

Arafat—the Palestinian leader who cannot say “yes” and will not say “uncle.”

President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Ehud Barak put on the table before Mr. Arafat a historic compromise proposal that would have given Palestinians control of 94 to 96 percent of the West Bank and Gaza—with all the settlements removed, virtually all of Arab East Jerusalem, a return to Israel of a symbolic number of Palestinian refugees and either the right of return to the West Bank and Gaza or compensation for all the others.

Not only would Mr. Arafat not take it, he would not even say: “Well, this was insufficient, but this is the most far-reaching and serious proposal Palestinians have ever seen. Now, I want to enter into a dialogue with the Israeli people and government to see if I can get them to 100 percent.”

No, instead, Mr. Arafat launched this idiotic uprising. He did so because he is essentially a political coward and maneuverer, who apparently has not given up his long-term aim of eliminating Israel and who was afraid in the short run that if he took 99 percent, he would be killed for the 1 percent he left on the table. Mr. Arafat has never been willing to tell his people he got them most of what they wanted and now is the time to end the suffering of as many Palestinians as possible and move on.

This truth is what the Mitchell “investigation” should be telling the world and the Palestinians. There was an Israeli leader, and a slim Israeli majority, for a fair historic compromise. But there was no Palestinian equivalent, and unless there is a Palestinian partner, and a Palestinian leader, for a historic compromise roughly along the Clinton lines, no cease-fire is going to hold. The best Hebrew biography of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is entitled “He Doesn’t Stop at Red Lights.” Mr. Arafat’s biography should be entitled “He Doesn’t Go at Green Lights.”

Now Mr. Sharon—who was elected in the Israeli backlash against the failure of Camp David—is trying to pummel Mr. Arafat into submission. That won’t work either. Because Mr. Arafat is as afraid to say “uncle” to Sharon as much as he was afraid to say “yes” to Clinton. He fears he would be killed for saying uncle as much as he would be killed for saying yes to 99 percent. The Palestinians will never be bombed into submission. One hundred years of Palestinian history tells you that.

The real problem is that the Palestinians are leaderless today, and that is what the U.S., the U.N. and the Arab would have to face up to. Deep down, they all know it and they admit it to each other in private. There is no Palestinian leader right now willing or able to say yes to a fair historic compromise, and we simply fool ourselves with commissions that don’t acknowledge that. Unless the Arabs can stiffen Mr. Arafat by supporting him in any grand compromise, or by creating a context in which an alternative leadership can emerge, this bonfire will rage on and it will consume many, many others.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business yesterday, Monday, June 4, 2001, the Federal debt stood at \$5,668,781,838,668.70, five trillion, six hundred sixty-eight billion, seven hundred eighty-one million, eight hundred thirty-eight thousand, six hundred sixty-eight dollars and seventy cents.

Five years ago, June 4, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,139,964,000,000, five trillion, one hundred thirty-nine billion, nine hundred sixty-four million.

Ten years ago, June 4, 1991, the Federal debt stood at \$3,489,526,000,000, three trillion, four hundred eighty-nine billion, five hundred twenty-six million.

Fifteen years ago, June 4, 1986, the Federal debt stood at \$2,053,350,000,000, two trillion, fifty-three billion, three hundred fifty million.

Twenty-five years ago, June 4, 1976, the Federal debt stood at \$606,178,000,000, six hundred six billion, one hundred seventy-eight million, which reflects a debt increase of more than \$5 trillion, \$5,062,603,838,668.70, five trillion, sixty-two billion, six hundred three million, eight hundred thirty-eight thousand, six hundred sixty-eight dollars and seventy cents during the past 25 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF LILLIAN WALLACE

• Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to one of Nevada’s finest ladies, Lillian Wallace. Born in New Haven, CN on June 13, 1911. Lillian attended P.S. 132 and graduated from George Washington High School. In 1941, she joined the Army Medical Corps as a general clerk and was promoted to head of the Medical Supply Division. Having a life long desire to see California, Lillian moved there after the war and met her future husband, Julian. They drove to Las Vegas to wed in 1947 and later became residents of Nevada. Together, they devoted their lives to helping those who needed help, particularly senior citizens. They worked with the Mobile Home Owners League of the Silver State, an organization that fights for the rights of mobile home owners. Lillian also gave her time to Hadassah and the City of Hope Medical Center.

In 1982, she and Julian took a floundering group called Seniors United, and turned it into one of the most formidable seniors advocacy groups in Nevada. Lillian created the Senior Highlights magazine and has been the editor for 17 years. She takes great pride in choosing articles that are of interest and educational to our senior population. She believes in promoting the positive aspects of government and giving government officials a chance to meet with Seniors United members to discuss the issues. Lillian has always believed that education is the key to getting people to respect their government and get involved.

Lillian lost her beloved husband and soulmate last year. Moving forward alone has been one of her greatest challenges in life, but she looks to the future and continues to help seniors in need and work on the expansion of Seniors United. Her contributions to the seniors of the State of Nevada are legend and the honors she has received are too numerous to mention. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing this

grand dame of Nevada a happy 90th birthday.●

WE THE PEOPLE

• Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, We the People . . . The Citizen and Constitution program, administered by the Center for Civic Education, has provided curricular materials at upper elementary, middle, and high school levels for more than 26.5 million students nationwide. The program provides students with an in-depth, working knowledge of our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the principles of democratic government. Members of Congress and their staff enhance the program by discussing current constitutional issues with students and teachers, as well as by participating in other educational activities.

The class from Stillwater High School, in Stillwater, MN, took part in the program’s national competition here in Washington, D.C., April 21st–23rd, 2001. I would like to thank the students, Lindsay Jasicki, Leah Abbe, Aaron Williamson, Patrick Hueller, Anders Johnson, Stephanie Ebner, Aaron Ulland, Lee Howard, Jessica McGlaufflin, Kyle Ellefson, Jeffrey Morency, Jordan Hild, Rebecca Siemers, Patrick Horst, Blake Rasmussen, and David Hoffman and their teacher, Ms. Kathleen Ferguson, for representing Minnesota at this prestigious event. To reach this level of competition demonstrates a tremendous knowledge of the essential ideals and values of the American constitutional government. My staff and I wish these young “constitutional experts” the best of luck in the future.●

S.C. LIBRARY HONORED

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, It is official. The Richland County Public Library is the best library system in the country. Library Journal magazine and the Gale Group, the Nation’s largest publisher of reference works for libraries, recently named the Richland library the National Library of the Year 2001. The library’s executive director, C. David Warren, will accept the award on June 18 at a ceremony in San Francisco during the annual conference of the American Library Association. This honor is the latest in a string of honors bestowed on Richland County’s system. In 1999, the American Library Association chose the library as the No. 1 large library system in the Southeast and, in 2000, Hennen’s American Public Library Ratings ranked it fourth among urban libraries serving populations of 250,000–499,999. It was only a matter of time before it earned top billing nationwide.

Three key factors influenced selection of the Library of the Year: service to the community, creativity in developing community programs and leadership in creating programs that other libraries can emulate. The Richland library shines in each of these areas

thanks to the hard work of Mr. Warren, his staff, the Friends of the Library group, the County Council and voters. In 1989, voters approved a \$27 million bond referendum used to build a striking new main library on Assembly Street and seven new branches. Many Richland County residents already knew they had a gem on their hands, but it sure is nice to have that pride substantiated by such a prestigious honor. I commend the Richland County Public Library for its outstanding service and wish Mr. Warren and his staff the best of luck as they continue to build an exemplary library system.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ALLENHURST FIRE DEPARTMENT

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Allenhurst Fire Department on its 100th Anniversary of dedicated volunteer fire service.

For the last 100 years, with courage and devotion to their fellow neighbors, the volunteers of the Allenhurst Fire Department have valiantly given of themselves to protect the lives and property of the residents of Allenhurst, New Jersey. In doing so, they have taken on a great deal of personal responsibility in promoting the well being of their community and served as an exemplar of good citizenship.

I would like to extend my best wishes to the volunteers and families of the Allenhurst Fire Department and wish them many more years of fine service to their community.●

HONORING SEAN CONLEY

● Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I would like to honor Sean Conley for his recent victory at the 74th Annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee on May 31st, 2001. Outspelling 248 other master spellers at the national level over three days, Sean sealed his championship by successfully spelling succedaneum.

Sean is from Shakopee, MN, and attends the Minnesota Renaissance School in Anoka, MN. He placed 9th in the 1999 Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee and 2nd in 2000.

I join with all Minnesotans in celebrating Sean Conley's achievement. We are extremely proud of him.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2081. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report for 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2082. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Human Research Subjects: Delay of Effective Date" (RIN0925-AA14) received on June 1, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2083. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ergonomics Program" (RIN1218-AB36) received on May 14, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2084. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance of Functions Under this Chapter; Claims for Compensation Under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act" (RIN1215-AB32) received on May 25, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2085. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consultation Agreements: Changes to Consultation Procedures" (RIN1218-AB79) received on June 1, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2086. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Department of Defense General Counsel, received on May 25, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2087. A communication from the Associate Director for Retirement and Insurance, Office of Personnel Management and the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, Health Affairs, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the Joint Evaluation by the Department of Defense and Office of Personnel Management of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Demonstration: First Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2088. A communication from the Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CHAMPUS: Partial Implementation of Pharmacy Benefits Program" (RIN0720-AA62) received on June 1, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2089. A communication from the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Policy Support, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on Agreements for the Exchange of Defense Personnel Between the United States and Foreign Countries for Fiscal Year 2000"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2090. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of the Navy, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Secretary of the Navy, received on June 1, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2091. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Status Under Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act Legalization Provisions and Life Act Amendments Family Unity Provisions" (RIN1115-AG06) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2092. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Status for Certain Nationals of Nicaragua, Cuba, and Haiti" (RIN1115-AG05) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2093. A communication from the Director of Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing Premium Processing Service for Employment-Based Petitions and Applications" (RIN1115-AG03) received on May 31, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2094. A communication from the President of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to activities for 2000; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2095. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice, received on June 1, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2096. A communication from the White House Liaison, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, received on June 1, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2097. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Colombia; to the Committee on Appropriations.

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EC-2100. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of the Public Debt, Office of the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government Securities Act Regulations: Definition of Government Securities" (RIN1505-AA82) received on May 23, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2101. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" (Doc. No. FEMA-D-7509) received on May 23, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2102. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Brazil; to