

In addition, we are now learning that these files may have contained IRS information about the individuals, and if we go back to the post-Watergate era, we know that this Congress passed laws to protect that from happening again. There are, indeed, some Members left in this Congress from the post-Watergate era and certainly to them the actions which they took to try to protect the rights of the American people from having their very sensitive and secret tax files made available for political reasons needs to be investigated.

The chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means has suggested that felonies may have occurred in the handling of these files at the White House, and I think we have every right to look into that. We know that there is no good reason that anyone at the White House has any need to be involved and looking through the files, the IRS files, of people who may need entrance or clearance to visit the White House. No one, I would repeat, no one, is authorized to look at taxpayers' files and they should not at the White House think they have that right.

Now, I believe that Attorney General Reno, and I commend her for seeking someone outside of her department to investigate themselves in this matter, but that is a pretty shrewd move politically also, because Ms. Reno knows that once Mr. Starr is authorized to look into this matter, that that will probably prevent this Congress from holding hearings, this Congress from calling Mr. Livingstone up here and answering to us what his actions were about.

Initially, I think that Ms. Reno's efforts to broaden the inquiry were well received, but I am not sure that the American people or that any of us ought to sleep very comfortably knowing that we are going to be frozen out of the process of looking into this matter.

WE MUST FIND A WAY TO REDUCE THE POLARIZATION AND RACIAL CONFLICT IN OUR SOCIETY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia [Ms. NORTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, this House was so shocked by church burnings in recent weeks that it last week passed a bill to add to Federal law enforcement authority, and I want to commend the gentleman from Illinois, Chairman HYDE, and the gentleman from Michigan, ranking member CONYERS, of the Committee on the Judiciary, for the leadership they took and also Chairman CONYERS for the Congressional Black Caucus hearing that shed additional light on this matter, including the need for prevention.

In my years as a youngster in the civil rights movement, I never saw this kind of systematic racist church burning. This House's response does it

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honor. A few high-profile prosecutions are now in order, but, Mr. Speaker, I have come to the floor because I want something more.

Martin Luther King would have wanted us to use his life amidst the polarization and balkanization that has contributed to these burnings. I come to the floor to call the House's attention to two events and to two people, both youngsters, who deserve the notice of this House. One is Billy Shawn Baxley, a 17-year-old white youngster who has confessed to burning a church; and the other is Keshia Thomas, an 18-year-old black girl who saved a pro-Klan white man at an anti-Klan rally a few days ago. Both are reported in the papers, and I know nothing more than what the papers tell me, but the Nation ought to know more.

In the small rural community of East Howellville, NC, Billy Shawn Baxley, 17 years old, burned the church across the road from him, and he confessed on television. People in the community said, well, he did not know what he was doing, he is only a kid. The State's attorney said he was not willing to concede that race was not involved. The youngster could have burned a McDonald's; he burned a church. But the response of the two churches involved is what deserves special notice, and I want to tell it unvarnished by reading from the New York Times.

He confessed to it in a televised interview. On Thursday night the teenager and about 12 members of his white church, Zion Tabernacle Baptist Church, joined about eight members of the Pleasant Hill congregation for bible study at the church that Mr. Baxley is accused of setting ablaze. After an hour of singing and scripture, the group stood in front of the pews, held hands and prayed. Mr. Baxley wiped a tear from his eye after prayer, and several members of both congregations hugged him and said they forgave him.

This is a story out of these tragic racial burnings that deserves the mention and the notice of Americans throughout this country. It is in the tradition of Martin Luther King. It reminds us that after the prosecutions are over, we are still one people, and we have to find a way to reduce the polarization and the racial conflict in this society.

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Then perhaps you saw this picture; this young woman was interviewed on television last night. Keshia Thomas was a protester against the Ku Klux Klan at a Klan rally. There a white man who had a Confederate flag on his jacket and who appeared to support the Klansmen came forward. The crowd lunged at him and started to beat him. It looked as though they might beat him to death.

This is 18-year-old girl did what Martin Luther King told us must be done, except she was not here when he lived or when he died. Her instinctive decency was such that she threw herself on the racist white men and fended off those who were beating him. Finally, taking blows herself, they moved back

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She was no admirer of this man, but she was a decent human being. She said, and I quote her, "Just because you beat somebody doesn't mean you are going change his mind." She has not had time to develop a very deep philosophy, but what she is is a decent black girl who happens to be a decent American.

These two youngsters, the 17-year-old who could not hold the crime in himself and confessed on television and the 18-year-old black girl who could not bear to see a man beat to death because of his views, these are the heroes of this ordeal. These are the people who have learned from it.

STEAL AMERICAN TECHNOLOGIES ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOLEY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from California [Mr. ROHRBACHER] is recognized during morning business for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to associate myself with the remarks that we just heard from my colleague from Washington, DC. I thought they were articulate. I thought they were from the heart. I think they speak to every American that we should be standing together for those principles of decency and honor and love that should be the basis of the relationship between free people. Let us hope that there will not be racists that need to be protected and that we do not have to protect ourselves from church burnings and crowds because that will be excoriated from the hearts of every American. That should not be there in the first place. I thought those remarks were something to touch the hearts of all of us and help that process and make for all of us a better country.

Today we need to stand together as never before as Americans, whether it is black or white or yellow or whatever race or ethnic background, because America is under attack as never before. We went through the cold war and we stood together. Now we are facing a world of economic competition. Our national well-being and the rights of the American people are under attack in a more insidious way.

There will be a bill that will reach this floor shortly after the 4th of July called H.R. 3460. It is the Moorhead-Schroeder Act. I like to call it the Steal American Technologies Act because it will, if passed, result in the greatest rip-off of American technology in the history of this country and leave our people with a declining standard of living. They will never know what hit them because the fundamental rules that have provided us our technological superiority over our economic adversaries and, yes, over our military adversaries is being changed to the detriment of the United States.

Again, most Americans will not understand what hit them. Even today it