

organization representing a membership of approximately 3,300 realtors throughout the cities of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood. Saeed will be honored for his valuable contributions to BH/GLAAR on December 5, 1997. As his presidency comes to an end, I believe that this is the perfect time to commend him for his outstanding service and contributions to the greater Los Angeles real estate community.

Prior to entering the real estate industry, Saeed received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the State University of New York. For a period of time, he was manager and a shareholder of Construction Concepts, Inc., a company which designed parking structures. He holds a patent as the inventor of a security system with Door Deadbolt Interlock.

Saeed Nourmand has been in the real estate profession for more than two decades. He is the founder and sole shareholder of Nourmand & Associates, one of the premier real estate firms in Beverly Hills, CA. Also very active in other aspects of the industry, he currently serves as a director and president-elect of the Beverly Hills Board of Realtors, director of the California Association of Realtors, and as a member of the National Association of Realtors. He is an active member of the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Beverly Hills Economic Council. During his presidency of BH/GLAAR, he instituted and advocated for several legislative provisions to protect the rights of property owners in the Beverly Hills/Los Angeles area.

Saeed is married to fellow outstanding realtor—Myra Nourmand. The couple are the proud parents of one daughter and two sons. In addition to his business and family responsibilities, Saeed is an avid aquatic enthusiast, pursuing his love of swimming, scuba diving, surfing, windsurfing, and jet skiing.

Mr. Speaker, Stephan Saeed Nourmand has made innumerable and valuable contributions to the real estate industry. He is highly respected by his peers in the industry, all of whom I know join me in saluting him. As he prepares to step down from the presidency of the BH/GLAAR, I am proud to join my fellow Angelenos in congratulating him on his exceptional service to the citizens of Los Angeles. You've done an outstanding job, Saeed. Good luck to you and your family in all of your future endeavors.

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HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 29, 1997

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Joan Beaver, a resident of the Sixth District of Minnesota. Ms. Beaver has participated in CIVITAS at Bosnia and Herzegovina, an intensive program held from August 1 through August 17, 1997 designed to train teachers from throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina to educate students about living in a democracy. Ms. Beaver was able to take part as one of 20 American educators assigned to locations throughout the two war-torn nations.

The CIVITAS volunteers are using adaptations of congressionally supported texts such as, *We the People* * * * the *Citizen and the Constitution*, *Foundations of Democracy*. Using these resources, the democratic process taught in the United States is being spread abroad to facilitate a strong and educated democratic public.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend Joan Beaver for her dedication and commitment during the CIVITAS at Bosnia and Herzegovina summer training program. Her work is helping to achieve the overall objective of building democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

JIANG ZEMIN CONQUERS AMERICA

HON. GERALD B.H. SOLOMON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, as President Clinton and Jiang Zemin engage in their full-on lovefest this week, we would do well to remember just who Jiang Zemin is and just what he represents. Bluntly, Jiang is a criminal tyrant who presides over one of the most inhuman regimes in the world, which just happens to be engaged in a massive, anti-American arms buildup. The editorial board of the *Weekly Standard* has brilliantly outlined this inconvenient fact, and I would like to submit their editorial for the RECORD.

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Smooth, Western-style media skills do not come naturally to Chinese Communists. At a press briefing here in Washington last Wednesday, a reporter asked Chinese embassy propagandist Yu Shuning to summarize the intended theme of Jiang Zemin's big U.S. tour. China's maximum leader has an impressive series of photo-ops on his schedule: the U.S.S. *Arizona* Memorial in Honolulu, Colonial Williamsburg, the White House and the Capitol, Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange, and so on. What's it all about, Yu was asked, "What image does President Jiang want to create for himself at sites like Pearl Harbor and the Liberty Bell?"

Yu was flummoxed by the Liberty Bell, Pearl Harbor and *what*, he wondered? Then Yu needed help with the question itself: "What kind of *image*?" Right, the reporter persisted: "What kind of image would he like to create for himself?" Pause, "I have already said," Yu finally responded, "President Jiang will bring images to the United States."

Indeed, he will. There is, for example, the image of Wei Jingsheng in confinement at a Hebei-province concentration camp called the Nanpu New Life Salt Works. Though he was recently passed over for the 1997 Nobel peace prize in favor of some hippie from Vermont, Wei remains the world's leading prisoner of conscience, locked up all but six months of the past 18 years for "illegal" activism in behalf of democracy. Reliable details of his current condition—he is said to be gravely ill—are impossible to obtain. But we may fairly guess at the daily ordeal he and countless thousands like him suffer.

The dissident Liu Qing was subjected to a lengthy prison term in the 1980s for the "crime" of publishing a transcript of Wei Jingsheng's 1979 show trial. At the end of a brief hunger strike, Liu has since written, he was tied to a "special metal chair." Other prisoners "lifted my legs in the air while

kneading and pressing down on my stomach." One of them "squeezed my throat tight and pinched my nose shut." A prison official "stuck a metal brace in my mouth, twisting it open so wide that the skin on the corners of my mouth ripped open." The official then "clamped a pair of metal pliers onto my tongue, pulling it way out of my mouth before sliding a length of tubing into my esophagus." Liu next had his stomach pumped full of salt broth, after which "the floor was covered with pools of blood" and "my mouth was a numb and swollen mound of raw flesh."

There you have it in a nutshell: the central problem confronting Sino-U.S. relations generally and this week's Jiang-Clinton summit in particular. China is a hideous, aggressive, unapologetic despotism, and Jiang Zemin is China's unapologetic despot-in-chief. Shall the United States notice these facts and conduct its China diplomacy accordingly? Or shall the United States largely ignore these facts—since any commensurate response might threaten American corporate profits in the Chinese market—and celebrate Jiang Zemin and his dictatorship as worthy and valued players on the international stage?

Needless to say, we know the answer already—it has been official U.S. policy since 1994. During his pre-summit address last Friday, Bill Clinton touched oh-so-delicately on the essential character of Jiang's regime, explaining it away as the product of China's search for order in a time of profound change. America itself is not "blameless in our social fabric," the president reminded his listeners. And though we may disagree with the Chinese about important matters, he advised, we must nevertheless cooperate with them.

You can't wrest much serious political cooperation from people who "disagree" about something so basic as freedom, of course, and administration spokesmen have for weeks been careful to minimize practical expectations for the summit. The Chinese may sign a few of those minor agreements they habitually violate as soon as the ink is dry, and that's about it. But in the narcotic inertia of Sino-U.S. "engagement" diplomacy, substance is not really the point. Mere manners are the message. And the message, this week as always, is "nice."

They will be nice to Jiang Zemin at the White House on Wednesday. He will get a 21-gun salute and a state dinner and a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra. He will get all this "first-class" ceremony, explains someone from the National Security Council's Asia office, because he is "the leader of a great nation who deserves to be treated with respect and dignity."

They will be nice to Jiang Zemin at the Capitol on Thursday, where a breakfast banquet will be thrown for him behind the safety of closed doors. No China-related legislation will reach the House or Senate floor this week, the Republican leadership has promised. Candid debate about China policy, Newt Gingrich's press secretary says, might "appear an insult" to their visitor. Can't have that.

The National Park Service and Drexel University will be nice to Jiang in Philadelphia. Former president George Bush and the CEOs of AT&T, Kodak, and IBM will be nice to Jiang in New York. Harvard University will be nice to Jiang in Cambridge; school officials tell the *Los Angeles Times* that the audience for his scheduled speech there "has been carefully 'groomed and sifted' to avoid embarrassing confrontations." The Boeing and Hughes corporations will be nice to Jiang in Long Beach and El Segundo.

This is what the Chinese want, more than anything else. They want to be dealt with politely, as equals, people just like us, people