

competition if we insist on having an open but fair trading system. We can move into the future. And we have to do it by working together.

More than any other institution in the United States of America today, the promise of technology with a bright future for all Americans is embodied by the way the community colleges work. I want America to work that way, and I want every one of you to remember what that 70-year-old man in Woodland, Washington, said to me: "That's the way we ought to behave

all the time." And if we do, there is no limit to America's future.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:13 p.m. in the gymnasium at Shoreline Community College. In his remarks, he referred to Monica Walker, student, and Gary Oertli, president, Shoreline Community College; Mayor Norman Rice of Seattle; and Gov. Mike Lowry of Washington.

## Statement on the Terrorist Attacks in Israel

*February 25, 1996*

On behalf of all Americans, I want to extend my deepest sympathy and condolences to Prime Minister Peres and the people of Israel. Our prayers are with them at this terrible moment, especially the families and friends of those killed and wounded in Jerusalem and Ashkelon.

These brutal acts of terror, which once again have taken the lives of innocent Israelis and at least one American citizen, offend the conscience of the world. They must not only be condemned; they must be brought to an end. The enemies of peace have once more at-

tempted to turn back progress toward a new Middle East in which Arabs and Israelis may live in peace. But they have not and will not succeed. Their dark vision is of the past, not the present; of violence, not hope for a better future.

At this tragic moment, the U.S. stands alongside Israel and with all the peacemakers, as together we continue our work for a comprehensive and lasting settlement for all the peoples of the Middle East.

## Statement on the Peace Vigil in Northern Ireland

*February 25, 1996*

Today, I join the people of Northern Ireland as you gather together in a mass vigil for peace. From where I stood last November in Belfast, to cities on both sides of the Atlantic, citizens are standing up for an end to violence and for the right of the people of Northern Ireland to a normal life.

The bombs that shattered the cease-fire and murdered and maimed innocent people in London must not be the path of the future. As today's outpouring of support underscores, the people want peace. They deserve peace, and

we must all work to help them achieve this goal. Those who seek to use violence and terror should hear the voices of today's vigil being conducted across our lands: no to violence, yes to peace.

The United States continues to work with the Irish and British Governments and the parties to help the people of Northern Ireland achieve that goal. I commend all those who are standing today for peace. My hopes and prayers are with you in that effort.