

Trapp as the director of the Air Force's Legislative Liaison Office. I know the general as a fellow South Dakotan and a fine soldier.

The good news is that General Trapp has been selected as the next commander of the 12th Air Force. The bad news is that Congress is losing a great legislative liaison, not to mention another fine person from the Rushmore State.

Through the past 28 years, General Trapp has served in the Air Force with honor and distinction. He is a command pilot with over 3,000 flying hours. In Southeast Asia he flew over 700 combat hours and later commanded our air wing in Panama during Operation Just Cause. He has held 5 commanding positions, which is a real tribute to his leadership capabilities.

I would like to think that General Trapp's dedication to service and loyalty to his troops was instilled as a boy growing up in South Dakota. It was there where he attended South Dakota State on a ROTC scholarship, and where his parents and family still reside. I think he is also a product of the U.S. Air Force. The combination has produced an excellent commander that our Nation can be proud of.

I can think of no person more qualified to lead and care for our men and women than Gen. Lanny Trapp. To him, his wife Nancy and daughter Bethany, we wish God's blessing and Godspeed.

NEW TRADE POLICY FOR ALL AMERICANS

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, the proponents of fast track would have us believe today's legislative battle is about whether or not the United States will trade. This is not about a battle between protection as free traders, but rather a struggle over the conditions of that trade and who will benefit from that trade. On one side, the President, the entire administration, the Republican leadership, and a fleet of corporate CEO's who have actually been given office space right downstairs in the Capitol in violation of the House rules.

On our side, 80 percent of the Democrats and a small group of Republicans. We think it is time to overhaul our failing trade policy, a policy that has brought \$160 billion trade deficits, exported jobs, driven down wages, weakened our environmental and food safety laws, all in the name of free trade. A policy that undermines our values to encourage a race to the bottom; enriching a few multinational corporations and their CEO's at the expense of the majority of American workers and communities.

"No" to the threats, "no" to the silent promises, "no" to the legal campaign bribery, "no" to fast track, and "yes" to the beginnings of a new trade policy that benefits all Americans.

TIME FOR IRS REFORM

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

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, the American people recently saw the IRS on trial. They saw a parade of witnesses come before the Congress to testify about the naked abuse of power over at the Internal Revenue Service. We saw current and former IRS agents who had to testify in secret because they feared for their lives. We saw ordinary citizens, taxpayers, who talked about how an audit turned their entire lives upside down, with some of them suffering great financial loss that will never be recovered. We saw a government agency totally out of control, lacking accountability, an agency where one is guilty until proven innocent.

Madam Speaker, the IRS needs radical reform. This House has taken great steps to begin that process, and we look forward to the other body and the White House to join us in this effort to reform the Internal Revenue Service, which is an agency of intimidation rather than enforcement.

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT FAST TRACK

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Madam Speaker, let us tell it like it is. The last fast track traded Ma Bell for Taco Bell. Today's fast track will trade more American jobs and dollars and factories to all of Central America for a '48 Ford pickup truck, two loads of pinto beans and three ballplayers to be named later. Beam me up.

In addition, I predict we will get another 25 tons of heroin, another 35 tons of cocaine, and a lot more economic development in the form of prisons, I say to my colleagues. Let us have a little straight talk. "This dog don't hunt. Pull this turkey."

I yield back the balance of any jobs we have left.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATION CONFERENCE REPORT

(Mr. PAUL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise to point out to the House a piece of legislation that I am sure will be passed tonight or in the morning in the wee hours when a lot of people are not paying much attention, and that is the foreign operations appropriations conference report.

I would like to point out that buried in this report is a \$3.5 billion new program called the new agreements to borrow, further funding for the IMF. These are the funds that will be used to bail

out Third World nations and also bail out bankers and industries that have invested in these nations such as in Mexico or Indonesia.

This is considered not to be expensive because of our special accounting procedure here, it is not on budget. It is supposed to be for free. But let me call my colleagues' attention to this: new agreements to borrow, IMF, new funding in the foreign operations bill report. This is inflationary, it is detrimental to the dollar, and it is subsidizing foreign interests as well as special banking and industrial interests here.

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AMERICA NEEDS RECIPROCITY, NOT DUPLICITY, IN TRADE

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, the supporters of fast track never discuss the massive trade imbalance which grows every year, never. This reflects job loss in America. The supporters are good, very good, at denigrating organized labor's efforts to defeat fast track. Organized labor has a vested interest. The jobs of members in various unions and the jobs in nonunion workplaces are at stake.

Why is their effort a special interest, and the expenditures of millions by multinational corporations simply "in the best interests of the American economy?" How can some Members of this House who vehemently defend the sovereignty of our Nation with foreign powers now surrender the oversight of the trade deal implementation to the World Trade Organization?

The WTO has just ruled in favor of Costa Rica and India on textile matters. What are we doing for our own sovereignty? Why sell us out again? Reciprocity, Mr. President, reciprocity, Mr. Speaker, not duplicity. Vote "no" on fast track.

COALGATE IN UTAH

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to inform my Members about Coalgate; no, not the toothpaste or the university, but another campaign scandal. In the heat of the 1996 campaign, President Clinton created the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah, which consisted of more than 1.7 million acres of land, an area larger than the State of Delaware.

The White House claims this monument was needed to protect one of the most pristine areas in America. However, I would contend that 62 billion tons of low-sulfur coal reserve was the real reason for this designation. The

Lippo Group, very large donors of the President's campaign, had a large financial stake in this monument, because clean Utah coal would have competed with the imported coal from Indonesia.

It is a sad day when the President would deny schoolchildren in Utah the tax revenues of \$1.5 billion in coal or the royalties, to protect foreign interests and promote his own self-serving ambition. Madam Speaker, the definition of greed has truly been revealed to the American people. They deserve the truth.

PUT PEOPLE FIRST: VOTE "NO"
ON FAST TRACK

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

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, the strategy of those of us opposing the present fast track proposal is not "America last," but putting people first. This is not mainly about the power of interest groups, but the power of issues.

In the last decade, more and more of U.S. trade has been with nations with low wages and tightly controlled labor and other markets, and with lax environmental conditions. Indeed, our imports from these nations like China, India, Brazil, Mexico rose by 25 percent in the last decade, and as an administration official said yesterday, 50 percent of all United States trade will be with these nations in the near future, increasingly changing from footwear to higher-tech ware.

Instead of moving forward towards new rules of competition to meet new patterns of expanding trade, the present fast track proposal goes backwards, limiting the President's authority in important areas of labor markets and the environment. There were no such limitations on Presidents Carter, Reagan, or Bush.

This fast-track proposal is wrong. Vote "no" and let us go back and do it right.

END IRS PRACTICE OF MEETING
QUOTAS

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

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I just cannot get over the shocking news about the IRS. It turns out that the IRS is not as bad as we thought. It is even worse. It turns out that when our friendly IRS agent appears at our door for an audit, he is not thinking about giving us a fair shake. He was not sent off from headquarters with instructions to do justice, no more, no less. No, of the things that is uppermost in his mind, the thing upon which his promotions will depend, is how much money he can extract from the poor taxpayer who is getting audited.

God help you if your friendly IRS agent is having a little trouble this month making his quota of fines. If you catch him a little behind in making his revenue quota, if his boss put a little pressure on his agents in the last weekly meeting, you may not want to expect to survive your audit without having to fork over money that you do not even have.

Madam Speaker, while the President and his friends at the Treasury Department are defending the evil ways of the IRS, this Congress is going to pass real change and put an end to this absolutely outrageous practice over at the IRS.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY M.
ROSENFELD

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

Mr. McNULTY. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Harry M. Rosenfeld, the editor-at-large of the Albany Times Union and one of this Nation's most highly respected journalists. Harry, who was one of my constituents, has enjoyed a long and illustrious career. He came to this country as an immigrant, was educated at Syracuse University, served his Nation proudly during the Korean war, and embarked on a career in newspaper work. He served as foreign editor of the New York Herald Tribune and then moved to the Washington Post, where he directed the coverage of the Watergate story that earned the Post a much-deserved Pulitzer Prize.

In 1979, Mr. Rosenfeld came to New York's capital district to serve as editor-in-chief of the Albany Times Union and Knickerbocker News. During his tenure as editor, the newspaper won countless awards for general excellence and community service.

Because of Harry Rosenfeld's commitment to honest courageous reporting as the foundation of responsible journalism, he leaves his community a better place.

Harry retired from journalism last week. For nearly half a century he has served as the living embodiment of the loftiest principles of his profession. In his community and in his industry, he enjoys a well-earned reputation for integrity and undying devotion to the highest standards of his craft. I am proud to salute my friend Harry for his distinguished journalistic service to the cause of democracy. Thanks, Harry.

SUPPORT RADIO FREE ASIA

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, today the House will debate H.R. 2232, which will increase funding for Radio Free Asia and the Voice of America broadcasting into China. By passing this bill, we will then have con-

tinuous broadcasting to China in multiple dialects and languages.

Currently, only a few hours are broadcast and in only two languages. The increased funds will allow millions of Chinese citizens to hear the truth about their own country and the world around them. Listening to the words of truth, of freedom, of respect for human rights, of democracy is fundamental to making correct decisions.

There is no free press in China. Voice of America and Radio Free Asia tell the truth of today's news without the bias, the distortion, the lies of the Chinese propaganda machine. Our broadcast will serve as a surrogate free press in the dictators' Republic of China.

I know these broadcasts can be successful. Radio Marti, which is listened to by millions in my native homeland of Cuba, has been promoting justice and freedom, the hallmarks of our great country. Castro has tried and tried to jam its signal, but he has failed. An informed citizenry is needed for true political and economic freedom. Support Radio Free Asia today.

VOTE NO ON THE UPCOMING FAST
TRACK BILL

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, we have heard numerous stories of dozens of deals between President Clinton and Speaker GINGRICH to ram fast-track legislation through this Congress. The killer deal was the very first deal the White House cut.

Instead of working with Democrats on positive legislation that looked to the future, the White House cozied up to the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH] and the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARCHER] on a deal that betrays our values and our historic commitment to working American families and the environment.

The Archer-Gingrich bill not surprisingly would make the Republican hostility to labor and environment the U.S. agenda in international trade negotiations, a global race to the bottom. The Archer-Gingrich bill is a fast-track to the past, not to the future.

The vast majority of Democrats, 80 percent of them, oppose the Archer-Gingrich bill because we want sensible agreements that incorporate our values as Democrats, values such as clean air and clean water, values such as safe food, values such as worker rights and human rights.

As Democrats, we can do better. Vote no on the Gingrich-Archer fast-track bill.

THE LEGACY OF THIS
ADMINISTRATION

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