

quickly that he was not like most other politicians. "George shot from the hip. The words 'no comment' were not in his vocabulary." Of course covering George was no easy job, he was always on the move trying to beautify the town in some way or keep tabs on what was going on at police headquarters. And George was no stranger to controversy. As Carole Hartman said, "George didn't care if he was politically correct. Even if you disagreed with George, you always had to realize that his one and only motivation was plain and simple: He only wanted what was best for Sparta."

My sympathy goes out to George's wife Pat, their 6 children, 11 grandchildren and his 3 sisters. While we all mourn George's death, his family, the township of Sparta and the people that George touched in his lifetime should all feel a sense of pride for having known a man of such uncommon character. George Dykstra lived a great American life and his legacy will live on forever.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 1124,  
NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION  
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 24, 1996

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, the conference report to S. 1124, the fiscal year 1996 Defense Authorization bill, contains many positive and long-sought provisions. As a cosponsor of two bills to correct the inequity in cost-of-living adjustments for military retirees, H.R. 38 and H.R. 2664, I applaud the inclusion of a provision to correct this injustice to our military retirees. Under the conference report, military COLA's will once again match Federal COLA's, as they ought to and as they have traditionally.

The conference report contains two other important provisions: A 2.4-percent basic military pay increase and a 5.3-percent increase in the basic allowance in quarters [BAQ]. By all accounts the quality of life for our military personnel has been declining over the past decade. These two measures will help to alleviate the shortage of quality housing and ensure that military pay keeps up with the annual inflation rate.

Despite my strong support for these provisions, I am unable to support the conference report to S. 1124. Simply put, this bill exceeds what is needed for a strong national defense and even goes beyond what the Pentagon requested in its budget. For example, the bill authorizes \$772.9 million to purchase parts for 20 more B-2 Stealth bombers despite Congress's 1993 vote to limit the number of B-2's to the 20 currently under production or already delivered and despite the Pentagon's desire not to build any more. Moreover, future funding to complete the additional 20 B-2's is by no means assured, making the \$772.9 million a risky gamble.

The conference report also authorizes \$700 million for a third *Seawolf* submarine, an item the Clinton administration requested after the *Seawolf* program was terminated in 1993. According to experts, the *Seawolf* design is already outdated, and this is evidenced by the development of the new attack submarine line

and the fact that the House National Security Committee, in its committee report to H.R. 1530, opted not to build a third *Seawolf* but instead opted to upgrade the second *Seawolf* with a new hull section. I agree with the National Security Committee's original analysis, approved by the House when it passed H.R. 1530, that a third *Seawolf* is unnecessary and the \$700 million could be better spent.

For these reasons, I must oppose passage of the conference report to S. 1124.

CHIEF MURAWSKI BLAZES ON

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, all we need to do is think about the recent snow storms and floods to find real life heroes. Many of those heroes are firefighters, men and women who each and every day risk their safety for that of ourselves, our families, and our constituents. Fred Murawski has served the people of Bay City for the last 30 years as a member of the Bay City Fire Department, including the last 5 as its chief. Fred is retiring from this care of service, and is being honored at a retirement party next Tuesday, January 30.

Fred Murawski has spent his life caring about people. The countless calls, the many moments of anguish when a few more minutes might have meant the difference in saving a home or a life, the moments of joy when property was saved or an injury spared, the flashes of frustration when someone refused to pay attention to the warnings of danger offered by an experienced public servant, all combine to describe a career that no one can forget.

I know the Greek philosopher Heraclitus said "The world, an entity out of everything, was created by neither gods nor men, but was, is and will be eternally living fire, regularly becoming ignited and regularly becoming extinguished." Fred Murawski had a chance to live the observations of that philosopher, knowing that but for the grace of God he might be extinguished by the fire, rather than being the extinguisher of fire. His lifetime membership in both St. Stan's A.C. and St. Stan's Ushers Club, as well as his involvement with the parish council provided him with the solace that he needed after the demands of his work.

His dedication to his community also included service as a member of the Bay County Sheriff's Department, where he rose to the rank of sergeant. It included a proud tenure as a member for 17 years of the Bay County Democratic Executive Committee, including being its past chairman. His dedication to his profession urged him to become involved in a number of associations, including the International Fire Chief's Association, the Michigan Fire Chief's Association, the Southeastern Fire Chief's Association, the Bay County Fire Chief's Association, the Bay County Fire Fighter's Association, the Bay County Fire Fighter's Association, the Third District Emergency Management Association, and the Michigan Emergency Management Association.

I am sure that his wife Madeline and his daughters Rebecca and Cynthia were glad when the end of each day came and Fred was able to return home safe from harm. His

grandchildren Gregory, Scott, and Mark Bokhart have probably heard a number of stories of dangerous thrills from their grandfather, and can look forward to years of many more.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the thousands of lives who were touched by the dedication to duty of Bay City Chief Fred Murawski, I urge you and our colleagues to join me in thanking this wonderful man for a career of caring for the public, in wishing him the happiest of retirements, and the best for whatever new challenges his life may bring.

THE OFFICIAL MURDER OF  
ORPHANS IN CHINA

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 25, 1996

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, a few days ago, the world was shocked with the recent release of a detailed report by Human Rights Watch which documented the fact that a majority of children who entered a Shanghai orphanage during the late 1980's and early 1990's died within a year. The report suggests that there has been a deliberate policy of starving these orphans rather than caring for them. This deliberate and unimaginable treatment of one of the most vulnerable groups of Chinese society is both stunning and reprehensible. Tragically, this is consistent with Chinese human rights policies that we have seen far too often in the recent past.

Mr. Speaker, an excellent article appeared in the Washington Post yesterday—Wednesday, January 24, 1996—by Dr. Walter Reich, a physician who is the director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the chairman of the Committee on Human Rights of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Reich draws chilling parallels between the practices that have been observed in China and the horrors of the Holocaust.

I urge my colleagues to read Dr. Reich's most thoughtful article and consider the somber implications of China's appalling human rights record.

HOLOCAUST: THE CHINA PARALLEL

(By Walter Reich)

On rare occasions, historical parallels of contemporary events are so sharp that they pierce decades of time to penetrate our minds and skewer our souls. Accusations of the deaths, by deliberate neglect, of disabled children in Chinese orphanages, made by a credible human rights organization, summon up memories of the deaths, by both deliberate neglect and direct killing, of disabled children in Nazi German institutions. Those memories impose on us a powerful obligation to respond to the accusations against the Chinese orphanages by calling for an international investigation—and, if the accusations are confirmed, to take decisive action to end the medicalized killing of helpless innocents.

Human Rights Watch has reported that a majority of children, who entered a Shanghai orphanage in the late 1980s and early 1990s died within a year; that this high death rate was typical of orphanages throughout China, and that it was a result of a policy, euphemistically called "summary resolution," which selected children for death by starvation, sometimes aided by the administration of sedating drugs. These deaths, the report noted, were attributed to such causes