

nations, soon to be 25, with Bulgaria and Romania poised to join a few years hence, has much to teach other regions, most notably the Arab world, about institution-building and integration.

This sounds, I realize, like the stuff of distant, perhaps impossible, dreams. Many reasons can be offered why the European experience cannot take root in the Arab world. There are, needless to say, countless political, cultural, historic, and economic differences between Europe and the Arab bloc.

Still, I refuse to abandon hope because there is no more promising alternative, certainly not over the long term, and I am unwilling to accept the proposition that the Arab people have no choice for the future but to live under corrupt, autocratic, stifling filial dynasties.

Here, too, the United States and Europe, working in concert, can help lead the way and reap the benefits of their efforts.

And while it may seem far-fetched today, it is entirely conceivable that the United States and Europe could one day be talking about Israel's entry into the European Union, and perhaps even NATO, as part of a comprehensive solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In short—and I've only skimmed the surface—leaders on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean need to stress constantly our common values, common threats, and common goals.

To be sure, there are, and inevitably will always be, differences between Europe and the United States rooted in political rivalry, economic competition, divergent interests, and the like. In the larger scheme of things, however, these differences however, ought to be quite manageable and, in any case, must never be permitted to overshadow the commonalities.

The American Jewish Committee has long been in the business of building bridges between Europe and the United States, precisely because it understands what is at stake. At turbulent moments such as this, the work becomes only more important.

For us, it means recognizing that Europe, given its size and significance, cannot easily be ignored or dismissed even when we don't like what we see; rather, it must be engaged with skill, sophistication, and sensitivity, with ever more points of contact established.

Moreover, it means never losing sight of the larger picture of Europe and America as the likeliest of strategic allies, even we raise tough issues with our European interlocutors, as we at AJC do regularly in Berlin, Paris, Madrid, Brussels, and other centers of power.

Among these issues currently are: (a) the slow and stumbling reaction of too many Europeans to the indisputable rise in anti-Semitism during the past 2 years; (b) the unacceptable moral equivalence (or worse) with which a number of European governments view the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; (c) the political expediency all too evident in molding relations with dictatorial regimes in the Arab world (and Iran); (d) the rapidly declining impact of the Shoah on European attitudes toward Israel and the Jewish people; and (e) the growing anti-Americanism that too often goes unchecked.

On a lighter but related note, I had a good laugh when I saw a cartoon in the *New Yorker* (October 28, 2002) which showed a hostess at a cocktail party introducing two men to each other. The caption read: "Francophobe, meet Francophile." In my case, though, I sometimes feel that both individuals are living within me. No European country attracts me more culturally, or exasperates me more diplomatically, than France.

At the same time, I fully understand that generalizations can be dangerous.

Not all of Europe is anti-American, anti-Israel, or anti-Semitic, far from it. Britain,

Denmark, Italy, and Spain are today very close to Washington; Germany, Britain, and the Netherlands are the EU countries most sympathetic to Israel; and there are some European nations that have experienced few, if any, anti-Semitic incidents in recent years.

Even in France, described by *proche-orient.info* (the principal French-language source for balanced Middle East coverage) as the country that "takes the lead in the European Union's anti-Israel policies," roughly 20 percent of the parliamentarians in the National Assembly belong to the France-Israel Caucus. That may not be a sufficient critical mass to sway a nation, but it's still a rather impressive number to work with.

Moreover, though often overlooked, the situation in Central and Eastern Europe is actually quite encouraging. By and large, these countries are pro-American—Poland, Bulgaria, and Romania being three outstanding examples; they have close links with Israel, and, for a variety of reasons, have reached out to world Jewry in the past decade in a way that offers real hope for the future.

To sum it up, it would be well to revisit the eloquent words expressed by President Bush at the NATO summit in Prague 6 weeks ago. The American head of state said:

"The trans-Atlantic ties of Europe and America have met every test of history, and we intend to again. U-boats could not divide us. The threats and standoffs of the Cold War did not make us weary. The commitment of my nation to Europe is found in the carefully tended graves of young Americans who died for this continent's freedom. That commitment is shown by the thousands in uniforms still serving here, from the Balkans to Bavaria, still willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for this continent's future.

"For a hundred years, place names of Europe have often stood for conflict and tragedy and loss. Single words evoke sad and bitter experience—Verdun, Munich, Stalingrad, Dresden, Nuremberg, and Yalta. We have no power to rewrite history. We do have the power to write a different story for our time. . . .

"In Prague, young democracies will gain new security, a grand alliance will gather strength and find new purpose, and America and Europe will renew the historic friendship that still keeps the peace of the world."

These stirring words—and their policy implications—deserve a long life span, as well as permanent top-priority status, on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. The question, of course, is whether they will get it.

Given the global challenges piling up one on top of another, from Iraq to North Korea, it's safe to say that we should have a pretty good idea quite soon. •

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2318. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "17 CFR 240.17a-4—Records to be preserved by certain exchange members, brokers and dealers (Interpretations)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2319. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Fiscal Service, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing Treasury Securities, New Treasury Direct System, amends 31 CFR Parts 315, 351, 353" received on May 5, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2320. A communication from the Executive Director, Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2002 Annual Report of the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2321. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a document that states that the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' internal control systems are in compliance with provisions of the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2322. A communication from the Inspector General Liaison, Selective Service System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semi-annual report submitted in accordance to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2323. A communication from the Secretary, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the implementation of the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2324. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety & Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2004 and the Program Performance Report for FY 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2325. A communication from the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a document entitled "Help Wanted: A Review of Federal Vacancy Announcements", received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-2326. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to staff-years of technical effort to be allocated for each federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) during Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2327. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2328. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the Government of Uzbekistan and the substantial military support it has provided to the U.S. in connection to the Global War on Terrorism; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2329. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to a feasibility study on converting non-combat defense fleet to hybrid vehicles by 2009 and converting to an all-hybrid engine fleet for both non-combat and combat vehicles over a longer period; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2330. A communication from the Director, Admissions liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a separation of a cadet from the Air Force Academy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2331. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Useful Life Facility Determination (0572-AB80)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2332. A communication from the Regulatory Contact, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fees for Rice Inspection Services (0580-AA82)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2333. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indoxacard; Time Limited Pesticide Tolerance (7307-6)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2334. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the launching the Physician Group Practice (PGP) demonstration; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2335. A communication from the Chairman, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Twenty-Seventh Annual Report on the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Program for fiscal year 2002; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2336. A communication from the Director, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Locality-based Comparability Payments (3206-AJ62)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2337. A communication from the Director, Regulations, Policy and Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cold, Cough, Allergy, Bronchodilator, and Antiasthmatic Drug Products for Over-the-Counter Human Use; Monograph for Combination Products; CORRECTION (0910-AA01)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2338. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2339. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Mineral Management Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Document Incorporated by Reference for Fixed Platforms (1010-AD03)" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 1050. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-46).

S. 1047. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 1048. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military construction, and for other purposes.

S. 1049. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1054. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1044. A bill to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to prohibit the use of certain anti-competitive forward contracts; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1045. A bill to strengthen United States capabilities to safely and securely dispose of all greater-than-Class C low-level radioactive waste; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1046. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to preserve localism, to foster and promote the diversity of television programming, to foster and promote competition, and to prevent excessive concentration of ownership of the nation's television broadcast stations; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1047. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1048. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military construction, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 1049. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

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S. 1050. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 1051. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a demonstration pro-

gram to assess potential water savings through control of Salt Cedar and Russian Olive; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1052. A bill to ensure that recipients of unsolicited bulk commercial electronic mail can identify the sender of such electronic mail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. ENZI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 1053. A bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1054. An original bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 1055. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide physicians and other health care professionals with a tax credit for qualified expenditures for medical professional malpractice insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 142. A resolution relative to the death of Russell B. Long, former United States Senator for the State of Louisiana; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 238

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 238, a bill to reauthorize the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 281

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 281, a bill to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, to provide for training and technical assistance to Native Americans who are interested in commercial vehicle driving careers, and for other purposes.

S. 285

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.