

The cell has never been heated, and I have been continuously starved. Mircea Sengur has not allowed anybody to help me. Not even the Red Cross has been allowed to visit.

I will resist as long as God will keep me alive.—Ilie Ilascu, September 25, 1994.

#### APPEAL

To the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, European Commission on Human Rights, the Committee on Relations With European Non-Member Countries

The present Appeal is a document adopted at a protest meeting, held on January 20, 1995 in Chisinau (Moldova), which was attended by over 400 people representing 29 educational, research and cultural institutions.

We, the participants to the meeting, fully support the efforts directed at obtaining Republic of Moldova's membership in the Council of Europe, since, to our strong belief, this prestigious international body can give some additional guarantees to the irreversibility of democratic changes that occurred in our society during the last years.

It's precisely the concern for the fate of democratic gains of 1989-90 that made the people gather at this meeting.

The issue under discussion might seem pretty insignificant to anyone but those who know how skillfully and hypocritically it had been manipulated by the totalitarian regime. It deals with the term "Moldovan language"—a term invented by Stalin for the sake of building a "Berlin wall" between it and Rumanian language, and culture in general (for this purpose "Moldovan language" was even given the Russian alphabet). That proved to be one of the most powerful instruments of uprooting the ethnic identity of the Rumanian population of Bessarabia and of depriving it of its cultural values. The most progressive and honest scientists from both the Republic of Moldova and Russia could never accepted this falsehood.

That is why the issues of language and its alphabet have become pivots in the general democratic demands of 1989. As a result, the Academy of Sciences officially recognized—and the first democratic Parliament confirmed—that there is only one literary Eastern Romance language—Rumanian, Moldovan being just one of its sub-dialects (spoken also in Rumanian Moldova). In the general bliss of those years it seemed that there is no way back to the old political manipulations.

In this context one can understand the frustration related to the return of the false term "Moldovan language", a term the actual majority party succeeded to introduce in the Constitution (Article 13.1). By the way, the Academy, when consulted by the Parliament on the issue, reaffirmed its previous opinion and was thus ignored by the latter.

Things wouldn't be so dramatic, if people didn't know what the implications of this "minor" untruth would be to the study of history, literature, etc., but most of all to the MORALITY of the whole society. This would mean another spiritual isolation, i.e. our further distancing from the ideals of European integration.

Even more troublesome is the direct pressure on behalf of the Government upon the teaching staff of the educational institutions not to use the term Rumanian language. Threats are already being heard towards those specialists who do not accept the linguistic and historical untruth. Teachers feel humiliated by the fact that, after they have enjoyed the freedom of telling the truth, they are forced to perpetuate old propagandistic lies and find it immoral.

We, the participants to the meeting, protest against the above mentioned facts, qualifying them as violations of our human and professional rights. These are also violations of the students' right to education in their native literary language (and not just a sub-dialect of it), on the basis of scientific truth.

We also express our protest against the inaccessibility of state radio and TV (the only ones in Moldova) not only to the opposition parties, but also to the researchers, teachers, university professors that have different opinions from those stated officially.

We appeal to the high authority of the Council of Europe for support in the hope that it will not disregard these cases of encroachment on our professional liberty and human dignity.

Anticipating the membership of the Republic of Moldova in the Council of Europe, we are eager to work towards the democratization of our society and towards achieving the noble goals of this European forum.

With our highest consideration,

Timofei Melnic, Chief of the Department of Rumanian Literature, State University, Chairman of the Meeting.

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HONORING SAMUEL BEA, JR.

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 12, 1995*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a long-time community leader and activist, Samuel Bea, Jr., is retiring as district manager of Community Board No. 12 in the Bronx after serving 18 years in the post.

Sam's commitment to the residents of the Northeast Bronx cannot be matched. He brought to the position of district manager exceptional management skills and knowledge of people and issues which were the key to his many successes in trying to improve the quality of life for his constituents.

His past experience includes serving as director of Community Services, Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc., executive director, Mount Vernon Community Action Group, project administrator, Harlem Hospital Comprehensive Alcoholism Program, deputy executive, associate director, OJT director, Urban League of Westchester, manpower coordinator, Yonkers, NY, and director, Neighborhood Youth Corps, Greensburg, NY.

Everything that Sam Bea has done in his professional life has been devoted toward helping people. And though he retires from being district manager, I am sure his commitment to helping people will continue.

I join with Sam's family, friends, and colleagues in wishing him the best in the years ahead and thank him for all he has done.

DANVILLE ROTARY HONORED ON  
75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 12, 1995*

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Rotary Club of Danville, PA which is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding. I am pleased to have been invited to participate in the anniversary dinner on May 13 and to have this opportunity to bring the history of the club to the attention of my colleagues.

Founded in 1905, by Paul Harris in Chicago, the Rotary has been an institution in America ever since. The first Rotary meeting consisted of Paul Harris and three other businessmen. Out of that meeting came the idea to form a men's club representing local business and the professions. Weekly meetings were held, in turn, at each member's place of business. This is how the organization came to be called Rotary.

The purpose as defined by its founder was to undertake civic functions of value to the community. Mr. Harris was successful in his endeavor. Now known as Rotary International, the organization has grown to more than 25,000 clubs, in 172 countries, with membership well over a million and a quarter. In 1988, Rotary opened its membership to women.

Fifteen years after Paul Harris founded Rotary, the Danville Rotary Club was organized and given its charter, No. 651. This club has served the community with dedication ever since. The club boasts three District Governors from its ranks from 1938 to 1993. The club joined with Bloomsburg and Berwick to found the Columbia-Montour Boy Scout Council in 1924. Boy Scout Camp Lavigne was named in honor of Jack Lavigne, a charter member of the Danville Rotary.

Over the years, the club has sponsored a children's clinic, the student exchange program, Cub Pack 36, Crop Walk, Danville Community Center, Thomas Beaver Library, Edith Buckley Brown A.L.S. Foundation at Geisinger Medical Center, to name just a few of the club's beneficiaries. "Service Above Self", the motto of Rotary International, is the tradition of the Danville Club.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud of the strong and active influence of the Danville Rotary throughout my District. I am especially pleased to join with the Danville community in congratulating Danville Rotary on its 75th anniversary. We thank you for your dedication to your community, and for helping make Rotary synonymous with service.

TRIBUTE TO NANCY HUDSON AND  
NANCY KNOBLE

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 12, 1995*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two brave and very dedicated women, Nancy Hudson and Nancy Knoble, who are deserving of special congressional recognition for their efforts to call international attention to the battle against breast cancer. They are very