

Appropriately, he was memorialized in the Washington Post recently by one of his most important comrades in arms, Arthur Schlesinger Jr., who shared with Ken Galbraith not just a friendship, but the effective pursuit of the roles I have just described, substituting of course Arthur Schlesinger's historical work for Ken Galbraith's economic contributions.

Drawing on their collaboration on so many issues over more than 60 years, Arthur Schlesinger concisely and deftly reminds us in his essay of what citizenship in a democracy is at its best. I ask that this article be printed here.

J.K. GALBRAITH'S TOWERING SPIRIT

(By Arthur Schlesinger Jr.)

Edmund Burke once made a famous prediction. "The age of chivalry is gone. That of sophists, economists and calculators has succeeded and the glory of Europe is extinguished forever." Some years later Thomas Carlyle disdained economists as professors "of the dismal science." The profession has indeed done little since to disprove Carlyle and to refute Burke. But neither Burke nor Carlyle foresaw John Kenneth Galbraith.

In the first place, Galbraith was the tallest economist in the world. That reinforced the boldness with which he confronted the establishment and its "conventional wisdom." Salvation, Galbraith argued, lies in the subversion of the conventional wisdom by the gradual encroachment of disquieting thought. "The emancipation of belief," he writes, "is the most formidable of the tasks of reform, the one on which all else depends." He was the republic's most valuable subversive.

His skills were not confined to economics. He was a diplomat, politician, bureaucrat, satirist, novelist, journalist, art collector, and man of the world and wit, and he took disarming delight in each role. I met him as a Washington bureaucrat during World War II. We discovered that both of us were born on Oct. 15, 9 years apart, and we became grown men who were, in height, 13 inches apart. The convergence of thought—I do not remember a disagreement—is the only compelling argument for astrology that I know.

His brilliant deployment of subversive weapons—irony, satire, laughter—did not always please the more sedate members of his profession. But it vastly pleased the rest of us. Ken used the whiplash phrase and the sardonic thrust for several purposes: to reconnect academic economics, walled off in mathematical equations, with human and social reality; to rebuke the apostles of selfishness and greed; and to give the neglected, the abused and the insulted of our world a better break in life.

He challenged the national conscience with a series of thoughtful books, provocative interviews, merry rejoinders and lethal wisecracks. The Bush presidency led Ken to muse aloud that it had caused him to think thoughts that he never thought himself capable of thinking. I asked, "For example?" Ken replied, "I begin to long for Ronald Reagan."

Galbraith was never less than opinionated, and his opinions were often deflationary and sometimes devastating. He was the master of the unconventional wisdom. How, in view of his elegant unmasking of pomposity, hypocrisy and shame, can we account for the broad and indeed ecumenical range of his friends and fans—stretching from left to right; from tall to short; from Bill Buckley to Arthur Schlesinger (and Ken more or less induced the last two characters to be fond of each other)?

Within this tall fellow bristling with opinions there resided a rare kindness of heart

and generosity of spirit. In Mr. Dooley's phrase, Ken not only afflicted the comfortable but comforted the afflicted. In a quiet way, without fanfare, he helped more people, promoted more noble causes, sustained more fragile spirits than almost any of us have known, giving of himself and his substance with grace and concern. Underneath his joy in combat, he was a do-gooder in the dark of night. There is another reason why Ken was so generally loved—his wife of 69 years, Catherine Atwater. Kitty was an intrepid lady, having stood up to Ken for more than half a century. Together they created a welcoming household.

John Kenneth Galbraith has left us, and the sum of human valor, wit, irreverence, sympathy, compassion and courage has badly diminished when we need them most.

PUYALLUP INDIAN TRIBE LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

SPEECH OF

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that today the House of Representatives passed S. 1382, a bill which would allow the Puyallup Indian Tribe to convert parts of their tribal land into a Trust held by the Department of the Interior.

The Puyallup Tribe has worked in partnership with the State of Washington, the Port of Tacoma, Pierce County, the Cities of Fife, Puyallup, and Tacoma to finalize an arrangement that will enable more than \$450 million in new investment and create an estimated 4,000 construction jobs and nearly 6,000 permanent jobs in Pierce County. Under the multi-party agreement—which builds on the 1988 Puyallup Indian Land Claims Settlement—relocation of some of the tribal lands will enable construction of a major new container terminal on the Blair Waterway.

S. 1382 is critical to the success of this broad-based agreement, and I look forward to the President signing this important legislation into law so that it can be fully implemented and the region can realize the benefits. I commend all parties involved on the way they worked together to allow for this expansion which will be an economic driver for the region.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSEPH GARCIA SACA

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest respect and admiration that I rise today to honor the late Mr. Joseph Garcia Saca. Joe was not only an endearing member of our community in Merced County, California, but he was a beloved member of my family. He was a very special and well respected man to many people, known for his gift of conversation, unwavering faith and positive approach to life. At the age of 84, Joseph Garcia Saca passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2006.

Joe, a longtime resident of the Atwater/Winton area of Merced County, was born to the late John and Adeline Saca in Pico, Azores on August 11, 1921. At the age of 7, Joe arrived in the United States with his mother and late brother John. In the years that followed, Joe attended Fruitland Grammar School in Winton, met his wife Laura Maciel and married on May 14, 1944.

To describe Joe's life as anything less than amazing would not suffice. Throughout his 84 blessed years, he participated in many successful business ventures throughout Merced County. He owned and operated the Arena Grocery Store in Livingston and was also a successful almond rancher for many years. In the 1950's Joe put his natural talent as a gifted conversationalist to work as a local talk show host for KYOS. In 1952, Joe established what would become his most memorable business—Kathy's Tot Shop in Atwater. Named after his daughter, the children's apparel store grew up with Kathy. Years later it was renamed to Kathy's Deb U Teens and specialized in teen clothing, and then in its last years it was simply Kathy's, selling women's wear until it was sold in 1977.

Throughout his life, Joe was involved in many community organizations and activities. He held the position of past President of the Atwater Pentecost Association and the Atwater Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the Lion's Club and Knights of Columbus. He dedicated many hours of service as President of the St. Anthony's Parent's Club and in countless volunteer positions for St. Anthony's Church. He has certainly left behind a legacy of community service that is to be admired and followed.

Joe is survived by his wife Laura with whom he shared 62 years of fulfilling happiness, and his three wonderful children and their spouses: Kathy and Wayne Jansen, Ron and Kathy Saca and Alan Saca. Known as "Papa," Joe adored his grandchildren Laurie Havel and her husband Richard, Kori Lynn Jansen and Allyson, Gigi and Caroline Saca, and his only great grandchild Tyler Havel.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor and privilege to join my family and community in honoring the memory my dear cousin, Joseph Garcia Saca. He will be greatly missed by all.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE NATIONAL WETLANDS LANDOWNER STEWARDSHIP AWARD TO THE HIGEL FAMILY FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Higel family of Alamosa, Colorado, as the honored recipient of the National Wetlands Landowner Stewardship Award from the Environmental Law Institute.

This award, specifically for conservation in Wetlands areas, recognizes the Higel family's commitment to conservation while maintaining sustainable agricultural conditions in the same area. The values the Higel's are being honored for are values all of us strive for in farming at any level. These values include a healthy thriving relationship between people