

friends, Bruce Lindsey, has been named an unindicted coconspirator in the Arkansas trial of two bankers involved in the Whitewater scandal.

Unindicted coconspirator? Mr. Speaker, when was the last time you heard that term used in relation to the White House? How about 1974. That is right—Watergate.

Mr. Lindsey's designation as a coconspirator is a significant turn of events. What this means is that someone inside Bill Clinton's circle of top advisers has been linked directly to the illegal diversion of funds to Clinton's 1990 campaign for Governor.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Clinton's propensity for unethical, if not blatantly illegal behavior, can no longer be ignored.

Whitewater. Travelgate. Filegate. All of these scandals are just now starting to mushroom and they all demonstrate a White House devoid of any sense of ethical proportion.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind the Member to avoid personal references to the President.

INCOME DISPARITY BETWEEN RICH AND POOR IS STEADILY IN- CREASING

(Mr. WISE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, the New York Times today, and other newspapers, point out that the income disparity, that is, the gap between the wealthiest, the poorest, and the middle class, is steadily growing; no secret to many working middle-class Americans. From 1968 to 1994, the rich were indeed getting richer, the poor poorer, and a lot of folks just are not moving anywhere.

So what has been the response in the Gingrich-Dole budget that has passed this House and actually passed the Congress? First was to cut back the earned income tax credit for working families earning under \$28,000. That means thousands of West Virginia working families will actually see a tax increase, not a tax cut. Oh, yes, I know about the \$500 tax credit that is proposed. However, that will mean that one-third of low-income children will not see a benefit from that, and it will not offset the tax increase that many of our working families will see.

Another response has been to cut Medicare for those who need it the most to pay for a tax break, many of the benefits of which will go to the wealthiest. That does not make much sense.

Finally, for those trying to be upwardly mobile and get an education, the Gingrich-Dole budget would also rein in student loans. They are trying to cut the rungs off the very ladder people are trying to climb up.

SALES OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO CHINESE COMPANY

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the White House approved a \$140 million sale of nuclear technology to a Chinese company that has already sold nuclear technology to Pakistan and Iran. The White House said do not worry, this time the Chinese Energy Corp. has promised not to do this again. Unbelievable. Who is on first? What is on second?

America gives money to Russia, Russia sells billions of dollars' worth of technology to China, China sells the technology to our enemies. The White House threatens China, then the White House sells nuclear technology to China, and China says do not worry.

Beam me up, here. It is completely evident the left hand at the White House does not know what the far left hand is doing. I yield back the balance of any nuclear reactors that we will be facing in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT TO FIX THE LAWLESS LOGGING RIDER

(Ms. FURSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FURSE. Today, Mr. Speaker, we have a chance to do something that the people of this country have been asking us to do for almost a year. We have a chance to fix the infamous lawless logging rider. We will be offering a bipartisan amendment which will be called the Porter-Yates-Furse-Morella amendment. It will go a long way toward fixing that infamous rider. That rider passed with no hearings, no scientific input, in the middle of the night, stuck on another bill, and no one knew the consequences. But soon the people told us the consequences. We heard from grandmothers, Boy Scouts, fishermen, scientists, and local communities. They said the rider had been a disaster, and they were right.

Our amendment, Mr. Speaker, it not antilogging, our amendment is prologging under the law. We have been asked to trust a huge Federal bureaucracy to just do the right thing. Trust us, they say. We say, trust the law. So I hope and we hope that my colleagues will help support this amendment that will fix the lawless logging rider.

DEMAND FOR TRUST ABOUT WHITE HOUSE MISHANDLING OF FBI FILES

(Mr. LINDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration has sunk to new

depths of incompetency and unethical behavior.

The President is sending his spin machine into overdrive in a massive attempt to prove that his actions were not unethical or illegal, but simply a bureaucratic snafu.

Think about it, Mr. Speaker. This administration is making every effort possible to prove that its actions were incompetent. That is the best news that can come out of their inexcusable mishandling of these files.

Mr. Speaker, we do not need Clinton's spinmeisters to prove to us that this administration is incompetent. We need the Clinton spin doctors to prove to us that they can tell us the honest truth about just one of the Clinton scandals without changing their story on a daily basis. And we need for them to prove to us that this administration is truly sorry and willing to cooperate with us in an effort to find out why the rights of individuals could be so haphazardly violated as they were in this case.

CHURCH BURNINGS

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, over the past few days I have spoken with people who have seen the center of their communities destroyed. When a church is burned much more is desecrated than the wood and the bricks. Churches are placed where families and friends meet, hold community events, and pray. In poor areas where people struggle to get through each day, the church is a place to ask for strength, help and perseverance.

Thankfully, despite losing their churches, these people have not lost their spirit. In DeKalb County, where I live, the predominantly white and integrated congregations affected by these cowardly acts must know that there are extremists in this country who wish to divide us. However, now more than ever, we must unite and send a clear message that their efforts to divide us will fail. They may burn our churches, but they will never destroy our spirit.

WHITE HOUSE BREACH OF CITI- ZENS' PRIVACY WITH FBI FILES MUST BE INVESTIGATED BY INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton White House is at it again. The most recent incident, involving the breaching of privacy of nearly 500 American citizens, reaffirms a disturbing trend throughout the President's tenure in office. The background check of these American citizens, as requested by the White House, is an outrageous misuse