

COX REPORT PUTS BOMBSHELLS ON PUBLIC RECORD

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, the recent release of the Cox report on the Chinese espionage at our nuclear laboratories has put on the public record a number of bombshells.

The crown jewel of our nuclear arsenal, design of the W-88 warhead, has been stolen by the Chinese Communists. Even more amazing is that nothing was done about it after it was discovered in 1995.

Chinese Communist penetration of our nuclear secrets is almost total.

The response from the White House? "Everybody does it" and "Let's not overreact."

I can hardly imagine how one could possibly say, "Let's not overreact." What could possibly be worse than losing the single most valuable nuclear secret we have? And as for the everybody-does-it defense when confronted by scandal, the charge is false. It is a lie.

President Ronald Reagan did not arm China with our best military technology, and President Reagan did not silence anyone inside the executive branch who dared challenge this policy. But this is exactly what has happened during this administration.

DEMOCRATS PROPOSE TO RAISE OUR TAXES, LOWER OUR DEFENSES

(Mr. SCHAFFER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHAFFER. Madam Speaker, raise our taxes and lower our defenses. That is what the top Democrat in the House just proposed the other day.

What must other Democrats be saying privately about the statement made by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. RICHARD GEPHARDT), the minority leader, about his desire to cut defenses and raise taxes?

Most of them quietly agree with the Democrat leader, but they also know that politically it would be difficult to express out loud their belief that taxes are not high enough, that middle-class families should endure the tax-and-spend policies of liberal Democrats.

Perhaps they are applauding their leader's courage for standing up for what they believe, a smaller defense and greater taxes. But it seems many of them are also nervous.

What if Americans learn that Democrats still stand for the 1960's style liberalism of even bigger government, ever higher taxes, and less freedom for individuals?

This is a truly fascinating case in American politics today. Right now in

Congress, Democrats stand in the way of a Republican tax cut. And now Democrats have made public their plans to lower our defenses and raise our taxes.

KOLBE-STENHOLM SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN ON WOMEN

(Mr. KOLBE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KOLBE. Madam Speaker, my colleague the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CHARLIE STENHOLM) and I have introduced a comprehensive Social Security reform legislation, H.R. 1793, and I want to talk today about some of the provisions that are in this bill. Today, I want to concentrate on those dealing with women.

Our bill contains a minimum benefit provision that would provide a more robust benefit than afforded by the current system. For an individual who works 40 years, we guarantee them a Social Security benefit equal to 100 percent of the poverty level. And as a result of that provision alone, 50 percent of women will get more retirement benefits under the Kolbe-Stenholm plan than under current law.

Our plan also allows workers to contribute an additional \$2,000 per year into their personal account. Women expected to take time off to raise children can make voluntary contributions both before and after their hiatus to catch up. For women who earn less than \$30,000, the Kolbe-Stenholm plan provides a savings subsidy for up to \$600 per year.

One of the reasons our bill is better for women is the changing nature of divorce. Not only has the divorce rate skyrocketed, but marriages are not lasting as long and more and more women are not remarrying. Consequently, more and more women are heading into retirement alone without the benefit of a spouse's Social Security income.

As more women are raising children alone, working in lower-paying jobs, or not remarrying after divorce, the minimum benefit provision, the ability to catch up for lost years and the savings subsidy will do more to lift those women out of poverty.

NATO HAS PREVAILED

(Mr. MORAN of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, let me just say a word about what is happening in another part of the world. We are achieving at least a temporary peace in the Balkans. Hopefully, it will be a sustained peace.

NATO and the United States have prevailed. They have been resolute, they have been strong, and in fact, they have been successful.

There has only been begrudging admission that it has been a successful policy. But when we consider the fact that we have not lost one pilot to enemy fire, we did not have to send in troops, and yet NATO has now prevailed. And it is clear now that NATO is resolute, it is stronger, and in fact it can control what happens in Europe, particularly the volatile region of Eastern Europe, into a much greater conflagration that might otherwise have expected that we would have been responsible for ultimately getting under control had not NATO been able to pull together 19 nations and pursue a coordinated, resolute policy.

This is terribly important for the long-term security of the United States. The President, the Secretary of State, General Clark and NATO, deserve a great deal of credit for their principled and resolute leadership.

PERMITTING USE OF CAPITOL ROTUNDA FOR PRESENTATION OF CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO ROSA PARKS

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 127) permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present a Gold Medal on behalf of Congress to Rosa Parks, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, while I am not planning to object, I just want to concur that those of us on this side of the aisle join with the gentleman from Oklahoma in support of this resolution.

I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS) for purposes of explaining the resolution.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for yielding.

First I would like to thank the gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON) for introducing the resolution to award Mrs. Parks the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor. With such leadership Americans will never forget where we came from and never lose sight of where we must go.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to support honoring Mrs. Rosa Parks in the Capitol Rotunda under the dome of the People's House with the Gold Medal of Honor. What could be more appropriate than for Mrs. Parks to receive the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor in the Capitol Rotunda, the structure that