

before my first sergeant knocked me flat on the ground," Mangum remembered. "There was a spider mine I was fixing to put my foot on."

They advanced on foot into Germany, "We thought they'd sold all the trucks," Mangum said.

After entering Germany, Mangum was promoted to Captain. He commanded a heavy weapons (machine guns and mortars) company assigned to a rifle company commanded by Captain Bob Weir.

In one engagement, Mangum recalled, "We traveled 60 miles on foot in one day and two nights. We'd go up and got fired on and go back to where we started from, get organized and go back. Every time we started to move they'd shower us with artillery, screaming meemies, they'd make you shiver all over. Shrapnel tore the blade off the shovel I was wearing on my belt; five boys of Captain Weir's were killed by that shell."

Another time, "I was running to help Colonel Weir's men, where they were pinned down. I stretched out when I heard the shell. I felt the shrapnel hit my leg. I hated to look. It was nasty. When I went to the aid station, the doctor wanted to take the metal out. I said I wanted to get some men to go get Bob Weir's men out. The leg wasn't hurting. I got a bandage off the table and put it in my pocket. More wounded came in. One's arm was about to fall off. When the doctor worked on them, I went out the door. The leg hurt when I walked on it."

He bandaged the 8-inch gash in his leg himself and kept fighting. After the war, doctors discovered that the shrapnel in the wound was forcing his leg bone to bend out of shape.

As the Americans approached Berlin, Mangum was assigned to a motorized patrol with a Russian interpreter to make contact with Russian troops also approaching Berlin. "Imagine what a feeling it was to know you might be the first person to hit Berlin," Mangum said. "If I could just get in there and kill Hitler, I'd be satisfied. Had they not put the brakes on, I could have gone in. We held up that night. My driver and the Russian interpreter was killed, I don't know how. The civilians had cut people to pieces. There were wagons full of bodies."

When victory was won in Europe, Mangum was re-deployed to the Southwest Pacific, where the war was still being waged against Japan. While Mangum was at sea for 30 days, Japan surrendered. Mangum was among the Americans who went into Japan and set up a military government. He returned by ship to the United States. Then he joined occupation forces in Germany. After a medical examination in Dusseldorf, he was set back to the United States on a hospital ship to be treated for wounds that had never healed. He had shrapnel in his intestine and in his leg, and a head injury causing pressure on his brain.

He was honorably discharged with a physical disability on Oct. 20, 1947.

Mangum and his wife, Trudy, have four children, 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He is an active member of Bethel United Methodist Church and belongs to the American Legion and other veterans associations. After leaving the Army, he worked seven years as a Highway Patrol dispatcher and 35 years with the U.S. Postal Service.

#### CONGRESS AND MEDICARE

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, there's an old trick to hawking snake oil. First raise the fear. Then

sell to it. That's exactly what the big-union, Washington-based labor bosses are trying to do with their latest advertising campaign of fear and blatant disinformation.

You have possibly seen some of these ads on television. The latest is a real whopper, claiming that Congress is out to kill Medicare. Of course, exactly the opposite is true.

In fact, Congress is trying to save Medicare from impending bankruptcy by increasing spending at a slower rate than before. This is also what the President has proposed. So instead of Medicare spending going up 10 percent a year, the President and Congress propose that it go up about 7.5 percent.

So how can he Washington-based labor bosses get away with this blatantly false advertising? Well, they can't everywhere. Stations around the country, including some in Cleveland, have refused to run these Medicare ads because they are factually incorrect and misleading. In one on-air story, a TV station in Maine called this latest ad by the Washington labor bosses, "a callous and flagrant attempt to play upon the fears of senior Americans." Closer to home, a recent attack ad paid for by AFL-CIO members' dues was so bad that even Cleveland AFL-CIO general secretary Dick Acton admitted that it, "technically might be in error."

That the Washington labor bosses are flat-out lying about the issues is bad enough. What makes it even more about the issues is bad enough. What makes it even more outrageous is that they are using the forced dues of their hard-working members to pay for it. Washington's labor bosses have pledged to spend \$500,000 this year specifically to defeat me. That effort is being financed by a 36 percent hike in members' political dues. Yet on the vast majority of issues rank-and-file members don't agree with the positions of their out-of-touch bosses in Washington.

The union men and women I speak with overwhelmingly support time limits and work requirements for welfare recipients and tax relief for working families. They want term limits and a balanced budget. The Washington labor bosses oppose every one of those positions.

Perhaps even more telling is that 44 percent of union members consider themselves to be conservative, yet almost 100 percent of their involuntary political contributions go to Democrats. As a result you can understand why so many union members are rightly embarrassed and angry that their forced dues are being used to finance political campaigns they don't support.

It is sad that Washington's labor bosses care more about their own power than they do about the truth or the views of their members. They benefited enormously from the growing Federal Government under the old majority. And they are not about to sit idly by as the power that was once theirs is returned to its rightful owners, the people.

If we allow fear to triumph, we can just wave goodbye to a balanced budget, middle-class tax relief, and welfare reform, and say hello to higher taxes and more debt on the backs of our children.

It is up to the American people. Will it be snake oil and fear, or truth and courage?

#### INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AT UPPER DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, not every classroom has to have desks and a chalkboard. Not every classroom must be in a school. Students in Pennsylvania's 13th district have shown me that many lessons are better learned beyond the halls of their neighborhood school.

At Upper Dublin High School, eligible students are given the opportunity to forego their final exams, instead choosing to work in a career field of their choice for 3 weeks.

The students meet weekly with faculty to discuss their activities, keep journals, and write four page papers explaining the value of their experience. To be eligible for the program, the students must keep a C average and maintain good attendance and disciplinary histories.

Almost 250 students opted for this experience this year at Upper Dublin High School. Not only have the students explored possible career choices, they have taken the opportunity to give back to their communities and neighbors.

Among the experiences the students chose this year were substance abuse presentations, pediatric physical therapy, firefighting, and outdoor science and education.

Community leaders like Fire Marshal Jesse Hayden and Robbins Park director Sara Smith heaped praise upon the students, noting their selflessness and ability. I would take this opportunity to add my accolades to those of community leaders. Both the students and their educators should be recognized for their support of this worthwhile educational opportunity.

#### FUNDING FOR THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. Speaker, this week the House of Representatives approved the spending bill for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary, and related agencies for fiscal year 1997. One particular program buried within the \$29.5 billion bill that has evoked immeasurable controversy is funding for the Legal Services Corporation. Prior to my election to Congress, I practiced law for almost 20 years, and it is through my experiences with the American legal system that I feel confident and qualified to comment on this valuable program.

The Legal Services Corporation [LSC] is a modest but vitally important and effective program that helps millions of needy families gain access to the justice system in cases relating to domestic violence, housing evictions, consumer fraud, child support, and other critical matters. The legal services program is the only means to assure that the most vulnerable citizens in our country—poor children, battered spouses, the elderly, disabled, migrant workers, and other low-income individuals—have access to legal representation in civil cases.

The Legal Services Corporation has been under assault by conservatives for many years. They argue that the LSC has been a front to advance and lobby for progressive policies. Nothing can be further from the truth. The LSC, begun in 1974 and supported by President Nixon, is a bipartisan program. It has served millions of people, including helping nearly 5 million people in 1995, most of whom were poor children. Further, in 1995, 1 out of every 3 legal services cases concerned family law, which included 59,000 cases involving protecting clients from abusive spouses, and more than 9,300 cases involving neglected, abused, and dependent juveniles.

Restrictions have been placed on the operations of the programs of the LSC, and funding and staff levels have been severely cut. In 1994-95, the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau had a total of 143 lawyers and 80 legal assistants. As a result of the fiscal year 1996 cut, Maryland's Legal Aid Bureau lost \$1.4 million and reduced its lawyers to 92 and 57 legal assistants. Under the fiscal year 1997 Republican funding bill, Maryland stood to lose \$1.5 million more, which would result in further staff cuts and leave thousands of Maryland residents without adequate legal representation.

Last year's funding bill for legal services *quieted* the voices of the needy, this year's bill attempted to *silence* those voices. The \$141 million recommended by the House Appropriations Committee is a cut of nearly 50 percent from the current fiscal year 1996 budget of \$278 million for the Legal Services Corporation. Fortunately, an amendment offered by Representatives MOLLAHAN and FOX, which I supported, increased the funding for the Legal Services Corporation from \$141 to \$250 million.

As a lawyer, I was one of 130,000 volunteer lawyers registered to participate in pro bono legal services, encouraged by the LSC. The one hard fact that I witnessed throughout my years of practice is that our system of justice belongs to the wealthy and privileged. Rare is the day when indigents or poor citizens receive equitable treatment in their representation and receive equal justice under law.

I believe that ours is the best judicial system in the world. But every day across this country, citizens with meager resources have little or no voice in that process. I hope the Senate will follow our lead in the House and ensure that low-income individuals and families will be able to receive legal help.

#### THE WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I announce to my colleagues the unanimous passage Of H.R. 1281, the War Crimes Disclosure Act, from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

As the sponsor of H.R. 1281, I am pleased that this bill is quickly making its way through the legislative process, and I am hopeful that it will soon be passed by the House. A companion bill will be introduced by New York Senators MOYNIHAN and D'AMATO, and I am confident that this measure has a solid chance

of becoming law during this session of Congress.

I introduced H.R. 1281 to close what I perceive is a tremendous loophole in the Freedom of Information Act. Under current law, the FOIA allows Government agencies to block the release of information for a wide variety of reasons, including outdated "national security" arguments that are no longer valid in the post-cold-war era.

Because of this circumstance, researchers investigating Nazi war criminals like Kurt Waldheim are denied information that is sitting in U.S. Government files. I'm indebted to A.M. Rosenthal, the New York Times columnist, for his series of articles which brought this problem to light.

The Waldheim case is the most celebrated example. For years, the CIA was keeping its information on Waldheim a secret, even as other Government agencies, namely the Department of Justice, were placing Waldheim on the Watch List of individuals forbidden to enter our country. Waldheim was given the dubious distinction because of his direct involvement in the deportation and murder of Jews and others during World War II.

It is not difficult to imagine how history might have been changed if Waldheim's secret past had become public. Most notably, Waldheim would probably not have been elected to the post of Secretary General of the United Nations, one of the most shameful events in the history of that world body.

And Mr. Waldheim's shameful story continues. Just recently, we learned that in his brand new autobiography, "The Answer", he whitewashes his Nazi past, and blames the American Jewish community for his banishment from the United States.

Waldheim's book is a dishonest answer to the overwhelmingly credible charges that he persecuted and facilitated the murder of Jews, Italians, Serbs, and others in World War II. It is almost incomprehensible that he calls himself a victim, when it was his murderous activity that helped make victims of so many innocent people.

I drafted H.R. 1281 to ensure that the entire Waldheim file is finally disclosed. It is also my hope that the enactment of this bill would help those who research the horrors of the Holocaust ensure that cases like Waldheim do not occur in the future.

My bill is narrowly drawn. It would exclude from disclosure requirements any material that is strictly private and personal. Similarly, information pertaining to current or future intelligence, national security, and foreign relations issues could remain secret if there is clear and convincing evidence that disclosing the files could cause substantial harm to our national interests.

My bill also takes great care not to impede the important work of the Department of Justice's Nazi hunting unit, the Office of Special Investigations. I am a fervent supporter of the OSI. Just last month, for example, I called upon the Lithuanian government to extradite two Nazi war criminals living in the United States that were exposed by OSI's long and painstaking work. I was pleased to work with the OSI to craft the final version of the bill so that it can accomplish its purpose of disclosing Nazi war crimes files without hindering OSI's valuable investigations and prosecutions. The Justice Department firmly supports my bill.

The Clinton administration is moving in the right direction with respect to classifying hid-

den documents. The President's Executive Order of April 20, 1995, will, in 4 years, declassify many documents that are 25 years old. But I believe, when it comes to Nazi war crimes files, we can and should move more swiftly.

On June 14, Chairman STEPHEN HORN and I presided over a hearing of our subcommittee, during which we heard excellent testimony from three witnesses. We heard from Congressman TOM LANTOS, the only Holocaust survivor to be elected to Congress, and a moral mentor to me and to all of our colleagues. Elizabeth Holtzman also testified. As an outstanding Member of this body in the 1970's, Liz was a pioneer in the efforts to expose Nazi war criminals. Finally, we received valuable insights from Robert Herzstein, a distinguished scholar and professor of history at University of South Carolina. His efforts to uncover the secret files of Kurt Waldheim have played an instructive role in the formation of this legislation.

There are a number of organizations which support my bill. These groups include the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Anti-Defamation League, the World Jewish Congress, the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, the Orthodox Union, the American Jewish Committee, and the Agudath Israel of America.

Mr. Speaker, the Second World War ended 51 years ago. It's finally time for the entire story of this, the most horrible era in the history of man's inhumanity to man, to emerge. It is time to take a stand against those who insult humanity by denying what took place half a century ago. The great philosopher George Santayana taught us that "those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." I hope that the passage of the War Crimes Disclosure Act will play a small role in helping us heed Santayana's warning.

HELP EPA; SUPPORT PERFORMANCE-BASED METHODS APPROVAL

HON. BILL BAKER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. BAKER of California. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing, along with my colleague from California, ZOE LOFGREN, a bill we hope will help move the EPA along faster in reforming the way in which new environmental monitoring technologies enter the marketplace. The EPA has expressed some interest in moving in a positive direction on this issue, but we are concerned that interest does not mean movement. Our bill attempts to lay the groundwork for a comprehensive reappraisal of EPA's methods approval process, and we fully expect to work closely with both EPA and the analytical instruments industry along the way.

The House Committee on Science had an opportunity recently to hear from all interested parties on this issue. On June 20, we heard from Assistant Administrator for Policy, Planning, and Evaluation of the EPA, David Gardiner, who told our committee there is interest at the EPA in moving more toward a performance-based environmental methods approval process. This is indeed good news, as the current system of mandating specific analytical