

African governments provided safe water and adequate sanitation to an additional 120 million people during the 1980's and now over 80 percent of the children living in urban areas have access to safe water and adequate sanitation.

African girls face many obstacles in obtaining an education but now approximately 69 percent of African girls are enrolled in primary school, up from 44 percent in the 1970's.

While there has been progress over the last three decades, there were several setbacks in the 1980's, such as a falling off of school enrollment by 7 percent.

This setback has been largely caused by the increasing civil wars with Africa. Armed conflict continues to afflict sub-Saharan Africa where fighting persists in Sudan, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. The potential for renewed outbreaks in Rwanda, Burundi, and Somalia is high, and other countries like Zaire and Nigeria, are at risk. Most of the nations where these wars occur have been victims of our former cold war policy.

The condition that these countries find themselves in today is largely due to our policy of containment of communism in the cold war days. As proper as that may have been during that period, the truth is these countries are suffering today because of the divisions this policy created in their societies.

Children of Africa have suffered due to this policy and this should concern the American people so that we strive harder to right these wrongs.

It is important that this year's Day of the African Child campaign will explore the theme of children in armed conflict. A study commissioned by UNICEF found that 75 percent of the children interviewed in Rwanda had seen mass killings in many areas. Moreover, in several African countries, boys as young as 11 years old have been recruited into military training.

The recent war in Rwanda is only one example of the atrocities committed where children have been the greatest victims. Thousands have been killed in the most brutal way by hacking away arms and limbs. On June 14 of last year, militia members of the majority Hutu tribe abducted up to 40 children of the minority Tutsis from a church complex in the government-held part of the Rwandan capital. The militia headed them off to almost certain death.

Enormous strides have been made in providing basic services for children caught in conflict. I was proud of the pharmaceutical industries in the New Jersey and New York area that responded to my call to help the children of Somalia through providing quality drugs through UNICEF.

On this now fifth annual Day of the African Child, please think of the children in each of the 56 countries of Africa and help in your own personal way to continue this good work.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor five very special business leaders in my district who were recognized and honored on May 11, 1995 by the Rolling Meadows Chamber of Commerce for their contributions to the community.

David Hill, Jr., chairman and president of Kimball Hill, Inc., was honored as the 1994 Business Leader of the Year. Having grown to become one of the 50 largest homebuilders in the United States, Kimball Hill Homes collectively delivered over 1,000 homes in 1994 alone. In addition, Mr. Hill has been involved in national housing policy efforts and has testified before Congress on housing finance issues. Moreover, he has been an extremely active participant in a number of local and regional planning, affordable housing, and charitable organizations.

Dr. Arvind Goyal, of Family Doctor, Inc., was honored as the 1994 Community Leader of the Year. Aside from having served residents for 16 years as a family doctor, Dr. Goyal has belonged to a wide range of local, State, and national organizations, such as the American Medical Association and the American Cancer Society. Other activities that have benefited the community include his public presentations and testimonials on health and other issues before a number of community institutions. Finally, Dr. Goyal has actively lobbied State and Federal legislators on such issues as smoking restrictions in business places, prevention of domestic violence, and health care reform.

Helene Curtis Industries, Inc., was honored with the 1994 Business Beautification Award. This respected Fortune 500 company which has been headquartered in Chicago for years completely renovated their building at 3100 Golf Road. The Rolling Meadows Chamber has obviously taken note of the marked improvement in appearance.

McMinn & Troutman was honored as Small Business of the Year. Having moonlighted as my campaign treasurer for the past 25 years, I am pleased to see Billy McMinn recognized for all the dedicated time and effort that he and his partner, Larry Troutman, have put into their business. Aside from their exceptional skills within the office, McMinn and Troutman have been longtime civic volunteers, as each are also active members of the Rolling Meadows Rotary Club, their respective churches, and many other civic institutions within the community.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate these five business leaders of Rolling Meadows for their hard work and dedication.

Rolling Meadows and the Eighth Congressional District of Illinois is a better place to live because of them.

THE FLAT TAX AND CRIMINALS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 16, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, advocates of sales taxes and value added taxes say that their proposals will eliminate the underground economy and tax avoidance by the criminal element and pretty much make the IRS unnecessary.

Personally, I've been very skeptical of this argument, but the following letter, received by members of the Ways and Means Committee, indicates that the Republican tax revolution may indeed bring a revolution to criminal thinking.

ROBIN, GYPUM, & STEEL, P.C.,
Springfield, VA, June 7, 1995.

Chairman BILL ARCHER,
*Committee on Ways and Means, 1102 Longworth
HOB, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: We serve as legal representatives of the United Drug Dealers of America and the Organized Families Mutual Benefit Association. On behalf of our clients, we were pleased and excited to hear your opening statement of June 5, 1995, detailing how the United States of America might abolish the IRS and move to a transaction or sales tax system. As you indicated, this would abolish the problem of the underground economy and the problem of non-compliance with the nation's tax laws.

On behalf of our clients, we heartily endorse this move. Our clients are patriotic Americans who want to contribute to the nation's tax base.

We do have, however, a number of technical questions as to how the sales tax system would work, and we hope you can provide guidance to the entrepreneurs we represent.

1. To reduce the paperwork associated with millions of dollars worth of marijuana, heroin, cocaine, LSD, etc., sales, can we pay the tax just once at the point of entry? If so, can we pay to an authority other than the U.S. Customs Service (whose personnel seem to have an unprofessional "attitude" problem toward our clients)? Or could you abolish the Customs Service, too?

2. Many of our clients build a customer base near centers of education by the use of free samples. Later, much later, the customer pays. Can the cost of free samples be netted against the profits of later sales?

3. Sometimes a client/customer will make an offer that can't be refused, and a refund for a below par product is in order. If our client has already paid the sales tax, whom do they apply to for a refund?

4. In the execution of our business, a contract is frequently let for disposing of a family of problems. Half the payment is made at the time of the contract, half on the completed contract method of accounting. If, however, the contractor is himself/herself indisposed before half the job is completed, can we receive a refund for a business loss?

5. Because of the high rate of disease and disability in our clients' professions, we are very interested in qualifying for Social Security disability payments as soon as possible. Will we be able to qualify after six quarters of employment in the event of hostile fire? If there is no IRS, who will keep track of our Social Security and Medicare payments? Or would you recommend that we advise our clients to switch to State Workmen's Compensation programs?

6. It is reported you might exempt medical expenses from the sales tax. Client customers who use drugs for stress-reducing