relatively low price. Without the emergency designation, though, Energy would not support Bingaman's proposal.

OMB is very concerned about the proposed "emergency designation" because it does not believe there is a compelling rationale for it. Your administration has traditionally reserved emergency designations for exceptional one-time events, such as natural disasters and foreign conflicts. Using an emergency designation for this purpose could create an undesirable precedent for other claimants whenever industries experience downturns. Some have suggested that this oil purchase would be analogous to the Administration's emergency designation of assistance for American farmers. OMB believes this is not an appropriate comparison because the agriculture proposal was primarily driven by severe weather-related impacts on agriculture, not normal price fluctuations in the market. Moreover, if this were designated as an emergency, we could end up hurting our chances at the end of this fiscal year to get needed emergency funds for Y2K and Bosnia.

Finally, your economic team is concerned that if this proposal were not scored as an emergency, we would have to come up with \$420 million in offsets. And, even if it were scored as one -- contrary to OMB's opinion -- some may argue that we are spending the surplus and abandoning our "Save Social Security First" pledge.

- _____ Support Bingaman Proposal to Purchase Oil for Strategic Oil Reserves
- _____ Oppose Bingaman Proposal (RECOMMENDED)
- _____ Discuss