

The cell has never been heated, and I have been continuously starved. Mircea Sengur has not allowed anybody to help me. Not even the Red Cross has been allowed to visit.

I will resist as long as God will keep me alive.—Ilie Ilascu, September 25, 1994.

APPEAL

To the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, European Commission on Human Rights, the Committee on Relations With European Non-Member Countries

The present Appeal is a document adopted at a protest meeting, held on January 20, 1995 in Chisinau (Moldova), which was attended by over 400 people representing 29 educational, research and cultural institutions.

We, the participants to the meeting, fully support the efforts directed at obtaining Republic of Moldova's membership in the Council of Europe, since, to our strong belief, this prestigious international body can give some additional guarantees to the irreversibility of democratic changes that occurred in our society during the last years.

It's precisely the concern for the fate of democratic gains of 1989-90 that made the people gather at this meeting.

The issue under discussion might seem pretty insignificant to anyone but those who know how skillfully and hypocritically it had been manipulated by the totalitarian regime. It deals with the term "Moldovan language"—a term invented by Stalin for the sake of building a "Berlin wall" between it and Rumanian language, and culture in general (for this purpose "Moldovan language" was even given the Russian alphabet). That proved to be one of the most powerful instruments of uprooting the ethnic identity of the Rumanian population of Bessarabia and of depriving it of its cultural values. The most progressive and honest scientists from both the Republic of Moldova and Russia could never accepted this falsehood.

That is why the issues of language and its alphabet have become pivots in the general democratic demands of 1989. As a result, the Academy of Sciences officially recognized—and the first democratic Parliament confirmed—that there is only one literary Eastern Romance language—Rumanian, Moldovan being just one of its sub-dialects (spoken also in Rumanian Moldova). In the general bliss of those years it seemed that there is no way back to the old political manipulations.

In this context one can understand the frustration related to the return of the false term "Moldovan language", a term the actual majority party succeeded to introduce in the Constitution (Article 13.1). By the way, the Academy, when consulted by the Parliament on the issue, reaffirmed its previous opinion and was thus ignored by the latter.

Things wouldn't be so dramatic, if people didn't know what the implications of this "minor" untruth would be to the study of history, literature, etc., but most of all to the MORALITY of the whole society. This would mean another spiritual isolation, i.e. our further distancing from the ideals of European integration.

Even more troublesome is the direct pressure on behalf of the Government upon the teaching staff of the educational institutions not to use the term Rumanian language. Threats are already being heard towards those specialists who do not accept the linguistic and historical untruth. Teachers feel humiliated by the fact that, after they have enjoyed the freedom of telling the truth, they are forced to perpetuate old propagandistic lies and find it immoral.

We, the participants to the meeting, protest against the above mentioned facts, qualifying them as violations of our human and professional rights. These are also violations of the students' right to education in their native literary language (and not just a sub-dialect of it), on the basis of scientific truth.

We also express our protest against the inaccessibility of state radio and TV (the only ones in Moldova) not only to the opposition parties, but also to the researchers, teachers, university professors that have different opinions from those stated officially.

We appeal to the high authority of the Council of Europe for support in the hope that it will not disregard these cases of encroachment on our professional liberty and human dignity.

Anticipating the membership of the Republic of Moldova in the Council of Europe, we are eager to work towards the democratization of our society and towards achieving the noble goals of this European forum.

With our highest consideration,

Timofei Melnic, Chief of the Department of Rumanian Literature, State University, Chairman of the Meeting.

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HONORING SAMUEL BEA, JR.

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 12, 1995

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a long-time community leader and activist, Samuel Bea, Jr., is retiring as district manager of Community Board No. 12 in the Bronx after serving 18 years in the post.

Sam's commitment to the residents of the Northeast Bronx cannot be matched. He brought to the position of district manager exceptional management skills and knowledge of people and issues which were the key to his many successes in trying to improve the quality of life for his constituents.

His past experience includes serving as director of Community Services, Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc., executive director, Mount Vernon Community Action Group, project administrator, Harlem Hospital Comprehensive Alcoholism Program, deputy executive, associate director, OJT director, Urban League of Westchester, manpower coordinator, Yonkers, NY, and director, Neighborhood Youth Corps, Greensburg, NY.

Everything that Sam Bea has done in his professional life has been devoted toward helping people. And though he retires from being district manager, I am sure his commitment to helping people will continue.

I join with Sam's family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him the best in the years ahead and thank him for all he has done.

DANVILLE ROTARY HONORED ON
75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 12, 1995

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Rotary Club of Danville, PA which is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding. I am pleased to have been invited to participate in the anniversary dinner on May 13 and to have this opportunity to bring the history of the club to the attention of my colleagues.

Founded in 1905, by Paul Harris in Chicago, the Rotary has been an institution in America ever since. The first Rotary meeting consisted of Paul Harris and three other businessmen. Out of that meeting came the idea to form a men's club representing local business and the professions. Weekly meetings were held, in turn, at each member's place of business. This is how the organization came to be called Rotary.

The purpose as defined by its founder was to undertake civic functions of value to the community. Mr. Harris was successful in his endeavor. Now known as Rotary International, the organization has grown to more than 25,000 clubs, in 172 countries, with membership well over a million and a quarter. In 1988, Rotary opened its membership to women.

Fifteen years after Paul Harris founded Rotary, the Danville Rotary Club was organized and given its charter, No. 651. This club has served the community with dedication ever since. The club boasts three District Governors from its ranks from 1938 to 1993. The club joined with Bloomsburg and Berwick to found the Columbia-Montour Boy Scout Council in 1924. Boy Scout Camp Lavigne was named in honor of Jack Lavigne, a charter member of the Danville Rotary.

Over the years, the club has sponsored a children's clinic, the student exchange program, Cub Pack 36, Crop Walk, Danville Community Center, Thomas Beaver Library, Edith Buckley Brown A.L.S. Foundation at Geisinger Medical Center, to name just a few of the club's beneficiaries. "Service Above Self", the motto of Rotary International, is the tradition of the Danville Club.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of the strong and active influence of the Danville Rotary throughout my District. I am especially pleased to join with the Danville community in congratulating Danville Rotary on its 75th anniversary. We thank you for your dedication to your community, and for helping make Rotary synonymous with service.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY HUDSON AND
NANCY KNOBLE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 12, 1995

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two brave and very dedicated women, Nancy Hudson and Nancy Knoble, who are deserving of special congressional recognition for their efforts to call international attention to the battle against breast cancer. They are very

positive role models for other women faced with this same situation.

The two Nancy's recently participated in a successful climbing expedition of the 23,085-foot Mount Aconcagua in Argentina in which 16 breast cancer survivors took part. They should be commended for their participation in this novel effort, organized by Breast Cancer Fund of San Francisco, to raise money for research and treatment of breast cancer. The two were recently recognized by the White House for their efforts during the Clinton administration's Medicare Mammography Awareness Campaign. I know that their enthusiastic response to fighting this disease in such an active manner helps to motivate others to redouble their efforts against this deadly disease, as well as the example they set and hope they give to other cancer survivors.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to Nancy and Nancy for their extraordinary efforts. I am very proud to be representing these two remarkable women in Congress. I extend my heartfelt congratulations and deep appreciation to Nancy Hudson and Nancy Knoble for their tremendous achievements.

A TRIBUTE TO JERALD R.
BUTCHERT

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 12, 1995

Mr. DOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jerald R. Butchert, a personal friend of mine and a man who has worked tirelessly to make the San Joaquin Valley the most fertile agricultural land on Earth. Jerry is retiring May 31 as general manager of the Westlands Water District.

For the past 18 years, Jerry has been general manager of the Nation's largest agricultural water district, a district which approximately equals the State of Rhode Island in area.

Jerry has built a career on the prudent management of water, and has helped build Westlands into one of the most impressive water-delivery systems in the world.

Jerry was a key participant in the negotiations that led to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, legislation which forever changed the face of the Westlands' farming operations, and created new opportunities for young landowners and farmers. He also led the district's ongoing negotiations with the Federal Government on the need for adequate drainage service.

More recently, Jerry was active in discussions that led to the historic Bay-Delta agreement, an agreement that helped bring stability to the Delta and to California's agricultural water supply. He is currently playing an important role in efforts to reform the 1992 Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

A civil engineering graduate of Fresno State College, Jerry began his career as an engineer for the Fresno Irrigation District. He later served as the executive officer of the Eel River Water Council, and as the legislative representative in Washington, DC for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

He has continued to be active in water organizations throughout his career, serving as a

director of the National Water Resources Association, the Central Valley Project Water Association, and the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority. He is a member of the Drainage Oversight Committee of the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program, the Association of California Water Agencies, and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Jerry and his wife, Carrie Lou, have four children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry Butchert has a long record of achievement in his career. He has earned our honor and respect in his retirement. Mr. Speaker, please join me and my colleagues in recognizing by good friend Jerry Butchert.

THE RIGHT TO LIFE ACT OF 1995

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 12, 1995

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to introduce the Right to Life Act of 1995 because I must do what I can for our society to instill respect for human life and stop the current culture of death. The Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* laid out the blueprint for this legislation. It is simple, reasonable, and just, and provides that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at fertilization.

We Members of the House know that for each of the past 22 years following *Roe v. Wade*, an estimated 1,500,000 preborn children have been institutionally killed throughout Federal enclaves and the States. More than 33,000,000 innocents have been slaughtered, pregnant mothers traumatized, and fathers denied paternity. As would be expected from this loss of respect for the value of dignity of human life, euthanasia followed the soaring abortion rate. And then street violence invaded the lives of all Americans at a frightening pace.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I must ask America: "How did this tragedy occur in our beautiful Land of the Free?" Well, in a word, apathy. We took it for granted that America was good and just. But, evil worked from within, and persuaded our Supreme Court to make catastrophic errors of judgment, fact and law in *Roe v. Wade*, by which the Court authorized the killing of innocents. It is the same evil which we suffered when society permitted the personhood of a slave to be less than the personhood of a slave owner. Now the right to life of a preborn person is less, according to the Court, than that of a born child.

The Right to Life Act confronts and overcomes the abortion plague spawned by *Roe v. Wade*. It assures that we will no longer violate the basic human right to life. We will provide equal care and protection for the right to life for both a pregnant mother and her preborn child.

As an American, I cannot live side-by-side with abortion and euthanasia as if it were not evil to kill a baby or the aged or sick. As a public official, I cannot sit by as if America cannot stop notorious violations of human rights in our country.

For centuries, America was held hostage to the great controversy over the absolute evil of slavery. Now, for 22 years too long, America

has been held hostage in this great controversy and conflict over the absolute evil of abortion.

Where are the bodies of the 4,000 or more problem preborn babies intentionally killed each day in America? The press and media show us photos of starving children in foreign lands and urge us to get food to the hungry. We say the dead and barely alive victims of Hitler's death camps which sickened us 50 years ago. Today we still remember and memorialize the worst evils of World War II.

No longer should there be a cover-up of the death of even one preborn baby. We must look squarely at the abortion tragedy and pray that America will be moved finally with reason and compassion to save preborn babies, their mothers and fathers, and our society.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 16TH
DISTRICT STUDENT CONGRES-
SIONAL COUNCIL

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 12, 1995

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, every year I sponsor a student congressional council in the 16th District of Ohio. High school students are selected to participate and are assigned issues of national importance to research and debate. This year the students were told to formulate their own "Contract With America."

The students spent many weeks researching and discussing the annual topic. They conclude the project by holding a mock Congress. On this final day the students debate and vote on their contract proposals.

The students considered over 30 pieces of legislation. I am proud to insert the following proposals which passed their student legislation into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

The participating high schools are: Alliance, Central Catholic, Glen Oak, Fairless, Fredericktown, Hillsdale, Hoover, Louisville, Marlinton, Minerva, Northwestern, R.G. Drage, Tuslaw, and West Holmes.

WELFARE REFORM

It is clear that the current welfare system is slowly destroying the very fabric of our society. The current system encourages both irresponsible behavior and fraud. In an attempt to save the American society by strengthening the American family, encouraging responsibility, and eliminating unnecessary illegal behavior, I urge the passing of this bill.

A bill to establish guidelines for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.

In order to qualify for and receive Aid to Families payments all applicants and recipients must be at least 18 years of age, a legal citizen of the United States, and either possess a high school diploma, have passed the Graduation Equivalency Test, or currently be enrolled in a course of study leading to a GED test.

All applicants or recipients whom the State determines to be addicted to alcohol or any type of drug shall be required to participate in and successfully complete an addiction treatment program. Those applicants and recipients whom the State determines to be addicted to alcohol or any type of drug shall also be subject to random alcohol and/or drug testing.

All guardians of children whose parent(s) are currently incarcerated shall continue to