

that businesses use to track people on the Web because they potentially can scan documents and images on people's hard drives as well as track online habits.

"Your tax records, what medical sites you've been looking at, your online banking—if someone has spyware on your machine, they would have access to that data and it would be next to impossible to tell if it was leaving," said Haymore, a former federal government computer security investigator.

Irate computer users also have filled online bulletin boards with complaints about tracking programs that are impossible to remove (even when the original host program is deleted), that crash their computers or clog up their telephone or cable lines, slowing down their Internet connections.

Two technology marketing companies, Silicon Valley's Radiate.com and Sterling's Conducent Technologies Inc., which have developed "ad hots," software for the most popular ads targeting customers, have been at the heart of the online privacy debate. These ventures partner with software companies and share a cut of the advertising revenue.

Conducent's director of Marketing, Robert Regular, says participation in its ad-driven programs is "voluntary" and offers consumers many advantages, including discounted or free software. People who purchase CD-ROMs made by eGames, for instance, can get six free programs if they choose to look at ads and give up some personal information. "We will show ads and will make use of the user's Internet connection and if they agree to that, great. If not, they don't have to use the software," he said.

Regular says the company always has required it partners to disclose in their privacy policies that the programs were "ad-supported" but only this month started making them flash separate screens during in the installation process alerting users of the tracking.

Like other people in the industry, Regular disputes the "spyware" characterization.

"We don't spy on anyone." We don't know any personally identifiable information. We know they are an anonymous user. We don't look at anything that they do," he said. "Because we run in the background, people think we're doing something deceptive and don't understand that its in order to refresh ads."

As stories of tracking software and other privacy concerns have circulated throughout the online world in recent months, companies and independent programmers have scrambled to develop protection tools with names such as ZoneAlarm and OptOut. More than 1.1 million people already have downloaded OptOut, freeware that was developed by Steve Gibson, a security consultant in California and a privacy advocate. And personal firewall software has been rushing off store shelves since last fall, with 40,000 to 50,000 copies being sold each month, according to research firm PC Data Inc.

But even unsophisticated programmers can easily get around the best available electronic firewalls, security experts say.

Symantec's Steve Cullen, the senior vice president for consumer business, said people using Norton Internet Security 2000, the most popular firewall program, for instance, can specify that their names, credit-card numbers and other sensitive information be blocked from leaving the computer. But if that information is electronically masked by one of many easy techniques, it can still get through.

"If it's really spyware, certainly encoding or encrypting is something that these guys could do and that makes it much trickier to catch it," he said.

Still Cullen says that scenario is rare. He said about 80 percent of the time companies don't bother hiding the data and leave it as plain text, a format that is simple to filter.

Christopher Kelley, an analyst with Forrester Research, believes that the "sneakiness" with which some corporations are acting has exacerbated privacy concerns and damaged the industry's credibility—something that they may come to regret as an increasing number of angry citizens create technological tools that could topple the companies' entire business plans. Added Montreal computer consultant Gilles Lalonde: "Right now it's now a free-for-all. Anything goes. This is the kind of environment that permits these kinds of intrusive behaviors, allows them to flourish. If we don't start to define some ethical rules, before long people will lose their trust in all online companies and this great technological revolution just stops."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I made an error on rollcall vote No. 549 by voting "nay" on H. Con. Res. 426, a resolution concerning violence in the Middle East. I support H. Con. Res. 426 and intended to vote "yea" in favor of this resolution.

TRIBUTE TO REV. JOHNNIE JAMES JAKES

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, some people are fortunate to live long lives, others are able to be seriously productive; but then there are those who are blessed to lead both long and productive lives. Such has been the case of Rev. Johnnie James Jakes who was born in 1902 and lived until just one day before what would have been his 98th birthday.

Rev. Jakes was born in Money, Mississippi on October 29, 1902, he later moved to Helena, Arkansas where he met and married Ms. Geneva Johnson, to this union, one son was born. He later met and married Ms. Callie Mae Strigler and to this union eleven children were born, she preceded him in death in 1985.

Rev. Jakes answered his call to the ministry on December 3, 1931, and pastored three churches and was highly regarded by his peers as a man of vision, fairness and cordiality.

After Rev. Jakes' health began to fail he moved to Chicago, Illinois where he was cared for by his 2nd eldest daughter, Ms. Elizabeth James and other members of the family.

He united with the Old St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church which was founded by his son the Rev. Paul Jakes Sr. and is now pastored by his grandson, the Rev. Paul Jakes Jr.

A long and productive life, may his soul rest in peace.

HONORING THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps for all of its contributions to our wonderful country. The participants in this New Deal program made an unparalleled contribution to our Nation and left a legacy of parks, forests, and recreational areas many of which still exist today.

The CCC, which was founded in April 1933, coupled the need to put unemployed young men to work and the need to conserve the Nation's natural resources. During the program's 9-year life, the Federal Government employed over 3 million men on an extensive variety of conservation projects across the United States. At the program's peak in 1937, there were over 502,000 corpsmen working in 2,500 camps in all 48 States, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico.

Corpsmen enlisted for 6-month periods, lived in camps or companies of 200 men, and were paid \$30 per month—\$25 of which was sent directly to their families. The average participant was 19 years old, had only an eighth grade education, and was so underfed when he arrived that he gained 11 pounds during his first 3 months in the program. If the program's sole purpose was to help young men support their families, the CCC would have accomplished a great deal and would have been a tremendous success.

But, Mr. Speaker, the CCC had another goal—that of conservation and restoration of America's natural resources. Between 1933 and 1942, enrollees hand-planted over 2 billion trees, built nearly 3,500 fire lookout towers and spent roughly 6 million man-days extinguishing fires. In addition to these remarkable feats in forestry, corpsmen also completed projects in erosion control, pond dam construction, soil conservation, and disaster relief assistance.

Sadly, this is the largest group of forgotten people in the United States. Over 4 million CCC people have never been recognized or given credit for what they have done and are still doing for our country. I recently received a letter from Charles L. Singletary, who is the President of Chapter 141 of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni in my home State of New Mexico. In his letter he stated, "The prodigious achievements of the 'CCC boys' are on the verge of being forgotten by this cynical generation. Lamely, the United States has never adequately recognized these achievements nor the men of the CCC." I urge my colleagues to join me in saluting and paying tribute to this extraordinary group of young men. In short, the CCCs changed the face of our Nation.

I am proud of the many accomplishments the CCC made during its 9-year existence, and it is no accident that this public works program was perhaps the most widely accepted and popular of the New Deal programs, even among those who generally opposed the Roosevelt Administration. The hard work, dedication, and many successes of the CCC participants provide us a shining example of the American spirit, and they showed us that we

as a united Nation can work together, face any peril, and succeed.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
CHARLES W. THOMAS

HON. JIM McCRERY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. McCRERY. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a fellow Louisianan, Major General Charles W. Thomas, who is retiring after more than 32 years of service to the Nation in the United States Army.

General Thomas served the past two years as the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Training Doctrine Command (TRADOC), responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of this major Army element and its 15 installations, 27 Army schools, and 67 thousand military and civilian personnel located throughout the United States. TRADOC's mission is to prepare the U.S. Army for war and is the architect of the future Army. In the fast paced world of change we have witnessed at a national and international level over the past three decades, General Thomas has been instrumental in steering the U.S. Army on a path to meet current and future threats to our national security. Equally important, he has contributed significantly to the readiness of the Army by ensuring the men and women in uniform were well trained and well equipped for their missions during peace and war. His leadership and mentoring played a major role in the development of an Army in which the citizens of our great nation can be justifiably proud.

Serving under such daunting responsibilities has been a pattern in General Thomas' military career, a career which began in October 1968 and saw him serve in the Military Intelligence Corps at such diverse locations as Turkey, Thailand, Germany, and in Saudi Arabia during Operation DESERT STORM. These tours of duty and a variety of other command and staff assignments have taken this alumnus of Northwestern State University in Louisiana with undergraduate and graduate degrees in Zoology across the seas and around the United States with duty in Georgia, Arizona, Hawaii, and Virginia, among other states. But his home has always been Natchitoches, Louisiana, where his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Charles and Sadie Thomas, still reside today.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize this respected Army leader. I wish General Thomas and his wife Sharon all the best, and am certain that Members of the House will join me in tribute to this outstanding American.

A VISION OF HINDU INDIA

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I noticed two recent articles that underline the religious tyranny in India. One was in the New York Times and the other was in the Washington Times. Together, they show that for minorities, the

promise of Indian secularism and religious freedom is a mirage.

The RSS, a militant Hindu nationalist organization, wants to ban foreign churches from India. It wants to reconvert everybody who converted from Hinduism to any other religion, such as Christianity or Islam. The RSS published a booklet encouraging people to file false criminal cases against Christians and members of other minority religions. They are moving ahead with plans to build a Hindu temple on the site of a very revered mosque. Is this how they practice secularism and religious tolerance in India?

The ruling BJP is under the umbrella of the RSS. In fact, Prime Minister Vajpayee just about a month ago told an audience that he will "always" be a part of the RSS. Shiv Sena, a militant coalition partner of the BJP, is also part of the RSS.

Since Christmas 1998, Christians have been subjected to church burnings, attacks on Christian schools and prayer halls, nuns being raped, priests being murdered, the burning murder of a missionary and his two little sons, and so many other atrocities that I have lost track of them. Two independent investigations show that 35 Sikhs were massacred in Chithi Singhpora while the President was visiting in March. Now these disturbing articles have come to light. How far will this pattern of religious hostility go on before we do something to stop it?

We should declare India a violator of religious rights. In light of that, we should cut U.S. aid to India. Why should the American taxpayer be forced to pay taxes to support a government that engages in such policies? We should also put ourselves on record in support of self-determination for Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagalim, and the other minority nations living under Indian rule. It is our responsibility to do what we can to support freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I submit the following New York Times article into the RECORD for the information of my colleagues and the American people.

A CAMP MEETING CELEBRATES THE VISION OF
A HINDU INDIA

By Celia W. Dugger

AGRA, India, Oct. 15—Dust rose in derbies across the dun-colored parade ground here, swirling around the legs of almost 60,000 uniformed men and boys from more than 7,000 villages. Those foot soldiers in the quest for a Hindu nation stood in ruler-straight lines that stretched as far as the eye could see.

They had come to a three-day camp to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Rashtriya Swayamservak Sangh, or the National Volunteers Association. It is a powerful disciplined and, some believe, dangerously divisive organization that has given rise to a raft of affiliated groups, including the Bharatiya Janata party that now leads India's coalition government.

After an hour of toe touches, deep knee bends and push-ups, the volunteers sat cross-legged in the dirt and lay down their long bamboo staffs to listen raptly to their leader, K.S. Sudarshan. He inspired them with a vision of India as an ancient and tolerant Hindu nation, but warned that the country was threatened from within by Christian churches that he described as foreign dominated and funded.

Although Christians have lived in India for 2,000 years and make up only 2 percent of its one billion people, he raised the specter of Christian conversions diminishing the domi-

nance of Hindus and leading to secessionist movements. He criticized Christian and Muslim Indians who have refused, in his eyes, to embrace their Hindu heritage. He called on Christians to sever links with "foreign" churches and set up a Church of India. And he condemned Roman Catholic missionaries who believe that only their path leads to salvation.

"How can we allow such people to work here?" he asked from his podium high above the ground. A larger-than-life likeness of the Hindu god Krishna loomed behind him.

Fifty-three years after India gained its independence from British rule, Mr. Sudarshan's movement is still agitating for a redefinition of the nation's founding secular values. They were enunciated in the 1950 Constitution, which guarantees "the right freely to profess, practice and propagate religion." And they were ardently defended by India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, who believed that religious minorities could retain their identities and still be loyal Indians.

In contrast, the Hindu nationalist ideology defines India as a Hindu nation whose people share a common geography, culture and ancestry. In this view, Muslims and Christians were converted from Hinduism and need to be reintegrated into the Hindu mainstream—a theme first sounded in the 1920's and articulated by Mr. Sudarshan today.

After the closing ceremony, thousands of volunteers, all dressed in paramilitary-style khaki shorts, white shirts and black caps, rushed from their rigid grid on the field toward the dignitaries sitting on red velvet couches in the blazing sun. A group of them surrounded Home Minister Lal Krishna Advani, who started in the R.S.S., moved to the Bharatiya Janata party, and is now believed to be in line to inherit the mantle of leadership from Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, who joined the R.S.S. back in the 1940's.

As orders blared from a tower of loudspeakers, Mr. Advani joined the rows of men in making the movement's salute (hand held stiffly across the chest, palm down) on the count of one, lowering his head on two and dropping his arm on three.

His presence here was another tantalizing clue in one of the country's favorite parlor games: Are the R.S.S. and the B.J.P.—the political party that is part of the Sangh Parivar, or R.S.S. family—hand in glove or at each other's throats?

The answer seems to be a little of both. There is a natural tension between them, Mr. Sudarshan's movement, which is striving to build a Hindu nation from the grass roots up, is purist in its ideology. The ruling party, which is striving for political power, has set aside many of its Hindu nationalist planks to win the support of regional parties with secular outlooks. It is no longer pushing for the construction of a Hindu temple on the site of a demolished 16th-century mosque in Ayodhya, for example.

But the movement and the governing party also need each other. The party relies on the movement's vast network of committed volunteers at election time. And the movement enjoys a measure of political influence because of its close ties to the party.

"The relationship is a bit like that between the Christian Coalition and the Republican Party," said Ashutosh Varshney, a political scientist at Notre Dame and an expert on India.

More than half a million boys and men attend the daily meetings of the R.S.S. in 45,000 local branches all over India. The group's appeal is part Boy Scouts, part crusaders. Many become volunteers for the daily physical exercise, sports and camaraderie, but were later fired by the association's idea of nationhood.