

before my first sergeant knocked me flat on the ground," Mangum remembered. "There was a spider mine I was fixing to put my foot on."

They advanced on foot into Germany, "We thought they'd sold all the trucks," Mangum said.

After entering Germany, Mangum was promoted to Captain. He commanded a heavy weapons (machine guns and mortars) company assigned to a rifle company commanded by Captain Bob Weir.

In one engagement, Mangum recalled, "We traveled 60 miles on foot in one day and two nights. We'd go up and got fired on and go back to where we started from, get organized and go back. Every time we started to move they'd shower us with artillery, screaming meemies, they'd make you shiver all over. Shrapnel tore the blade off the shovel I was wearing on my belt; five boys of Captain Weir's were killed by that shell."

Another time, "I was running to help Colonel Weir's men, where they were pinned down. I stretched out when I heard the shell. I felt the shrapnel hit my leg. I hated to look. It was nasty. When I went to the aid station, the doctor wanted to take the metal out. I said I wanted to get some men to go get Bob Weir's men out. The leg wasn't hurting. I got a bandage off the table and put it in my pocket. More wounded came in. One's arm was about to fall off. When the doctor worked on them, I went out the door. The leg hurt when I walked on it."

He bandaged the 8-inch gash in his leg himself and kept fighting. After the war, doctors discovered that the shrapnel in the wound was forcing his leg bone to bend out of shape.

As the Americans approached Berlin, Mangum was assigned to a motorized patrol with a Russian interpreter to make contact with Russian troops also approaching Berlin. "Imagine what a feeling it was to know you might be the first person to hit Berlin," Mangum said. "If I could just get in there and kill Hitler, I'd be satisfied. Had they not put the brakes on, I could have gone in. We held up that night. My driver and the Russian interpreter was killed, I don't know how. The civilians had cut people to pieces. There were wagons full of bodies."

When victory was won in Europe, Mangum was re-deployed to the Southwest Pacific, where the war was still being waged against Japan. While Mangum was at sea for 30 days, Japan surrendered. Mangum was among the Americans who went into Japan and set up a military government. He returned by ship to the United States. Then he joined occupation forces in Germany. After a medical examination in Dusseldorf, he was set back to the United States on a hospital ship to be treated for wounds that had never healed. He had shrapnel in his intestine and in his leg, and a head injury causing pressure on his brain.

He was honorably discharged with a physical disability on Oct. 20, 1947.

Mangum and his wife, Trudy, have four children, 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He is an active member of Bethel United Methodist Church and belongs to the American Legion and other veterans associations. After leaving the Army, he worked seven years as a Highway Patrol dispatcher and 35 years with the U.S. Postal Service.

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#### CONGRESS AND MEDICARE

HON. MARTIN R. HOKE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, there's an old trick to hawking snake oil. First raise the fear. Then

sell to it. That's exactly what the big-union, Washington-based labor bosses are trying to do with their latest advertising campaign of fear and blatant disinformation.

You have possibly seen some of these ads on television. The latest is a real whopper, claiming that Congress is out to kill Medicare. Of course, exactly the opposite is true.

In fact, Congress is trying to save Medicare from impending bankruptcy by increasing spending at a slower rate than before. This is also what the President has proposed. So instead of Medicare spending going up 10 percent a year, the President and Congress propose that it go up about 7.5 percent.

So how can the Washington-based labor bosses get away with this blatantly false advertising? Well, they can't everywhere. Stations around the country, including some in Cleveland, have refused to run these Medicare ads because they are factually incorrect and misleading. In one on-air story, a TV station in Maine called this latest ad by the Washington labor bosses, "a callous and flagrant attempt to play upon the fears of senior Americans." Closer to home, a recent attack ad paid for by AFL-CIO members' dues was so bad that even Cleveland AFL-CIO general secretary Dick Acton admitted that it, "technically might be in error."

That the Washington labor bosses are flat-out lying about the issues is bad enough. What makes it even more about the issues is bad enough. What makes it even more outrageous is that they are using the forced dues of their hard-working members to pay for it. Washington's labor bosses have pledged to spend \$500,000 this year specifically to defeat me. That effort is being financed by a 36 percent hike in members' political dues. Yet on the vast majority of issues rank-and-file members don't agree with the positions of their out-of-touch bosses in Washington.

The union men and women I speak with overwhelmingly support time limits and work requirements for welfare recipients and tax relief for working families. They want term limits and a balanced budget. The Washington labor bosses oppose every one of those positions.

Perhaps even more telling is that 44 percent of union members consider themselves to be conservative, yet almost 100 percent of their involuntary political contributions go to Democrats. As a result you can understand why so many union members are rightly embarrassed and angry that their forced dues are being used to finance political campaigns they don't support.

It is sad that Washington's labor bosses care more about their own power than they do about the truth or the views of their members. They benefited enormously from the growing Federal Government under the old majority. And they are not about to sit idly by as the power that was once theirs is returned to its rightful owners, the people.

If we allow fear to triumph, we can just wave goodbye to a balanced budget, middle-class tax relief, and welfare reform, and say hello to higher taxes and more debt on the backs of our children.

It is up to the American people. Will it be snake oil and fear, or truth and courage?

#### INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AT UPPER DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JON D. FOX

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, not every classroom has to have desks and a chalkboard. Not every classroom must be in a school. Students in Pennsylvania's 13th district have shown me that many lessons are better learned beyond the halls of their neighborhood school.

At Upper Dublin High School, eligible students are given the opportunity to forego their final exams, instead choosing to work in a career field of their choice for 3 weeks.

The students meet weekly with faculty to discuss their activities, keep journals, and write four page papers explaining the value of their experience. To be eligible for the program, the students must keep a C average and maintain good attendance and disciplinary histories.

Almost 250 students opted for this experience this year at Upper Dublin High School. Not only have the students explored possible career choices, they have taken the opportunity to give back to their communities and neighbors.

Among the experiences the students chose this year were substance abuse presentations, pediatric physical therapy, firefighting, and outdoor science and education.

Community leaders like Fire Marshal Jesse Hayden and Robbins Park director Sara Smith heaped praise upon the students, noting their selflessness and ability. I would take this opportunity to add my accolades to those of community leaders. Both the students and their educators should be recognized for their support of this worthwhile educational opportunity.

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#### FUNDING FOR THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 1996

Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. Speaker, this week the House of Representatives approved the spending bill for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary, and related agencies for fiscal year 1997. One particular program buried within the \$29.5 billion bill that has evoked immeasurable controversy is funding for the Legal Services Corporation. Prior to my election to Congress, I practiced law for almost 20 years, and it is through my experiences with the American legal system that I feel confident and qualified to comment on this valuable program.

The Legal Services Corporation [LSC] is a modest but vitally important and effective program that helps millions of needy families gain access to the justice system in cases relating to domestic violence, housing evictions, consumer fraud, child support, and other critical matters. The legal services program is the only means to assure that the most vulnerable citizens in our country—poor children, battered spouses, the elderly, disabled, migrant workers, and other low-income individuals—have access to legal representation in civil cases.