

[CWA] has recently elected Larry Mancino as the new vice president to lead CWA District 1, the largest region in the union. As a fellow native of New York City, I am pleased by Mr. Mancino's election to vice president.

Most significant, Mr. Mancino made it to the top of the CWA District 1 the old-fashioned way. He earned it! For more than 30 years, he has been a dedicated trade unionist, serving as a rank-and-file activist before advancing to the union's national staff. In 1991, he was promoted to assistant to CWA President Morton Bahr, the position he held prior to his election as vice president.

Mr. President, there are revolutionary changes occurring in the telecommunications industry as the United States approaches the 21st century. The convergence of computer and telephone technology is transforming not only how our citizens communicate with each other, but also how Americans communicate with the world.

In this turbulent time of transition in the telecommunications field, the CWA members in district 1 are fortunate that Larry Mancino is an innovative leader who can confront the challenges that workers in the telephone industry face.

I wish the CWA members in New York and throughout district 1 well as they journey forward under the proven leadership of Larry Mancino.●

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants [PICPA] celebrated its 100th anniversary on March 23, 1997. I rise today to congratulate PICPA for a century of service to the people and businesses of Pennsylvania. This distinguished organization, which boasts more than 18,000 members, is the second oldest society of certified public accountants [CPAs] in the United States. In fact, several of the big six accounting firms were actually founded by PICPA alumni.

Mr. President, PICPA is comprised of dedicated professionals who provide essential financial advice to individuals, corporations, nonprofits, and government entities. Every day, they ensure that corporate financial dealings are properly reported to stockholders, help organizations comply with our tax laws, and provide detailed financial reports for managers.

In a dynamic business climate, it is essential to stay apprised of changing professional standards, government regulations, and accounting practices. PICPA associates have risen to this challenge. They have demonstrated a commitment to the accounting profession by adhering to a continuing education requirement. Likewise, they subject themselves to periodic peer reviews to improve the quality of their financial statements.

I am also pleased to note that PICPA encourages community service. Members have proudly helped improve the quality of life for less fortunate Pennsylvanians by donating thousands of hours to charitable organizations.

Mr. President, members of PICPA are currently serving the public as auditors, tax advisors, computer consultants, personal financial planners, educators, legislators, small business advisors, managers, and estate planners. I salute CPA's in all walks of life, and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the accountants and employees of PICPA, both past and present, for 100 years of exemplary service.●

RELATIVE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL APPOINTING AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL IN 1996 CAMPAIGN FINANCE INVESTIGATION

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, the Attorney General, today, will apparently respond to the request of a majority of the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee that she seek the appointment of an independent counsel in the investigation into campaign finance irregularities of the 1996 campaign. In deciding how to respond, the Attorney General's duty is to follow the law, not to respond to political pressure.

But over the weekend, extraordinary attempts were made by several House Republican leaders to literally scare the Attorney General into doing what they want, not necessarily what the law requires.

Both Speaker GINGRICH and Majority Leader ARMEY said Sunday in effect that if she doesn't seek an independent counsel it's because she caved in to administration pressure. I ask that the Washington Post article of Monday, April 14, 1997, entitled "Republicans Warn Reno on Independent Counsel" be printed in the RECORD immediately following my remarks.

Mr. President, those comments by the Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the House constitute an attempt at political intimidation. Their message to the Attorney General yesterday was that if she doesn't seek the appointment of an independent counsel today, she runs the risk of being hauled up before a congressional committee and put under oath. There are consequences, they are telling the Attorney General—there are consequences to not doing what they want her to do.

Well, Mr. President, those statements by House Republican leaders fly in the face of the very purpose of the independent counsel law. Here's a statute that we passed to take the politics out of criminal investigations of high-level officials, and the Speaker and House Leader worked hard to put politics right back in. Their threats to the Attorney General—to make her do what they want her to do—are inappropriate and jeopardize the very law they are demanding that she invoke.

I have confidence, Mr. President, that the Attorney General will follow the law wherever it leads her, despite their clumsy effort at political intimidation. I hope that Members on both sides of the aisle here in the Senate will respect her decision, whatever it is, and the discretion the law entitles her to exercise.

The article follows:

[From the Washington Post, Apr. 14, 1997]

REPUBLICANS WARN RENO ON INDEPENDENT COUNSEL

ATTORNEY GENERAL SHOULD BE CALLED TO TESTIFY IF INQUIRY IS NOT REQUESTED, GINGRICH SAYS

(By John E. Yang)

House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) said yesterday Attorney General Janet Reno should be called before Congress to testify under oath if she does not tell Congress today that she will seek an independent counsel to investigate alleged abuses in Democratic Party fund-raising.

Gingrich declared he has no confidence in Reno as attorney general and, when asked if she should resign, said: "We'll know tomorrow," the deadline for Reno to respond to a request from congressional Republicans that she call for an independent counsel in the matter.

"The evidence mounts every day of lawbreaking in this administration," Gingrich said on "Fox News Sunday."

"If she can look at the day-after-day revelations about this administration and not conclude it's time for an independent counsel, how can any serious citizen have any sense of faith in her judgment?"

Late last week, the indications were that Reno would likely not seek a counsel in the case, which is already being investigated by career Justice Department prosecutors, but aides emphasized no final decision had been made.

If she decides not to ask a three-judge panel to name an independent counsel, Gingrich said, Reno needs to explain her decision. "She needs to answer in public, she needs to answer, I think, under oath," he said.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah) said Reno "becomes a major issue" if she does not call for an independent counsel.

"The conflict of interest, both apparent and real, it seems to me, would necessitate her choosing an independent counsel," he said on ABC's "This Week." "If she doesn't then I think there's going to be a swirl of criticism that's going to be, I think, very much justified."

Justice Department spokesman Bert Brandenburg dismissed such talk. "Unfortunately, this has become a battle between law and politics," he said in a telephone interview. "The Justice Department will adhere to the law."

Reno routinely asks the career prosecutors looking into the matter whether any development requires the appointment of an independent counsel, according to Brandenburg. So far, they have not said that an independent counsel is indicated, he said.

The law says the attorney general must ask for an independent counsel if there is specific, credible information of criminal wrongdoing by top administration officials—including the president, vice president and Cabinet officers—the head of a president's election or reelection campaign or anyone else for whom it would be a conflict of interest for the Justice Department to investigate.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.) said an independent

counsel was needed to maintain public confidence in the investigation. "In-house investigations, as honorable as they might well be, don't sell the public on the fact that they are independent," he said on ABC.

While Hyde said he retains his confidence in Reno as attorney general, Gingrich was sharply critical of her for not telling White House officials the FBI suspected China was planning to make illegal campaign contributions. Reno has said she telephoned national security adviser Anthony Lake, failed to reach him and never called back.

"If you're the top law enforcement officer of this country * * * wouldn't you say to the White House, 'Gee, the president and the secretary of state ought to know we think the Chinese communists may be trying to buy the American election?'" he said.

House Majority Leader Richard K. Arney (R-Tex.) suggested Reno is victim of the political pressures within the administration.

"This is a person that would like to be professional and responsible in their job, and that makes her out of place in this administration," Arney said on CBS's "Face the Nation." "She is in a hopeless situation. * * * If I were Janet Reno, I would just say 'I can't function with people that stand with these standards of conduct and behavior and I'm leaving.'"

On another topic, Gingrich said the United States should "consider very seriously" military action against "certain very high-value targets in Iran" if there is strong evidence linking a senior Iranian government official to a group of Shiite Muslims suspected of bombing a U.S. military compound in Saudi Arabia last year.

"We have to take whatever steps are necessary to convince Iran that state-sponsored terrorism is not acceptable," he said. "The indirect killing of Americans is still an act of war."

The Washington Post reported yesterday that intelligence information indicates that Brig. Ahmad Sherifi, a senior Iranian intelligence officer and a top official in Iran's Revolutionary Guards, met roughly two years before the bombing with a Saudi Shiite arrested March 18 in Canada. According to Canadian court records, the man, Hani Abd Rahim Sayegh, had fled Saudi Arabia shortly after the June 25 bombing that killed 19 U.S. servicemen and wounded more than 500 others.

JOHN PIDGEON'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY AS HEADMASTER OF THE KISKI SCHOOL

• Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have sought recognition to acknowledge John "Jack" Pidgeon's 40th anniversary as headmaster of the Kiski School in Saltsburg, PA. John is well known to many Pennsylvanians for his excellent career in education and also is the proud husband of Pennsylvania's State treasurer, Barbara Hafer.

Forty years ago, John Pidgeon left a position at the Deerfield Academy to assume the position of headmaster of the Kiski School. In 1957, he became the youngest headmaster in the United States. Today, he is the longest serving headmaster in the country. In this capacity, he has worked to stabilize the school's finances, develop the campus, and build upon its outstanding academic reputation.

When John first arrived at the Kiski School, the institution's infrastructure was suffering and its deficit was rising.

Under his direction, the school raised funds for a campus face lift, built a strong financial foundation, and stabilized enrollment. Throughout his career, he has emphasized the value of courtesy, ethics, discipline, high moral standards, and quality of education. By establishing a philosophy that combined these values in the school's education program, he has prepared Kiski boys to meet the challenges and opportunities they will face in the future.

I ask that the text of an article in the September, 1996 Kiski Bulletin be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

KISKI—THE SCHOOL THAT JACK BUILT

Forty years ago, John "Jack" Pidgeon left a secure job at Deerfield Academy to become the Headmaster of The Kiski School. As the new headmaster, he not only ran the School, taught classes, and coached sports, but also initiated a major face-lift of the deteriorating campus. Along with no entrance road and few athletic fields, the school had no desks or chairs in some dormitory rooms, lacked water for days at a time, and suffered a \$200,000 deficit. The students willingly pitched in to paint and clean up the school grounds.

Before 1957, Kiski never received a donation larger than \$10,000. Today, the 350 acre campus is the envy of both independent schools and liberal arts colleges. Under the direction of the Headmaster, the School has completed over a dozen substantial fund-raising campaigns and added:

Daub Hall, 1961.
The Field House, 1962.
Heath Clark Classroom Building, 1967.
The Indoor Swimming Pool, 1967.
McClintock Hall, 1968.
Vlahos Hall, 1968.
The Dining Hall and Infirmary, 1976.
Sheesley Hall, 1978.
The S.W. Jack Sports Center, 1983.
The Stephen C. Rogers Fine Arts Center, 1984.
Schoenbaum Center, 1985.
The John A. Pidgeon Library, 1993.
Six faculty homes.
A new dormitory in planning for 1997.

Today, campus buildings are worth over \$5 million, and the School has an endowment of \$20 million.

The campus enrollment is 250 boys, 225 boarders and 25 area day students. Over the past decade, "Jack's Boys" have come from six continents, 30 countries and 28 states of the U.S.

Jack Pidgeon came to Kiski as the youngest headmaster in the United States. Today his forty years of service make him the longest serving headmaster in the country. In addition to building a school with a superb physical plant, a sound financial basis, and a stable enrollment, Jack Pidgeon prides himself on placing high value on courtesy, ethics, discipline, morals, and a quality educational program. "Kiski Boys" are prepared to meet the challenges and opportunities they will face in the real world.

The man who played in the same backfield with actor Jack Lemmon and the same field with President George Bush at Phillips Andover Academy left a secure job teaching Latin at Deerfield Academy and took the leap of faith in coming to Kiski. He has, in his dynamic years as headmaster, built a school that has had a positive effect on the lives of thousands of young men. Every year, these young men receive a personally signed birthday card from the man who cared enough about their future that he risked his own on their behalf. •

MARINE CADETS OF AMERICA

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a national organization based in my district in Connecticut and headed by Col. George F. Keyes USMC (ret.), its current president. The Marine Cadets of America was founded in Connecticut in 1958 and is in its 39th year of operation, and although its mission has drastically changed and is geared to diverting children from falling prey to drugs and alcohol, it also provides children with a wholesome environment by teaching leadership skills, CPR, vocational skills, and a regular camping and survival program along with physical fitness and water sports. The men and women that serve as adult advisors and role models all serve without pay as volunteers and donate their professional skills to the children of this program. I congratulate and commend these men and women for their efforts and wish them every success in the continued efforts of this outstanding youth program. •

TRIBUTE TO ZVI H. MUSCAL

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Zvi Muscal, an exemplary businessman from Philadelphia and an outstanding community leader. Last December, the American-Jewish Community presented the 1996 Civic Achievement Award to Zvi Muscal, and I had the distinct honor of delivering the keynote address at his presentation dinner.

In 1979, Zvi left his beloved Israeli homeland to start a branch of Bank Hapoalim in Philadelphia. Like many who came to this country before him, Zvi came to America with a dream and a strong work ethic.

As the bank grew under his leadership, Zvi dedicated himself to many organizations which had a major impact on the Philadelphia community. Serving on the International City Steering Committee, the World Affairs Council, and the Philadelphia-Israel Economic Development Corp., which later became the Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Zvi has been a tireless advocate for business development in Philadelphia. Additionally, he has worked zealously to promote the city's cultural affairs and to support many important nonprofit organizations. In fact, the city of Philadelphia recognized Zvi's outstanding achievements and contributions by proclaiming May 19, 1985, Zvi Muscal Day.

Since then, Zvi has undertaken several business ventures. For instance, he started PhilTrade, Inc., an international trading company. Later, he and other business leaders founded the First Executive Bank. Zvi served as the bank's chief executive officer until June, 1996, when it merged with the First Republic Bank. Today, Zvi is the chairman of this institution.

As Zvi climbed the ladder of success, he strengthened his commitment to