

Yesterday's attack on Sarajevo highlights the pathetic state of affairs and utter impotence of the international community which has effectively abrogated its responsibility for enforcing Security Council resolutions in Bosnia. The shelling occurs at a time when the United Nations is reviewing its mission in Bosnia—a mission which, in my opinion, has been seriously undermined since UN forces began negotiating with the militants shortly after UNPROFOR's deployment. Further delay in deciding what, if any, role the UN can or should play in Bosnia will only make the withdrawal of UNPROFOR that much more difficult and potentially dangerous should such a determination ultimately be reached.

Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is that measures taken by the Security Council to date have failed to maintain international peace and security as it relates to Bosnia-Herzegovina. This being the case, it is unconscionable that that country continues to be denied its right to self-defense, in clear violation of article 51 of the UN Charter.

Earlier this year, I introduced H.R. 1172, legislation which lift the arms embargo against Bosnia-Herzegovina. This bill enjoys considerable bipartisan support as evidenced by the growing list of cosponsors. Mr. Speaker, I urge colleagues to support the lifting of the arms embargo, an action fully in keeping with Bosnia's inherent right to self-defense.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT ALIVE AND
WELL IN IDAHO

HON. HELEN CHENOWETH

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 1995

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the efforts of two institutions in my district that are pioneering innovative programs to meet the credit and housing needs of the citizens of Boise. Boise Neighborhood Housing Service and Key Bank of Idaho have been nationally recognized by the Social Compact in its 1995 Outstanding Community Investment Awards Program for their efforts, which are helping to address the city's critical shortage of affordable housing options.

Social Compact is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing industry investment in our at-risk neighborhoods. They lead by example, highlighting successful partnerships between financial services institutions and neighborhood nonprofit organizations that are working together to reestablish viable markets in which the financial industry can do business. By reestablishing these markets, the partnership reclaims vulnerable communities, transforming them into a neighborhood of active residents and homeowners with a real stake in their future. As a result of the annual Outstanding Community Investment Awards Program, Boise Neighborhood House Service, or NHS and Key Bank of Idaho were chosen out of 160 applicants as a model partnership, one that the rest of the industry can learn from.

When Boise NHS began 13 years ago as a small, neighborhood revitalization efforts, Boise was just entering a growth period. Today, Boise is a city with soaring housing costs and high land prices. In the last 5 years alone, the cost of living in Boise increased by

139 percent, while median income rose only 33 percent. NHS has responded to Boise's affordable housing shortage by forming a lasting partnership with Key Bank of Idaho, a financial institution committed to neighborhood revitalization. Their partnership is providing solutions both for lower-income families who need affordable rental housing or believe the dream of homeownership is out of their reach.

As a result of the leadership of Connie Hogland, executive director of Boise NHS, and Michael Mooney, president of Key Bank of Idaho, 77 families now live in newly constructed, affordable homes. Seven families have achieved the dream of homeownership, through the construction of Quince Cove development, financed 100 percent by Key Bank of Idaho. Key Bank has furthered its financial involvement with Boise NHS, supporting the National Neighbors Works Campaign for Homeownership, initiating a special lenders pool with other institutions to provide first mortgages to lower- and moderate-income families, and providing Boise NHS with an ongoing line of credit. In Boise our citizens have a great deal of civic pride in their city and the Key Bank employees, senior managers and even members of their board of directors also volunteer their time for community-wide events such as when the city comes together to help those that are unable to maintain the upkeep of their homes.

Efforts such as those by Boise NHS and Key Bank of Idaho deserve to be congratulated, not only for their ongoing efforts to meet immediate needs of Boise residents, but also for their innovation in finding new ways to help the city and the community, making it a vital place to live and do business.

RESEARCH FOR OUR NATION'S
FUTURE

HON. STEVEN SCHIFF

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 1995

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mention the importance of the basic scientific research funded under budget function 270. While this research may fall under the Energy Supply Research and Development title, this work, much of which is occurring at our national laboratories, is basic fundamental scientific research that applies to national problems in nuclear weapons and environmental cleanup.

Research efforts at the national laboratories are characterized by scientific excellence and the integration of basic research to real applications in the chemical sciences, materials sciences, and geosciences. For example, the materials science research program at the national laboratories not only demonstrates the relevance of basic science to technology, but also supports the Energy Department's primary missions. In addition, these programs take advantage of a wide range of large, capital intensive research facilities that are not usually found at universities.

Work in areas such as scientifically tailored materials combine expertise in solid state sciences, atomic-level diagnostics, materials synthesis and processes science to produce new classes of tailored materials for critical defense needs, and which can also be used

by industry down the road. That national laboratories materials researchers win prizes and awards each year, indicates that their colleagues in universities and industry recognize the value of their scientific contributions.

In conclusion, I ask my colleagues to be mindful that the national laboratories are conducting original and relevant basic research in the basic energy sciences program that is of great value to our Nation's future.

THE 44TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE ALLIANCE OF THE POLISH SINGERS OF AMERICA

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 1995

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 44th International Convention of the Polish Singers' Alliance of America which will take place in New York City from May 25 through May 28, 1995. As the Representative of one the Nation's strongest and most active Polish-American communities, I am proud to welcome them to New York.

Founded in 1889, the Polish Singer's Alliance is dedicated to promoting goodwill and Polish culture by performing the very best in Polish music. Every 3 years the Alliance sponsors a convention for Polish choral groups from all over North America. The convention acts to acquaint the public with the works of Polish composers, and foster a love for a country which has given so much to the rest of the world.

This year, the event is being hosted by the District VII of PSAA, based in the New York City metropolitan area, including Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. District VII will welcome 33 other singing groups from as far away as Arizona, and Ontario, Canada.

Together, over 1,000 people will join together to celebrate the rich history and the promising future of the Polish musical tradition. Judging from past conventions, a high point should be the choral competition. This even provides a unique opportunity for the choruses to demonstrate their talents in Polish classical, religious, and folk music.

The theme of this year's convention, Salute Free Poland, is particularly poignant. It honors not only the country's historical contributions to world culture, but recognizes Poland's long struggle to embrace freedom and democracy.

Mr. Speaker, I would request my colleagues join me in welcoming the Polish Singers Alliance of America to New York. I thank them for bringing their wonderful music to New York and for keeping this tradition alive for future generations to enjoy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 1995

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, May 16, during consideration of final passage of the Clean Water Act Reform Act, H.R. 961, I was outside the building and inadvertently