

The conference which condemned Israel, that was held just last weekend, in which the United States participated, sadly, was such a conference where the rhetoric got out of hand and encourages Palestinian and terrorists to attack Israel.

Mr. Speaker, all of us who favor peace in the Middle East must condemn this cowardly act. We must not stand for terror and we must put the blame where it belongs, on the rhetoric of Yasir Arafat and his people who say one thing and do another.

Mr. Speaker, I yield the balance of my time to my good friend and co-chairman of the peace accord monitoring group with me, the gentleman from New Jersey, Congressman SAXTON. I yield 1½ minutes to him, and then I yield 1½ minutes to my friend, the gentleman from New York, the distinguished chairman of the Committee on International Relations Mr. GILMAN.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). The Chair would instruct the gentleman he does not have 3 minutes remaining. However, he can yield the balance of the time, and accordingly the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON], is recognized for the balance of the time.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I would join with my friend, the gentleman from New York [Mr. ENGEL], and the chairman of the Committee on International Relations in condemning this.

Frankly, I have 5 minutes of my own time set aside here a little bit later, so I will curtail my remarks at this time so that Mr. GILMAN may be able to make his. But I just think this is a very, very serious situation, one that is overlooked all too often by us in this country, and I will withhold the rest of my remarks for a few minutes until I get to my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] for yielding his time and the gentleman from New York [Mr. ENGEL] for arranging this moment to be able to commemorate what is happening in Israel.

The Hamas bombing of a Tel Aviv cafe today, killing three people and wounding scores of others, including a 6-month-old child, was possible because of the climate of acceptance of terrorism against Israel which still prevails among the Palestinians.

Yasir Arafat can utter all the words of condemnation he wants to but, more important, he must actively root out the infrastructure of terrorism in territories under his control and make it absolutely clear to the Palestinian people that terrorism will no longer be tolerated if we are to see an end to these despicable acts.

Regrettably, Arafat's recent meeting with Hamas leaders only sends the wrong signal. Whether or not continuing to tolerate violence gives Arafat an occasional short-term victory, in the end it will cost him, and his people, the peace that the vast majority of both Israelis and Palestinians so desperately want and need.

DEDICATION OF UTAH NATIONAL MONUMENT BACKFIRES ON PRESIDENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Utah [Mr. HANSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, a thought occurred to me as my colleague from the Third Congressional District of Utah got up to speak about something. He talked about President William Jefferson Clinton going to the south rim of the Grand Canyon on September 18, 1996, and in a few short words he declared that 1.7 million acres of Utah would be a monument. He said he did the same thing that Teddy Roosevelt did using the antiquities laws when Teddy Roosevelt created the Grand Canyon.

History tells us a different story. Teddy Roosevelt planned this out for years. He talked to the Governors, legislators, interested people. Teddy Roosevelt went all over the Grand Canyon. He hunted in the Grand Canyon. He hiked in the Grand Canyon. He floated the Colorado River. He knew it inside and out. He was a historian and a man who understood it. Then he made the Grand Canyon, and bless his heart for doing it, into a beautiful area.

William Jefferson Clinton, if he was asked to put his hand on this new monument, would probably miss it by 500 miles. He did not even know it was there. So the question comes up, why did he do it? I guess a lot of environmental folks said, gee, this will be a wonderful thing for you to do, Mr. President. We will all think it is a great thing if you make this monument and set it aside.

Who benefits from this? Anybody benefit? The schoolchildren of Utah had a little piece in there, just 40 acres, of low sulfur coal that would accrue to their benefit and their education, so much so it is the only coal that I am aware of in this hemisphere that is acceptable with low sulfur and high Btu.

The President cut that out, just like that. How much money would that mean to the kids in Utah? How about \$5 billion that they are not going to have for their education at this time.

Who benefited from this? There is a coal industry in Indonesia owned by Red China, and they now have a monopoly on all of the coal of the world that is acceptable coal because this occurred. Of course, the Red Chinese seem to have some affiliation with this administration, but I will not get into that.

We have another problem as we look at regarding who benefited from this. Did the environmental community benefit from this at all? Oh, yeah. Wow, we are going to get all this wilderness in this area.

Guess what? That wilderness was extinguished by the President. In 1964, Congress passed a law that said only Congress could create wilderness, and in this area there are three big WSA's, wilderness study areas. Nowhere can a monument have wilderness.

So instead of a pristine area set aside for people to enjoy, now what is it going to be? Hotels, airports, everything going through there. And there should be wilderness in that area. No, nobody benefited from this. Nobody. Absolutely nobody.

That is why my friend from the Third District, our Senators and others, are introducing right now, yesterday as a matter of fact, the Fairness Antiquity Law, which means the President of the United States cannot willy-nilly go around declaring places all over this country. He will be subjected to 5,000 acres. If he goes over 5,000 acres, he will have to have the concurrence of the Governor, the legislature, and it will have to pass this Congress. I personally think that is the right thing to do.

Mr. Speaker, I am really disappointed that the President would do this for a few measly votes with a few people, and then it flies right in his face. It did not work at all. In fact, it has hurt people all over America. But it has helped the Chinese. I hope they enjoy it.

BAD NEWS ON TRADE DEFICITS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BROWN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, here we go again. The Department of Commerce released yesterday more bad news on trade figures and more bad news for American workers.

Trade figures show that this past month we had a trade deficit of \$12.7 billion; setting records, again breaking records, bad news records month after month after month after month.

Again, Mr. Speaker, with the countries that we have had the most problems with in terms of our trade numbers, in terms of loss of jobs, the countries where most of our trade policy has been directed, Mexico and China were where the worst news came from.

The trade deficit with Mexico went up 50 percent from 12 months ago this month, with those trade figures costing, again, thousands of American jobs that have gone south. The trade figures with China, the trade deficit has gone up a billion dollars over 1 year ago in the same month.

Mr. Speaker, we are continuing to go down the path of free trade with larger and larger trade deficits, with a situation that is clearly costing us thousands and thousands of American jobs. At the same time, we are seeing a push from the administration and from Republican leadership in this House asking for fast track for Chile so that we can negotiate another trade agreement, another trade agreement that will not work, another trade agreement that will cost us jobs.

We are seeing the administration push for negotiating for Chinese admittance to the World Trade Organization. Again, a step that clearly will cost more American jobs.

Our trade deficit with China has grown to the point that within a year or so it will overtake our trade deficit with Japan, yet we continue to give most favored nation status recognition to China and continue to give China more trading privileges, as China continues to violate international trading norms, international human rights norms, international norms for all kinds of behavior in the world community.

Just to take a few examples, Mr. Speaker. As we talk about entry into the World Trade Organization, and as we talk later about China getting more trade advantages from this country, as we have unfortunately done year after year, China is a nation that when threatened by free elections in neighboring Taiwan, sent missiles into the straits of Taiwan, shooting in the water near the country of Taiwan, sending them a message about free elections.

China is a country where a relative of the prime minister smuggled some 2,000 AK-47's into San Francisco, in obvious direct violation of American law.

China is a country that sold nuclear technology to rogue nations in south Asia, again in violation of international norms.

China is a country that has violated all kinds of human rights with slave labor, with child labor; a country where 12-year-old children in slave labor camps make toys for 12-year-old children to play with on America's playgrounds.

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It is clear that this is not a country we should reward with continued most-favored-nation status, with continued trade advantages. This is not a country we should allow into the World Trade Organization until they improve their policies on human rights, until they improve their policies on the CD roms that they have stolen, intellectual property rights that they have violated across the board.

Indeed, these last numbers from the Commerce Department show clearly again the tens of thousands, the hundreds of thousands of jobs that our policy with China has cost American workers. It is a nation that has violated all kinds of human rights, ignored international norms, has violated all kinds of standards around the world, yet we continue to offer them most-favored-nation status and the administration continues to negotiate with them on admittance to the World Trade Organization.

Congressman GEPHARDT, the minority leader, has introduced legislation with several others of us that Congress should be part of this negotiation, that Congress should have to vote on admittance of China to the World Trade Organization. I would hope that the Speaker and the leaders of this House would see fit that we should, as this body, have input into this decision whether China, whose trade deficit

with us continues to mushroom and who continues to violate all kinds of world standards, that we get the opportunity to vote on whether China is admitted into the World Trade Organization.

I ask the Members of this body, particularly on the other side of the aisle, on the Republican side of the aisle, to push their leaders into bringing this to a vote so we in this body can have some input and help make that decision whether we admit China into the World Trade Organization.

CONGRATULATING GREATER ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to congratulate the Reverend Nehemiah Collins and the members of his congregation at the Antioch Baptist Church in Macon, GA as this weekend they celebrate the 125th anniversary of their church. Antioch Baptist Church was founded in 1872 in a place in Bloomfield, which is a portion of Macon, then called Forks Creek. The church was later moved to the present location on Antioch Road.

This church has been a beacon light of hope throughout the community in striving to influence others to accept Christ as their personal saviour and to live an exemplary life as we walk among others who have already confessed Him as their saviour.

Antioch Baptist Church has made great strides during these 125 years in the spreading of the good news to mankind. One thing that is extremely unusual about Antioch Baptist Church is that though it has been in existence for 125 years, it has only had 5 pastors.

The current pastor, the Reverend Nehemiah Collins, is entering his 26th year as pastor of that church. However, he is not the longest serving pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, for the Reverend E.W. Hoyt, the third pastor of this great church, served his congregation for a total of 52 years.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize not only Reverend Collins but Deacons Joe Heggs, Sorrell Acree, B.T. Reid, James Wimberly, Harold Murphy, and all the members of the congregation of this fine religious organization on the 125th anniversary.

I will be very pleased on Sunday afternoon to participate in the service at Antioch Baptist Church, and I want to enter into the RECORD a proclamation that I will be delivering Sunday afternoon. This is addressed to the Reverend Collins.

It is indeed an honor for me to personally deliver greetings to the Greater Antioch Baptist Church congregation on this most historic day, the church's 125th anniversary.

Since its founding in 1872 at Forks Creek in the Bloomfield area of Macon, Greater An-

tioc Baptist Church has served as a beacon light of hope throughout the community in striving to influence others to accept Christ as their personal saviour.

The church has made great strides during its 125 years. The accomplishments you and the 4 previous pastors have made to the church and the Macon/Bibb County community are far too extensive to recount here, but rest assured that they are widely known and universally appreciated.

My wife Julianne and my entire family join me in extending to the entire Greater Antioch Baptist Church community our very warmest congratulations and best wishes.

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina [Mrs. CLAYTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, 30 percent of all out-of-wedlock births are to teenagers below the age of 20. That astonishing reality should be alarming to Congress and to the citizens of our country. More importantly, the recently implemented welfare reform has accelerated the need to address the issue of out-of-wedlock teen births.

As we consider solutions to this issue, we must keep in mind that no other industrialized nation with a standard of living comparable to the United States has a problem of this dimension. On the problem of teenage pregnancy, we have the dubious distinction of leading the world. It is critical that our Nation take a clear stand against teen pregnancy and that this position be widely publicized.

We must encourage and then be engaged in a national discussion about how religious culture and public values influence both teenage pregnancy and the way our society responds to this dilemma. We must encourage and stimulate innovative solutions through local schools, churches, and civic groups, as well as local and State officials.

We must foster community involvement where each community will determine what would be appropriate and acceptable based on the community's standards and values. I think you will agree that these decisions must be made at the community level, by the individuals who care the most and who have the greatest influence with these young people. The parents, families, churches, teachers, scout leaders, and community members who know these teenagers best will determine what kinds of programs their community should use to help their young people avoid becoming teen parents prematurely.

As we consider how and where to reduce spending, we must also not forget that teen pregnancy costs a heavy burden on the Federal budget. If we want to balance the budget, let us begin by working to bring some balance to the lives of thousands and thousands of our teenagers involved in premature childbearing.

Once a teenager becomes pregnant, there is no good solution. There is pain