

Since 1989, Ambassador Walker has served as Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. Prior to this, he served in several positions with the Department of State including Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian Affairs, 1988–89; Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1985–88; participant in the senior training program at the Royal College of Defense Studies in London, 1984–85; executive assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State, 1982–84; special assistant to the Assistant

Secretary of State for Near East and South Asia Bureau, 1981–82; and special assistant to the Personal Representative of the President for Middle East Negotiations, 1979–81.

Ambassador Walker graduated from Hamilton College (B.A., 1963) and Boston University (M.A., 1965). He was born June 13, 1940, in Abington, PA. He served in the U.S. Army, 1962–65. Ambassador Walker is married, has two children, and resides in Severna Park, MD.

Nomination of Roland Karl Kuchel To Be United States Ambassador to Haiti

August 4, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Roland Karl Kuchel, of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Haiti. He would succeed Alvin P. Adams, Jr.

Mr. Kuchel currently serves as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Personnel at the Department of State. Prior to this, he served in several positions at the State Department including Chief of the Senior Officer Division in the Office of Career Development and Assignments, Bureau of Personnel, 1990–91; Deputy

Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden, 1986–90; Deputy Director and then Director of the Office of East European and Yugoslav Affairs, 1983–86; Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Budapest, Hungary, 1980–83; and Deputy Chief of the Political Section at the American Embassy in Rome, Italy, 1976–80.

Mr. Kuchel graduated from Princeton University (A.B., 1961). He was born March 5, 1939, in Salem, MA. Mr. Kuchel is married, has three children, and resides in Washington, DC.

Nomination of Robert E. Wallace To Be an Assistant Secretary of Labor

August 4, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate Robert E. Wallace, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training. He would succeed Thomas E. Collins III.

Since 1991, Mr. Wallace has served as the commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Prior to this, he served as senior vice commander in chief in 1990

and junior vice commander in chief in 1989. In addition, Mr. Wallace was appointed by Gov. Thomas Kean to the position of deputy commissioner and administrator for veterans affairs in New Jersey, 1988–90.

Mr. Wallace graduated from Rutgers University (B.S., 1976) and Fairleigh Dickinson University (M.A., 1978). Mr. Wallace served in the U.S. Marine Corps, 1967–69, and was

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the recipient of three Purple Hearts. He was born June 28, 1948. Mr. Wallace is married, has one child, and resides in Milton, NJ.

Remarks to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Convention in New York City

August 5, 1992

Thank you very, very much for that warm welcome. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Please be seated, and thank you all. May I salute Virgil Dechant, my friend of long standing, and thank him for that most generous welcome here. Your Eminence, Cardinal O'Connor, it is a great pleasure, an honor, sir, to see you again. May I salute Cardinal Baum, Cardinal Gagnon, Bishop Daily; another old friend, Ambassador Tom Melady, who is doing a superb job for our country, representing us at the Vatican; and the clergy and ladies and gentlemen. May I salute a man who used to be—whose house made him a neighbor, Archbishop Cacciavillan, from Washington, the Nuncio there, a good man, a good friend. Nice to see you. I'm glad you're here, sir.

I have only one regret, Virgil. My timing was such that I did not hear the fitting and warm and wonderful ovation that you gave Mother Teresa yesterday. I understand it was really fantastic.

A report came across my desk the other day. It stated that most people in the Western world "felt exceedingly gloomy about the future." It said that "institutions were decaying, well-meaning people were growing cynical." These are exact quotes.

My first thought was that's what happens when people spend too much time watching the evening news. [Laughter] I'm going to pay for that one tonight on that first 20 seconds. [Laughter] Just kidding, Dan. [Laughter]

No, but what I was reading was not a report about 1992. It was a history of public attitudes in Europe in 1492. Public moods are prone to change, of course. We know that the gloom of 1492 was not to last for long. It was dispelled by the achievement of a man of humble birth, a man of vision, of courage, a man named Christopher Columbus.

Now, I know that every speaker comes before you and says they identify with Columbus. But I really mean it. Think about it. The guy was faced with questions at home about whether his global efforts were worth a darn. Some critics wanted him to cut his voyage short. He even faced the threat of mutiny. [Laughter] And yet Columbus persevered and won; not a bad analogy in my view. So I know this isn't political. [Laughter] Now, I admit, Columbus also had to worry at the time about a lack of wind. I don't have that problem with Congress. [Laughter]

This year, as in Columbus' time, we hear a lot of talk about change. Sure, change is natural. But maybe a better word for the United States of America is renewal because the changes we need must be based on principles that never change.

I think my parents were like yours: They brought me up to understand that our fundamental moral standards were established by Almighty God. They taught me that if you have something for yourself, you should give half to a friend. They taught me to take the blame when things go wrong and share the credit when things go right. These ideas were supported by society.

Only recently—His Eminence and I were talking about, not in this detail, but talking about this subject just a few minutes ago—only recently in America have we seen the rise of legal theories and practices that reject our Judeo-Christian tradition. Cardinal O'Connor eloquently describes this as an "invasion of values." It's a deeply disturbing trend, and it is diametrically opposed to my idea of the kind of change that's good for our great country.

Last month, just 12 blocks from here, there was another convention. Now, I was very lucky, I did not—and this is the honest truth—I didn't hear any of the speeches. I