

has forthrightly stated Indian responsibility for the situation in Kashmir and has opposed the Indian government's nuclear tests.

Indian governments haven't always been the close friends with the United States and have often destabilized the region. It put the Prithvi missile on the export market a few years ago, some of which can even reach parts of the United States. It has provided nuclear technology to repressive, anti-American regimes such as Iran. The Indian government votes against the United States at the United Nations more often than any other country except Cuba, yet it remains one of the top five recipients of U.S. aid.

Not only India's neighbors, but also several of its constituent peoples have suffered at the hands of violent Indian governments. Internally, the Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, more than 200,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, almost 60,000 Kashmiri Muslims since 1988, and tens of thousands of Assamese, Tamils, Manipuris, Dalits, and others. In November 1994 the Hitvada newspaper reported that India paid the last Governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to foment terrorism in neighboring Kashmir and in Punjab, Khalistan as well. According to the State Department, between 1992 and 1994 the Indian government paid over 41,000 cash bounties to police officers for murdering Sikhs. In one case, the police event went so far as to kill a three-year-old boy and his father and uncle to collect one of these bounties.

We should also go on record demanding that India fulfill its half-century-old promise of a plebiscite in Kashmir and that it hold an internationally-supervised plebiscite in Punjab, Khalistan to decide the future of that country in a free and fair vote.

I would like to submit the News India-Times article for my colleagues.

[From the News India-Times, Aug. 14, 1998]
KULDIP NAYAR PLAYED FOR "ANTI-INDIA"
REMARKS

NEW DELHI: The recent statement allegedly made by Kuldip Nayar, veteran journalist and nominated member of the Rajya Sabha on the Doda massacre has created a furor in the country.

Nayar is now looked upon as a "treacherous, anti-national element" for suggesting that the massacre at Doda is only a retaliation by Pakistan for similar actions by Indian agents in Sindh.

The comment which has been so strong has even taken up editorial columns of the country's leading newspapers and magazines.

One such editorial piece has even called it a blasphemous statement and that patriotism has been turned into a dirty word by a "coterie of influential so-called intellectuals."

It added that such a statement would not have been made even by a spokesperson of Pakistan's notorious Inter-Services intelligence as that would have indicated its involvement in the Doda massacres.

Meanwhile, American Friends of India condemning Kuldip Nayar have circulated a release questioning Nayar's credibility as a representative of the nation. "This preposterous action by Kuldip Nayar brings several issues into question. Can he be trusted to be our representative in the Upper House of the

It may be noted here that Nayar represents a lobby of so called intellectuals that blames

the Indian government for Pakistan-sponsored massacres in Kashmir, and vehemently supports the U.S. government protests against the Indian nuclear tests. Does this lobby stand for India's unity or does it wish for its dismemberment?

Nayar and his fellow co-conspirators will do well to note that Kashmir is not about religion. It is about freedom of religion. We urge the government of India and the Indian National Human Rights Commission to treat the Kashmiri Pandits as "internally displaced people" and stress the importance of providing conditions for their safe return to the valley.

In light of such terrible tragedy of fellow Indians in Kashmir, Nayar should be expelled from the Rajya Sabha. We also urge the patriotic parliamentarians to take immediate action against Nayar for his treacherous and anti-national actions in the Rajya Sabha," the organization stated.

TRIBUTE TO MANHATTAN VALLEY
GOLDEN AGE SENIOR CENTER,
INC.

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with joy and pride that I rise to pay tribute to the Manhattan Valley Golden Age Senior Center, Inc., which will celebrate its 25th anniversary of services to the seniors and the community on Friday, September 18, 1998.

Manhattan Valley Golden Age Senior Center, Inc. was founded in 1973 by a group of civic leaders and community residents of the Upper Westside of Manhattan District Board #7 who understood the need to provide a variety of educational and recreational activities to our senior citizens.

The Center began its operations in two small rooms in the basement of the Grace Methodist Church before relocating in 1981 to a modern building in a residential area on 106th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.

The center provides advocacy and entitlement benefit services to help enhance an individual's self-esteem and foster a greater sense of independence and self-reliance.

On a daily basis, the Center, which is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., serves hot, nutritious meals to over 150 seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the commitment and the efforts of the Manhattan Valley Golden Age Senior Center, Inc.'s board, staff, and supporters for the assistance they provide to the elderly.

With the collaboration of a qualified staff, Manhattan Valley Golden Age Senior Center, Inc. networks with other agencies that offer assistance to help keep our seniors vital and part of the community.

I would like to especially compliment this year's honoree, Mr. Joseph Unanau, president of Goya Foods, who will be recognized during the 25th anniversary for his support in improving the quality of life of the seniors in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Manhattan Valley Golden

Age Senior Center, Inc. and the individuals who have made 25 years of service possible.

THANK YOU, RICHARD A.
BRZEZINSKI

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 17, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the quality of our lives is often measured by the people who we have the good fortune to know. For others, the quality of their lives is the direct result of the efforts by the people they are privileged to know. For virtually twenty-five years, the people of Bay City most definitely benefited from the concern and outstanding leadership of Richard A. Brzezinski. This unequalled gentleman passed away this summer, and will be honored at a special meeting of the Bay City Housing Commission on September 24.

Richard Brzezinski was married to his wife, Pat, for forty-four years. Their two children Rick Brzezinski and Terri Jozwiak, and five grandchildren learned well from a man who was active in his community, active in his church, and committed this personal sense of justice and his personal obligation to help those in need.

Dick worked at Dow Chemical for more than thirty years. He was actively involved in his union, the United Steelworkers of America, where he served as President of Local 12075 from 1982 to 1988. He worked extensively on programs for the placement of the disadvantaged and handicapped, helping many disadvantaged and handicapped individuals to find employment.

He was elected to the Bay City Commission in 1973, until his election as President in 1977. He has been a member of the Bay County Democratic Executive Board for the past twenty years, and has been an individual who has honored me with his support. Since 1980, he served as a member of the Bay County Housing Commission which oversees federally assisted housing programs in Bay County. He was honored earlier this year with the Alvira Long Memorial Award for Commissioners of the North Central Regional Council of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials for his commitment to his agency and to the citizens of Bay City.

Perhaps the highest tribute that can be paid to him is the appreciation of his friends. In support of the NAHRO award to Dick, his friend Richard Zmyslony wrote: "I count it a privilege to have him as a friend, and he has been a mentor to myself and many others in these areas." We should all be so fortunate as to have our friends think that well of us.

Mr. Speaker, Richard Brzezinski will be missed by his family, his friends, and the people of Bay City. It is only fitting that as he is honored in a few short days, we all pause to say "thank you" to a man who did so much for so many, and continues to show all of us that there is always something more that we can do to make life better for those who need assistance during those days that challenge even the best of us.