

friend—and why I appreciate his strong support for the veterans of our Nation.●

PAST POLITENESS

Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, Colbert King, a member of the editorial page staff of the Washington Post, recently wrote an op-ed piece about a group of young people who are meeting to establish greater understanding.

It may seem like a small thing to many people, but it is precisely what needs to happen in our country.

I remember many years ago speaking to the Hillel Foundation at the University of Illinois. This is the Jewish student organization there.

It was an anniversary of some sort, and I suggested, among other things, that since at the University of Illinois there were people of both Jewish and Arab backgrounds that a few students getting together regularly might really contribute something. One of the students present said that would be meaningless but, interestingly, a few of the students got together and, for at least a short period of time, held some regular meetings between American Jews, Israeli Jews, and students from Arab countries. These were simply informal discussions long before President Sadat made his dramatic visit to the Knesset in Israel.

I wish I could report to you that something dramatic came out of these student meetings. I do not know that anything came out of them, other than one extremely important thing—greater understanding.

We are in a world that needs that, and I would like more people to read the op-ed by Colbert King, which I ask to be printed in the RECORD.

The op-ed follows:

[From the Washington Post, Dec. 2, 1995]

PAST POLITENESS AND INTO HONESTY

(By Colbert I. King)

While countless adults have been living out the year clenching their teeth by day and hyperventilating at home by night over one racially tinged issue or another, a small group of youngsters have been quietly making sure they don't end up leading the same kind of lives. Seventeen area high school students—nine African American and eight Jewish—have been meeting since January to build a future in which their generation will live without alienation and bitterness. What they have achieved in 12 months should put us to shame.

In a town that worships influence and power, these young people have neither. But when it comes to tolerance, trust, and having friendships that cut across racial and religious lines, they're up there with the best of their elders. Not that they started out that way.

When they joined the first class of Operation Understanding, D.C.—a fledgling non-profit organization out to revive the historical relationship between Jews and African Americans through young people—many carried the same heavy baggage that adults well into their autumn years still lug around. To be sure, they were bright, curious, committed to their community, and loaded with leadership potential—all the things Operation Understanding, D.C., was seeking. But

they also tracked in a fair amount of ignorance, suspicion and prejudice—some of which they acted out through words and song during an Operation Understanding reception for parents and guests a few weeks ago. A small sample:

Jamie: "I know what it means to be black. How come it seems that the Jews don't know what it means to be Jewish in America?"

Andrew S.: "How come blacks are so lazy? And how come so many are on welfare?"

Johnathan: "Isn't there a Jewish Yellow Pages where they can use their own lawyers and doctors and accountants and only go to stores owned by Jews?"

Emily: "Why are black men so scary?"

Atiba: "How come Jews have all that money? They live the good life. How'd they get all that money anyway?"

Mimi: "How come blacks are such great dancers?"

You get the picture: mistrust, misconceptions, misunderstanding. These youngsters stand out, however, because they chose not to remain smug and comfortable with their hangups. They began meeting several times a month to get to know one another, to talk about each other's culture and history, to learn more about their own. They didn't do it through touchy-feely gab sessions. They got into each other's lives.

They went to Daniela's sister's bat mitzvah; it was Tiba's first time in a synagogue. Mimi went to Tiba's church on Palm Sunday—her first time in a black church. Everyone went to Muhammad's mosque in March.

They called on Capitol Hill and heard D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton and other black and Jewish members of Congress discuss how they coalesced on legislation. They met with a range of local speakers—as a sign they were long-suffering and up for just about anything, they even endured part of an evening with me. But they also got out of Washington and into communities that would give them a deeper understanding of African American and Jewish cultures and collaborative history.

Before their trip, however, they made a Shabbat dinner together. As youngsters of the '90s, they did it their way: a soul food Shabbat—fully equipped with fried chicken, biscuits, greens, sweet potatoes, and challah, backed by lit candles, recitation of the Motzi and prayer over the wine. What can I say?

And off they went to Crown Heights in Brooklyn—both the Lubavitcher and African American sides—Ellis Island and the Jewish Museum, and places that resonate with civil rights history such as Selma, Montgomery, Birmingham and Charleston.

They had hoped to go to Sengal and Israel, but despite the plate-passing at black churches and donations from foundations, corporations, congregations and individuals, they couldn't raise enough money. Maybe next year in Jerusalem and Dakar.

But a lot was learned at home. Jamie could hardly believe what he heard from Holocaust survivors in Atlanta and New Orleans. The visit to the Charleston plantation made Simone cry uncontrollably. "It was as if all the slaves who lived there came to me all at once," she said. They walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and spontaneously began singing "We Shall Overcome."

The Class of 1995 ends in April; a new group of high school juniors begins next month. Class No. 1 still meets monthly, but unlike most of us older folks, they're long past being polite with each other; now they're just honest. That's because after all they've gone through, they know respect and trust each other.

Black nationalists and Jewish chauvinists out there, have no fear: Operation Understanding is a life-changing experience, but racial and religious identities don't get lost.

If anything, these young people now have a stronger sense of themselves and their own history. They cherish both their similarities and differences. It's America's cultural and racial divides they will abide no longer. And no one's going to tell them who can be their friend. These are strong kids. They even think they can change the world.

This is what Operation Understanding's kinetic (no other word for it) president, Karen Kalish, hoped to achieve when she started the D.C. program. The idea came from United Negro College Fund president and former U.S. representative William Gray III; who started Operation Understanding in Philadelphia with George Ross of the American Jewish Committee 10 years ago. The Class of 1995 is the new generation of bridge builders they had in mind.

As the program ended, Jessica, who is Jewish, began singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." She was joined by the group—as the eyes of many African American parents and guests began to glisten. Then Bridgette, an African American, began "Oseh Shalom"—and Jewish eyes were full. Those tears tell us a lot about our times.

Schmaltzy? Perhaps. But maybe if a few more Operation Understandings had been at work around the globe long ago, President Clinton wouldn't have had to visit Belfast this week, and 20,000 American troops wouldn't be gearing up for Bosnia. We're leaving our youth a pretty scratchy world. But rest assured, as far as Operation Understanding's graduates are concerned, America is going to be okay in their hands.●

RETIREMENT OF JULIAN GRAYSON

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, Julian Grayson has retired from service to the Senate. He worked here longer than most of us ever will, and, unlike many of us, he is universally admired and appreciated.

Mr. Grayson was a waiter for the Senate restaurants, and worked on the caucus lunches as well as in the Senators' private dining room. He started here in 1950, but left in 1964 to devote his full time to the Methodist ministry. After a successful career in that calling, he returned to the Senate in 1983 at age 67.

He is a man of great dignity and spirit, and all of us who are fortunate enough to know him know that he is a man of many parts. I will miss our frequent conversations, and hope that he will, too.●

SENATE QUARTERLY MAIL COSTS

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, in accordance with section 318 of Public Law 101-520 as amended by Public Law 103-283, I am submitting the frank mail allocations made to each Senator from the appropriation for official mail expenses and a summary tabulation of Senate mass mail costs for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 1995 to be printed in the RECORD. The fourth quarter of fiscal year 1995 covers the period of July 1, 1995, through September 30, 1995. The official mail allocations are available for frank mail costs, as stipulated in Public Law 103-283, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1995.

The material follows:

SENATE QUARTERLY MASS MAIL VOLUMES AND COSTS
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPT. 30, 1995

Senators	Total pieces	Pieces per cap- ita	Total cost	Cost per capita	FY 95 Of- ficial Mail Allocation
Abraham	0	0.00000	\$0.00	\$0.00000	\$140,289
Akaka	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	29,867
Ashcroft	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	83,043
Baucus	63,594	0.07718	15,888.68	0.01928	34,694
Bennett	152,600	0.08417	27,117.17	0.01496	30,689
Biden	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	28,591
Bingaman	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	30,834
Bond	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	108,312
Boxer	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	582,722
Bradley	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	151,392
Breaux	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	82,088
Brown	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	74,406
Bryan	32,110	0.02420	7,767.39	0.00585	45,030
Bumpers	2,000	0.00083	494.05	0.00021	48,743
Burns	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	34,694
Byrd	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	34,593
Campbell	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	74,406
Chafee	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	30,524
Coats	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	111,738
Cochran	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	48,596
Cohen	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	37,937
Conrad	182,300	0.28664	34,705.41	0.05457	25,438
Coverdell	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	137,674
Craig	58,100	0.05445	11,452.34	0.01073	31,846
D'Amato	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	335,341
Daschle	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	27,650
DeWine	931	0.00008	276.72	0.00003	168,128
Dodd	2,458	0.00075	2,003.22	0.00061	66,615
Dole	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	51,907
Domenici	1,050	0.00066	262.16	0.00017	30,834
Dorgan	33,050	0.05197	6,086.40	0.00957	25,438
Exon	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	32,516
Faircloth	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	140,612
Feingold	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	97,556
Feinstein	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	582,722
Ford	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	74,054
Frist	2,400	0.00048	611.18	0.00012	78,686
Glenn	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	219,288
Gorton	825	0.00016	214.82	0.00004	106,532
Graham	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	323,488
Gramm	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	352,339
Grams	166,200	0.03710	35,554.99	0.00794	67,423
Grassley	239,500	0.08517	50,567.26	0.01798	56,381
Gregg	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	34,552
Harkin	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	56,381
Hatch	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	30,689
Hatfield	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	62,019
Heflin	213,000	0.05150	40,579.96	0.00981	81,113
Helms	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	140,612
Hollings	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	72,302
Hutchison	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	352,339
Inhofe	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	52,475
Inouye	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	29,867
Jeffords	14,050	0.02465	3,114.49	0.00546	28,830
Johnston	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	82,088
Kassebaum	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	51,907
Kempthorne	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	31,846
Kennedy	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	121,391
Kerrey	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	32,516
Kerry	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	121,391
Kohl	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	97,556
Kyl	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	63,581
Lautenberg	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	151,392
Leahy	5,349	0.00938	4,339.02	0.00761	23,830
Levin	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	182,978
Lieberman	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	66,615
Lott	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	48,596
Lugar	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	111,738
Mack	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	323,488
McCain	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	82,928
McConnell	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	74,054
Mikulski	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	91,956
Moseley-Braun	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	216,454
Moyihan	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	335,341
Murkowski	283,000	0.48211	52,852.73	0.09004	23,179
Murray	136,100	0.02650	29,554.72	0.00575	106,532
Nickles	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	68,442
Nunn	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	137,674
Packwood	1,600	0.00054	344.71	0.00012	62,019
Pell	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	30,524
Pressler	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	27,650
Pryor	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	48,743
Reid	32,110	0.02420	7,767.39	0.00585	45,030
Robb	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	124,766
Rockefeller	50,080	0.02764	17,570.31	0.00970	34,593
Roth	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	28,591
Santorum	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	182,834
Sarbanes	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	91,956
Shelby	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	81,113
Simon	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	216,454
Simpson	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	19,826
Smith	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	34,552
Snowe	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	29,086
Specter	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	238,468
Stevens	3,550	0.00605	1,061.46	0.00181	23,179
Thomas	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	15,200
Thompson	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	94,111
Thurmond	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	72,302
Warner	254,000	0.03983	47,900.03	0.00751	124,766
Wellstone	0	0.00000	0.00	0.00000	87,939

TOMMY WYCHE: FATHER OF
SOUTH CAROLINA'S MOUNTAIN
BRIDGE WILDERNESS

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to salute a native South Carolinian and the "Father of South Carolina's Mountain Bridge Wilderness," C. Thomas Wyche. On December 7, 1995, here in Washington, Tommy Wyche was recognized for his outstanding contributions to environmental conservation when he was awarded one of the Nation's top environmental awards, The Alexander Calder Conservation Award.

Located just 30 miles up the road from Tommy's hometown of Greenville, the rolling red clay hills of the South Carolina piedmont suddenly springs into the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains. The area, known as South Carolina's Blue Ridge Escarpment, is one of unusual natural beauty. Typified by high cliffs, steep terrain, rushing rivers and dense forests, it is relatively pristine despite being located within 30 miles of one of the Nation's fastest growing communities. It is for preserving this natural wonderland that Tommy Wyche was recognized.

Mr. President, the Mountain Bridge is just one of Tommy's many conservation successes. Over the last quarter century, he has almost singlehandedly led the fight to ensure that the mountains of South Carolina are preserved for the benefit of future generations. He spearheaded efforts to designate the Chattooga River as a wild and scenic river, and drafted the South Carolina Heritage Trust Act, the first in the United States. In addition, he has produced books celebrating the area, a guidebook and a photographic journal, both of which have played an important part in educating the public on the area's natural treasures.

Tommy's crowning achievement, and the basis for the Calder Award, is his work to preserve 40,000 acres along the South Carolina-North Carolina border—the Mountain Bridge Wilderness Area. Tommy began efforts to preserve the area in the early 1970's. As I mentioned earlier, this is an area of rough terrain which contains a number of natural wonders like Raven Cliff Falls, a 400 foot waterfall—one of the highest east of the Mississippi—and a monolith known as Table Rock. A recent biological assessment of just a portion of the wilderness area produced a number of astonishing finds, enormous trees, trophy-size native brook trout, and a stunning variety of birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects, many of them rare or endangered and two new to science. The scientist concluded the area was "the most significant wilderness remaining in South Carolina."

Tommy not only originated the idea of the Mountain Bridge but he is responsible for its success. In the beginning, he organized a nonprofit organization known as the Natureland Trust

to preserve the area we now know as the Mountain Bridge. Working with the Natureland Trust, Tommy met with numerous landowners, walked their properties, and developed plans for the donation or bargain sale of their lands to the State. In many instances, he volunteered his expertise as a tax attorney to insure the most beneficial transfer for all parties. Slowly but surely, Tommy's efforts began to pay off—a hundred acres here, a thousand acres there. The wilderness acres began to take shape.

Today the Mountain Bridge is almost complete, although Tommy has recently been working on one last acquisition. Although Tommy and the Natureland Trust are closing in on their goal, I am sure he is looking for other mountains, not to climb, but to preserve—other missions, like the Mountain Bridge which will ensure future generations enjoy the natural beauty of South Carolina.

Mr. President, for a quarter century Tommy Wyche has worked tirelessly and unselfishly to coordinate efforts to preserve this piece of South Carolina's wilderness. I encourage others to follow his lead. Given the severity of the current budget deficit, the Federal Government has limited resources dedicated to preserving wild areas. I encourage others to use Tommy Wyche as a model for cooperative conservation. I commend him for a job well done, congratulate him for the Calder award and encourage him to continue his good works.●

ERNEST BOYER

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, it was with great sadness that I learned of the death of Ernest Boyer who was president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Ernie Boyer was a friend to many of us in the Senate, and to thousands who will never know his name but who will feel his influence for years to come. His contributions to education are well known. "Ready to Learn" and "The Basic School," his excellent primers on the state of American education, both make the strong case that we can't start too soon in preparing our children—through education—for the world they will face.

It was my good fortune, Mr. President, to have Ernest Boyer as a sounding board, an ally, and a friend. We have lost a remarkable man with his death, and I hope that others of us will be able in some small measure to carry on with his ideas.

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote about "sensible men and conscientious men all over the world [who] were of one religion of well-doing and daring." I believe, Mr. President, that Ernest Boyer's well-doing and daring sprang from his sensible view and his conscientious approach. He was very fine, and I will miss his counsel and friendship.●