

THE TRAGIC BOMBING AT
MAHANE YEHUDA MARKET

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, yesterday in Jerusalem, the Mahane Yehuda market was ripped apart by two suicide bombs that detonated only seconds apart. At least 15 people are dead and another 170 are estimated to be injured as a result of this cowardly act. I rise today to strongly condemn the bombings, and to extend my deepest sympathies to the people of Israel.

The images we have seen on the news have been heartbreaking. The bombs, packed with nails and screws, turned a busy produce market into a horrifying scene of bloodshed and destruction. There is simply no justification for this indiscriminate killing of innocent people.

It has been reported that Issadin Kassam, a military wing of Hamas, has claimed responsibility for the bombing. This would not be the first time Hamas has terrorized the people of Israel and shown itself to be the strongest enemy of peace in the region.

Mr. President, this small majority of extremists cannot be allowed to block the peace that so many people desperately desire. Everyone affiliated with the peace process must now redouble their efforts to stabilize this region that has suffered so long.

Unfortunately, the peace process cannot move forward unless the Palestinian Authority keeps its promise to cooperate fully with Israeli efforts to combat terrorism. I am deeply saddened to report that to date, Palestinian efforts have been inadequate. Only by working together in good faith can terrorism be vanquished from the Middle East.

Once again, I express my sincerest condolences to the Israeli people for their latest sacrifice in the quest for peace.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD
LESHER, U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. BURNS. I would like to pay tribute to a man who has given the American business community and millions of hard-working Americans over 2 decades of dedicated service. Dr. Richard Leshar, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, will be retiring in mid-August of this year. Dr. Leshar has successfully steered the world's largest business federation during this era of global competition.

After nearly a quarter of a century with Dr. Leshar at the helm, the chamber's membership has grown to over 215,000 business members, 3,000 State and local chambers of commerce and over 1,200 trade and professional associations. In addition to the national membership, the U.S. chamber works closely with international members from over 60 countries.

Dr. Leshar has worked tirelessly to improve the chamber and to continually champion the goals of the free

enterprise system. In order to give his members a stronger voice in Congress, Dr. Leshar has established the Grassroots Action Information Network, or GAIN. He has overseen the creation of the National Chamber Litigation Center in 1977, the only public policy law firm that represents American business interests before regulatory agencies and the courts.

Dr. Leshar has been a constant source of inspiration and dedication in Washington, across the Nation, and throughout the world. His innovative ideas, superb leadership and knowledge of issues have made the U.S. Chamber of Commerce the Nation's leading business advocacy group. Dr. Leshar, thanks for your unflinching commitment to Americans and American business throughout your tenure. I wish you the very best in your retirement.

TRIBUTE TO PETER JENNISON

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a very special Vermonter. Peter Jennison has devoted much of his life to documenting our wonderful State.

Among his many accomplishments, Peter has authored "Vermont: An Explorer's Guide," "Roadside History of Vermont," numerous Vermont magazine articles and reviews, and also "Vermont on \$500 A Day (More Or Less)"—and for those of you who are lucky enough to have visited Vermont you understand the tongue-in-cheek title of the last book.

His skill and talent for writing and history earned him the Vermont Book Publishers Association Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996. As someone who has enjoyed many of his books and magazine articles, I know that this award is well deserved.

Peter is a longtime special friend of mine as is his wife Jane and I wanted the Senate to know about them.

The Rutland Herald recently ran an excellent piece on Peter Jennison. I ask unanimous consent that the article appear immediately following my statement.

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A "BORN AGAIN VERMONTER" REFLECTS ON A
LIFE SPENT AMONG BOOKS
(By Melissa MacKenzie)

At 75 nothing shocks Peter S. Jennison except the prices of books and hotels.

"I can remember when a suite at the Plaza cost \$10 a day," he said with a chuckle on the morning of his big birthday, July 2 was celebrated quietly, followed by a family gathering at the weekend. Jane Jennison, his wife of 51 years, was cheerful but bedridden with emphysema, knee surgery and two hip replacements. Otherwise life appeared to be going tolerably well in the 1840 brick cottage on the hill above the Taftsville General Store.

Jennison, a "born again" Vermonter, who grew up in Swanton and then lived many years in New York only to return home again, is probably best known to the average reader as one of the authors of "Vermont: An Explorer's Guide" and the popular "Roadside History of Vermont."

Others may recognize him as the dry, accurate and often humorous reviewer of restaurants and inns for Vermont Magazine. Or you may have seen his books in libraries, including two novels set in Vermont, "The Governor," written in 1964, and "The Mimosa Smokers," and a semi-serious guidebook called "Vermont on \$500 A Day (More or Less)." Two of his other books, "History of Woodstock, 1890-1983," and "Frederick Billings," written with Jane Curtis and Frank Lieberman, reflect his historian side and his lifelong interest in Vermont history.

An affable observant man known for his quiet wit, Jennison and his wife, Jane, founded Countryman Press, (now a part of the giant W.W. Norton Publishing Company), in Woodstock in 1973. Or re-founded, you might say. The Jennisons revived the imprint, dormant since the 1930s, which had in the past published such greats as Stephen Vincent Benet and Edgar Lee Masters, and launched their own version, including a new, colophon designed by Vermont artist Sabra Field.

Success came quickly, although it was hard work. Peter and Jane worked from their kitchen table to produce Countryman's first book, a guidebook called "Wonderful Woodstock," and only three years later published its first bestseller, "Backyard Livestock," by Steven Thomas, a book that is still selling well today. By this time several veteran editors and marketing people had joined the little enterprise, among them, the late Keith Jennison, Peter's brother, author of the humorous "Yup * * * Nope and Other Vermont Dialogues"; and three men who would eventually run the company, Louis Kannenstine, Christopher Lloyd and Carl Taylor.

The idea was to pay careful attention to the selection of books, be willing to take a chance on a writer; and to take pride in the way their books were designed. Said Jennison at the time, "Working this way is * * * a much more personal kind of publishing that is possible elsewhere in the conglomerate scene." It was a philosophy which saw little Countryman become a David among the Goliaths.

"Countryman was like a woodstove. You had to keep adding logs. Bit by bit we grew beyond our expectations. We didn't have a master plan, it just happened. The more books, the more momentum," Jennison said.

The company operated from the Jennisons' home for the first four years. Editing, billing and shipping continued to get done at the kitchen table. Books were ferried to bookstores in the back of a Toyota pickup truck. Next, Countryman moved down the hill near the Taftsville General Store, where it stayed until 1981 when it relocated to Woodstock and constructed its own building on Route 4. Countryman Press operated there until 1994. After the sale to W.W. Norton, the staff relocated to Mt. Tom. The building is presently for sale for \$495,000.

Selling to a big New York City publisher was "an emotional wrench, like selling the family farm, but I realized we had, so to speak, survived the childhood and the adolescence of the company, and now we had grown up and got married," said Jennison philosophically.

"For a small publisher it was getting more and more complicated and expensive to do business. The big wholesalers and the chains are now dictating the rules of the game," he added.

"Publishing has gotten to be part of the entertainment industry. More people are buying more books, but because of the star system that dominates the industry, a lot of new writers are being deprived of an audience. There are still a lot of smaller presses, but they don't have access to the major markets," Jennison said.