

IN MEMORY OF BILL BAILEY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 1995

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a legendary figure of San Francisco's waterfront, William "Bill" Bailey, who passed away on Monday, February 27, 1995.

Bill Bailey was born in Jersey City, NJ, and brought up in Hoboken and the tough Hell's Kitchen section of Manhattan. Shipping out to sea at the age of 14, he joined the Industrial Workers of the World—the Wobblies—and began his career as a labor activist from the day forward.

Active in the maritime unions, Bill was a member of the generation of young radicals who transformed the labor movement of our country. He participated in the walkout on the waterfront which became San Francisco's famed general strike of 1934. In 1935, Bill and a group of seamen boarded a German liner tied up in New York Harbor, the *Bremen*, and tore its Nazi flag from the bow mast. Accounts from that incident recollect that a security force of nearly 300 were unable to stop Bill and his group.

In 1937, Bill went to Spain as a member of the Abraham Lincoln and George Washington battalions. Wounded several times, he participated in almost all the major engagements of the war.

In 1939, after returning to the United States, he resumed his leadership role in the maritime industry, and was elected vice president of the West Coast Maritime Firemen's Union. In the early 1950's, during the height of the McCarthy era, Bill was kicked out of the union under a screening program imposed by the U.S. Coast Guard. He then joined the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, rising to the vice presidency of San Francisco Local 10.

After retiring from the waterfront in 1975, Bill began a second career as an writer and actor, working in a major TV series on the Spanish civil war and appearing in several feature films and documentaries. He published his memoir, "The Kid from Hoboken," in 1993. But he never retired from his lifelong commitment to social and economic justice, continuing his activism until his dying day.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Bailey was part of the proud waterfront history and tradition of San Francisco. On Sunday, March 20, Bill was remembered at a memorial service convened by the waterfront unions which he loved. On behalf of the Congress, allow me to express our condolences to his son, Michael, and pay tribute to his work as a labor and civic leader for San Francisco.

REMEMBER OUR "COLD
WARRIORS"

HON. ROBERT K. DORNAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago today, in Ludwigslust, East Germany, United

States Army Maj. Arthur D. Nicholson, Jr., 38, became a casualty of the cold war. Major Nicholson was shot, by a Soviet soldier, without warning while on a routine patrol in a clearly marked United States Army vehicle.

Since his death, the world has witnessed many changes: The Soviet Union collapsed; the Berlin Wall crumbled; and the United States, and its commitment to freedom and democracy, emerged victorious in the cold war. Today, thanks in large part to the dedication and commitment of the brave men and women of our armed services, America is less threatened and our children less fearful of the once ominous nuclear threat.

As we look back on our Nation's cold war years, we must never forget the cost of our Nation's current-day freedom and security, and the men and women like Major Nicholson who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of their Nation.

On this 10th anniversary of Mayor Nicholson's tragic death, let us remember that he was more than just a soldier—he was a husband, a father, a brother, and a son. So on behalf of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, I extend our continuing sympathy and gratitude to Nick's family, especially his wife, Karen, and his daughter, Jenny. Today, we pledge to them, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "that from [our Nation's] honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion."

We will never forget. And we will continue to fight for freedom in tribute to Nick and our Nation's other fallen heroes.

FALSE PRAISE FOR ANOTHER
AUTHORITARIAN

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention an article that recently appeared in the Albany Times Union regarding France's warm welcome for Fidel Castro. The Mitterrands, who decry our cruel and barbarous treatment of Fidel the liberator, would do well to read up on their history before embracing another petty dictator. How quickly we forget that the socialist's dream of equality for all is nothing more than the tyranny of few in the name of many.

FIDEL CASTRO, FRENCH HERO

The Issue: He is hailed by the Mitterrands, who denounce the U.S. embargo of the island.

Our Opinion: They show an appalling ignorance of history.

Among many politicians and intellectuals in France there has been a tradition of viewing communist systems in an exceedingly favorable manner—no matter how brutally those regimes were in fact behaving. Mainstream French intellectual enthusiasms might shift from Moscow to Beijing or Havana, depending on the fashion, but they always had a red tint.

Against this history the Mitterrands warm embrace of Fidel Castro this week begins to make a little sense. For the Socialist French president and his wife, Fidel and the Cuban revolution never represented a threat to civilization as much as its promise.

Mrs. Mitterrand especially was effusive in her praise of Fidel and his work, singling out as his greatest achievement the "equality" he had "brought to the people." It did not seem to bother the president's wife that he had realized that goal at the considerable cost of liberty and fraternity.

We concede that equality has to a considerable degree been achieved in Cuba. Save for a small ruling class, the people are nearly equal in their poverty, equal in their ignorance (notwithstanding near universal "literacy"), equal in their servitude, and equal in their fear.

Furthermore, we cannot but agree with Mrs. Mitterrand when she says that the Cuban government has accomplished "the summit of what socialism could do." That, of course, is the problem. Communism promises paradise but is only able to deliver the gulag.

The French thinker, the late Raymond Aron, hit the mark when he called Marxism the opiate of the intellectuals. It is clearly a heady drug for many of them, an hallucinogen that induces cerebral giddiness and grossly distorts the senses. A lifelong imbibor like Mrs. Mitterrand can look across the Atlantic and see the American embargo as "cruel" and Fidel Castro as "nothing like a dictator."

Thankfully, the communist menace is almost wholly a thing of the past. Once, apologists of Marxist dictators posed a real security threat. Today they might give start to a good belly laugh.

YOUTH ART MONTH

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, we will soon celebrate Youth Art Month, an opportunity for our Nation to recognize the special role art can play in enriching the lives of children.

Artistic expression is one of the things which distinguishes us as human beings. By offering children the opportunity to express feelings and thoughts through creative expression, we offer them the opportunity to reach their full potential. While all of us may not have the talent of a DaVinci or a VanGogh, we have potential to express and enrich ourselves through art. Children in particular can learn much from education in the arts. They can learn about themselves and about the world around them.

What President Kennedy said of poetry is true of the value of all forms of artistic expression, "poetry [is] the means of saving power from itself. When power leads man toward arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations. When power narrows the areas of a man's concern, poetry reminds him of the richness and diversity of his existence. When power corrupts, poetry cleanses. For art establishes the basic human truth which must serve as the touchstone of our judgment."

For these reasons, I commend Youth Art Month for the way it is enriching the lives of children today across America. I hope all Americans will take a little extra time next month to appreciate the contribution art makes to our national life.

A TRIPLE-A DIAMOND IN THE
ROUGH

HON. BILL RICHARDSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, as the chaos of major league baseball's labor dispute continues to unfold, the spirit of baseball is alive and well in minor league baseball and the 1994 Pacific Coast league champion Albuquerque Dukes are ready for the new season.

Regardless of the outcome of the major league strike, the Albuquerque Dukes will continue to set the pace for well-managed professional baseball businesses in the country. The Dukes boast 8 straight years of 300,000-plus in attendance, a record average gate for 1994, a waiting list for advertisers, and competitive teams every season.

The Dukes' general manager and president Pat McKernan personifies the enthusiasm and devotion that prevails in the hearts of all baseball fans. By combining old-fashioned business sense and community support, Pat McKernan provides one of the most affordable family entertainment offerings in New Mexico.

I recommend to all my colleagues the following article about Mr. McKernan and the Dukes which appeared in the Albuquerque Business Times on March 6, 1995. I believe all Members will be encouraged to see that baseball and business can coexist for the good of the community and the sport.

ALB.'S BOOMING BASEBALL BIZ
(By Michael G. Murphy)

ALBUQUERQUE.—Considered a gem—if not the gem—of Triple-A diamonds in the rough, the Albuquerque Dukes are buffing the bleachers, lifting new light towers, and making ready for '95.

Sometimes hidden by its on-field sports success, the local slice of America's pastime ranks year after year as one of the most prolific and well-managed professional baseball businesses in the United States.

This year—strike or settlement in the majors—stands to be yet another winning season in terms of gate, advertising, and general bang for entertainment buck.

The Dukes' boast eight straight years of 300,000 plus in attendance, a record average gate for '94, a waiting list for advertisers, not to mention competitive teams every season.

Business and the support of the community has been wonderful, said President and General Manager Pat McKernan.

Economic impact is not a useful phrase for him ("They make those numbers up, don't they?") but reluctantly, has led the charge. He has been flanked by Ron Nelson, president of the Uptown Association, and Cathy Leyendecker, board member of the Mark Twain Neighborhood Association.

Leyendecker has a different view for future projects, but sided with Salazar and Nelson in a uniform front he will point to the parent organization of the minors—the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues (NAPBL)—which does dabble in financial figures.

According to a recent NAPBL model, an average Triple-A club generates about \$13 million a year in everything from hotels, meals, travel, local goods and services, scouts, umpires, and salaries.

Now, that is a SWAG or Scientific Wild Ass Guess in NASA parlance, said Neil Thueson, an associate planner with the city of Albuquerque who also teaches a UNM market research class in sports administration.

"It had some validity because it is based on kind of a model, but it does not apply to any single city."

And that is one reason the city is embarking this year on its own SWAG that will measure the impact of the Dukes all by themselves, Thueson said.

There is one given: the Dukes provide one of the most affordable family entertainment offerings anywhere, and it doesn't happen accidentally.

"McKernan deliberately does keep the prices down so that it can appeal to the family. He really does understand what he is doing. He understands the difference between the types of pricing policies."

Thueson said he has tried over the years to explain McKernan's expertise and success to UNM athletics, and how it could benefit the university.

"We talked to them about overall profitability and tried to get them to understand . . . but they never would."

McKernan, the barrel-chested and bearded business and baseball guru prefers interesting conversation, which doesn't include talk of pricing policies, corporate management, or even how the Dukes will do this year ("I don't know," he says).

McKernan likes to ask your age, get an answer, then add, "Oh, you just look old." He also enjoys inquiring, "Your second marriage?" and how you managed to screw up such a promising job elsewhere to end up here.

But the Dukes' resident optimist, wearing a "what, me worry?" expression, did talk about how just about anything that could happen with the strike should benefit the organization, and all minor league ball for that matter.

If the strike continues without replacements, it's the only game in town.

If the strike continues with replacements, it's arguably going to be a better brand of the only game in town.

And if the strike is settled, any residual fan resentment at the major league level—live, on TV or radio—can only boost Dukes' attendance, and the listening and occasional viewing audience.

It is a win-win-win situation, McKernan said.

There is an "understanding" among baseball owners, major league players, and the minor league players to make sure minor leaguers don't endanger their future careers by getting in the middle of the strike, McKernan said.

Management has no intention of "twisting any arms" to try to get Triple A players to become replacements, he said.

"They understand the dilemma. And we understand the dilemma far more than the players' association."

If the strike continues, they will report to the Dukes, probably right before the first game, April 6.

There is one possible negative, and that has to do with the chance that Congress, in screwing around with baseball's federal anti-trust exemption, will accidentally repeal a portion that allows major league financial support for the minors.

Still, McKernan, whose photo should be right next to laid-back in your Webster's, has not been losing any sleep. As he said, it is not something he can do much about, so he is not going to worry about it.

His cluttered office includes the Optimists Creed on his door, a Far Side calendar on his desk, a fish tank, and a photocopied motto that the "floggings will continue until morale improves."

The Dukes enjoy phenomenal community support. Last year, when they announced a ticket price increase of \$1, local media published the story with variations on the

theme of "it's about time" and still one of the best entertainment values in town, a bemused McKernan said.

It was the first price hike in eight years.

In about four weeks, the minor league boys of summer will strut their stuff in what promises to be an excellent and perhaps record-setting year.

Oh yeah, and the bottom line looks good again for the successful business that is the Dukes.

"We do all right . . . we survive in spite of ourselves," McKernan said.

COMMENDING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF SECRET SERVICE AGENTS

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, as ranking member of the House Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee, I rise today to commend nine members of the U.S. Secret Service for their heroic efforts in helping rescue almost 2 dozen individuals from a burning building in Washington, DC.

Many Americans view the role of agents of the U.S. Secret Service as that of protecting the President of the United States and the members of his Cabinet—which it is. However, on March 14, officers Thomas F. Owens, Jr., Gregory S. Cleckner, Paolo Palumbo, Phillip M. Bernal, George L. Sax, Kenneth J. Bouley, Kenneth B. Parsons, and Sergeants William S. Rick and Charles F. Kuzmovich of the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service, went beyond their assigned duties and helped to evacuate 21 residents from an engulfed building on 14th Street NW in Washington, DC.

The Secret Service officers on the scene, even prior to the arrival of the fire department, not only went door to door and helped residents leave the structure, but they also assisted a number of individuals who were trapped in windows and were afraid to leave the structure.

Mr. Speaker, the quick-thinking efforts by these nine Secret Service agents undoubtedly helped to save the lives of a number of individuals and I hope my colleagues join me in saluting their heroic efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDGE NICHOLAS TSOUCALAS

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 24, 1995

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Queens Borough Lodge No. 878 in honoring Judge Nicholas Tsoucalas, Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, for his service to his community, his County, and the Second Department.

A native of New York City, Judge Tsoucalas, began his education in the public elementary and secondary schools of New York City. He continued his higher education of Kent State University where he received a