

The Ironworks shop where Howard Ban was apprenticed was destroyed in early 1990 by Serbian revolutionaries.

WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE IN AMERICA

(By Alexander J. Negvesky)

America was founded on the beliefs of equality and freedom from tyranny. Together, they form the basic idea of America, and are our inalienable rights. I have never thought of America as a country, but more of as a union of all the people within the boundaries of the United States. I have seen the news reports about other countries fighting for their freedom. The countries seem to be controlled by dictators. People shouldn't have to fight for their freedom. It is a right they should have to begin with. We have many freedoms; freedom of speech, religion, choice, and the press are the most important of our freedoms. I am happy to live in America and to be an American. I enjoy exercising my rights. If they were taken away from me, I would fight to get them back. Freedom is part of America, and I hope it always will be.

LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

(By Fred Ngo)

Through mountains and hills has America over to get to its greatest achievement, a nation full of equity and freedom. This achievement stated in the Constitution for all to see, follow, and know that America is the people and can't survive without the people.

The Constitution is a wonder. How could a little group of people work together to form the blueprints for an entire government? Powers of the people, rules of the government, everything was included. It all starts out with "We the people of the United States of America . . ." These powerful words represent all people of the U.S. "In order to form a more perfect union. . . ." meaning all work together to operate the government. One line in the Declaration of Independence is also important. "That they are endowed by their Creator certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The 3 guaranteed rights of the people and the goal of every government. They are the rights all should have. Is America a place of freedom? Yes, it is. How? Because here, you have life: a chance to live, you have liberty: to be free and independent, you have a chance at happiness.

TRIBUTE TO STAGECRAFTERS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as the Stagecrafters present their 40th anniversary season, I rise today to recognize the important role that this community theater has played in the lives of citizens of Royal Oak and theater lovers throughout southeastern Michigan.

What began in the summer of 1956 with a production of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit," presented in a garage in Clawson, has evolved into a large family of 250 volunteers, 2,400 season ticketholders, 21,000 main stage audience members in their own house, and a reputation as one of the finest community theater groups in Michigan.

Each year Stagecrafters presents a full season of drama and musical theater. In the late

1970's Stagecrafters added the popular youth theater group for ages 12 to 18, and studio productions of nonbox office shows performed during the summer.

In 1984, recognizing the need for an adequate space for both production and audience accommodation, the search began in earnest for a permanent home. The city of Royal Oak offered to help Stagecrafters purchase the historic, decaying Washington Theater. With help from the Royal Oak Downtown Development Authority and the National Bank of Royal Oak this volunteer community theater group undertook the purchase and restoration of this recognized landmark. The Baldwin Theater reopened in 1985, one of the oldest theaters left in existence in southeast Michigan and the only historic theater in operation in Oakland County, a jewel in the city's crown.

Through this effort, Stagecrafters has, indeed, played a vital role in the redevelopment of downtown Royal Oak for more than a decade.

Today the Baldwin Theater balcony has been added as an active second stage with its own following. The youth theater group continues to be one of the best in the State and has hosted two international community theater competitions; a sister-theater relationship has been developed with St. Albans in England. The theater features an infrared assistive listening system for the hearing impaired, and the Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ has been restored—the only theater organ in an open-to-the-public space in Oakland County. A capital campaign is under-way now to improve the exterior of the Baldwin Theater and install a replica of the original marquee.

In this 40th anniversary season, Stagecrafters' ability to restore the Baldwin Theater building through volunteer efforts, and to consistently provide high quality dramatic entertainment at affordable prices, makes Stagecrafters unique among community theater groups in the United States.

NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ACTION DAY

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, the National People's Action is a national network of more than 300 community organizations from 38 States across the country. The National People's Action is made up of thousands of members in many different organizations that work together to resolve neighborhood problems at local and national levels.

The enactment of the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act which protects urban areas and minorities from loan discrimination, and providing technical assistance to community groups which directly led to over \$25 billion in Community Reinvestment Act lending agreements are a few of the numerous major accomplishments of the National People's Action.

Mr. Speaker, Saturday, April 27 to Monday, April 29, 1996 National People's Action holds its 25th national neighborhoods conference. In recognition of this organizations dedication and commitment to community service let it be known that Monday, April 29, 1996 and each April 29, thereafter, shall be known as "National People's Action Day".

CONGRATULATIONS SHELBYVILLE HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Shelbyville High School basketball team on their championship season. For the past 2 years, Shelbyville has proven themselves a force to be reckoned with on the hardwoods of central Illinois. It is only fitting that, having been ranked No. 1 for most of the season, the Rams became the first State champion team to win the title in Peoria's Carver Arena.

After making the trip to the "Elite Eight" before falling in 1995, the virtually unchanged Rams roster came back in 1996 determined and prepared to achieve their goal of proving they truly were No. 1. This year's Rams team compiled an all-time record high in the school's history, finishing the season 34-1, and bringing the State championship trophy home to Shelbyville for the first time ever. In addition, they have the added distinction of having the best 2-year won-loss record in the State of Illinois for the 1995-96 combined seasons.

Blending their abilities for this No. 1 team were: Kevin Herdes, Todd Wilderman, Mike Steers, Roger Jones, Rich Beyers, Ben Short, Dirk Herdes, Aaron Rohdemann, Tim Hardy, Harlan Kennell, Jim Brix, and Ryan Shambo. This talented bunch of players were led by first-class coach Sean Taylor and his assistant coaches, Bob Herdes and Jarrett Brown. They are the perfect example of what teamwork is all about and should all be proud of their contribution toward this winning effort. Lending their support and leading the community in Ram Fever Spirit were cheerleaders Jennifer L. Banning, Rachel Bitzer, Catherine Eberspacher, Angie Gregg, Brooke Peifer, Malea Price, Monica Nohren, Shauna Galvin, Leslie Kirksey, Brooke White, Jennifer S. Banning, Kelly Hoene, Carrie Skinner, Destany Lucas, Rebecca White; sponsors Dixie Burrell and Lisa Alberson; Ram mascot Dan Kiley; and team managers George Bolinger and John Evans.

I am honored to represent Shelbyville in Congress; and it is with great pleasure that I pay tribute to these excellent students, who won not only with talent, but by displaying the intangible qualities that define a champion: discipline, esprit de corps, and grace under pressure. I wish them equal success in their future endeavors.

COMMENDING DOCTORS RUSS, RUSSANO, AND SHERMAN

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, true happiness dwells in activity, both physical and spiritual. Joy, pleasure, satisfaction, delight, all the elements of true happiness, reside in doing the right things well. For a select few, the right thing to do is to serve a community in distress.

Despite the myriad problems that plague many of New Jersey's major cities, the dentists of the Downtown Dental Center have

stubbornly clung to their inner city practice for the past 25 years. I applaud Doctors Leo Russ, Robert Russano, and Stephen Sherman for their collective sense of loyalty to the people of Paterson, NJ as well as their unwavering perseverance to do a job well. These men invest in their community, flourish in their practice, and help others to live better, healthier lives.

Benjamin Franklin made the exultation to "work while it is called today, for you know not how much you may be hindered tomorrow. One today is worth two tomorrows; never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today." The doctors of Downtown Dental take this truism to heart. They see more than 200 patients a day with no required appointment 6 days a week. With this miraculous resolve and constancy, the doctors of Downtown Dental perform a genuinely needed service to the people of Paterson. Indeed, Leo Russ, Robert Russano, and Stephen Sherman have never waited for someone else to do the job.

Life's greatest joys are found in what one does with one's life. And, Doctors Russ, Russano, and Sherman should be admired for the great work they are doing with their lives. With Downtown Dental, the character of the work has become inseparable from the character of the men doing the work. Their loyalty to the people of Paterson endures every assault and it does not cringe under pressure.

I congratulate the doctors of the Downtown Dental Center as they challenge all of us to take up the task of helping others. Those who have missed the joy of working on behalf of others have certainly missed something very special. Thank you Doctors Russ, Russano, and Sherman for your true, honest, and willing labor.

NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES RENEWAL ACT OF 1996

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I am extremely happy today to be able to join a bipartisan coalition of marine sanctuary supporters in introducing the National Marine Sanctuaries Renewal Act of 1996. This bill will reauthorize funding for the National Marine Sanctuary Program which is set to expire on September 30, 1996.

The country's 13 marine sanctuaries are the national parks of our oceans. They celebrate and preserve some of the Nation's most significant ocean resources. Like our national parks, our marine sanctuaries focus our attention on how important sound environmental stewardship is to our quality of life and the sustainability of our economies.

The National Marine Sanctuary Program began modestly in 1975 off North Carolina's stunningly beautiful outer banks to protect the Civil War wreck of the world's first iron ship, the U.S.S. *Monitor*. The program expanded several years later to protect sensitive marine resources off the California and Florida coasts. The program reached its full maturity in the fall of 1992 with the designation of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary embraces the entire coast of my central

California coastal district. It is the largest protected marine area in the United States and second only to Australia's Great Barrier Reef in size worldwide. It encompasses more than 4,000 square nautical miles of open ocean along 350 miles of shoreline. It is unique among all marine preserves in being so accessible from shore. Most of my constituents don't pass a day without seeing sanctuary waters and are grateful that the sanctuary has protected their coast from offshore oil development.

However, marine sanctuaries are not just about conserving resources. They are also about protecting coastal economies. The Monterey Bay Sanctuary is a key to my district's billion dollar tourism industry. Indeed, one of this Nation's premiere tourist attractions, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, is a thriving private business that showcases the extraordinary marine life of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary. The sanctuary also helps support a prosperous fish industry.

All of this comes at a very modest cost. The entire sanctuary program costs less than \$12 million a year to administer. It is truly a bargain for the taxpayers. But, like all government programs, the sanctuaries need to make the most of their funding. This bill helps them accomplish that by allowing the sanctuaries to develop, trademark, and market logos and other merchandise to help supplement their funding.

I urge support of the bill.

LOCKHEED-MARTIN CHAIRMAN
DANIEL TELLEP RECEIVES 1996
JAMES FORRESTAL MEMORIAL
AWARD

HON. G.V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Daniel M. Tellep, chairman of the board of Lockheed-Martin, who was honored this week with the 1996 James Forrestal Memorial Award. The 1996 annual awards dinner was cohosted by the National Security Industrial Association [NSIA] and the American Defense Preparedness Association. This year, the NSIA presented its Forrestal Award at the dinner held here in Washington.

I wanted to share with my colleagues the remarks Mr. Tellep made in accepting this prestigious award.

SHALL WE WAIT AND SEE?

(Forrestal Award Acceptance Speech)

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this most special award.

I feel honored . . . humbled . . . and deeply appreciative;

Honored when I think of the names of others to whom you've conferred this award and humbled to join their ranks. I'm

Appreciative because this award also reflects the shining achievements of the men and women I work with.

James Forrestal himself also provides excellent perspective on an occasion like this.

He once said in reference to himself:

"You can't make a hero out of a man in a business suit. I'm just a businessman trying to do a job and that's the whole story."

That's also my whole story. I, too, am just a businessman and it has been my privilege

for the past 41 years trying to do a job in the aerospace and defense industry in support of our military services.

As a businessman, I returned last night from an eleven-day trip to the mid-east. . . .

A volatile, vitally important region.

The trip was a kaleidoscope of countries, cultures, cuisines, people, and events.

During the trip I also tried to stay abreast of the news in this country. The Republican primaries, for example.

Flying home and thinking ahead to my remarks this evening I thought: "How can I make something coherent and relevant out of over two dozen meetings in that complex, turbulent region?" Looking back, there was a common thread to the discussions in each of the countries. Invariably, we discussed three topics:

Economics . . . peace . . . and . . . military preparedness.

What I found was consistent, clear logic on these topics. In each country, their philosophy was basically the same. They said this:

First . . . we desire economic growth and development . . . but that depends on peace and political stability.

Second, peace and political stability depend as much on military preparedness as diplomacy.

Third, military preparedness deserves high priority because it is inextricably linked to national political and economic goals.

As I listened to these recurring themes, I felt that there were great similarities to attitudes in this country on the desire for economic growth and peace.

But there is also a difference here at home on the priority to accord military preparedness. . . . compared to what I found abroad.

In our country we continue to search for a fresh national security policy.

And we debate the proper level of defense expenditures.

Lately, however, these issues appear secondary to the presidential campaign.

This is Super Tuesday and along the way, we've witnessed the ups and downs and then the shakeout of the Republican candidates. As we did, it struck me that something vital was missing from the debates and the news coverage;

Something beyond a flat tax, the deficit, immigration, abortion and trade policy.

What has been missing is any serious discussions of the candidates' views on defense and national security.

This morning's Washington Post, for example, has 115 column inches of space devoted to the election but not one mention of defense.

This diffuse, lower key focus on defense here in the U.S. is strikingly different than what I encountered on my trip.

Abroad, defense is seen as a guarantor for economic health. Here, defense is often seen as a source of budget to be tapped for other purposes.

This is disconcerting since we are about to elect not just our president. . . . but also our Commander-in-Chief.

Defense should be a front-burner topic but it isn't and it is a profound reflection of our times.

The fact that defense isn't very high on the political or national agenda is easy to explain.

With the collapse of Communism and the end of the Cold War, we are having difficulties in seeing threats to our national interests.

For a moment, think back to the Cold War.

Volumes of policy statements could be conveniently distilled into two galvanizing words . . .

These two words telegraphically described a single grave threat, provided continuity of support for a national policy . . . and underpinned our national will.