

terrorists by local and Federal law enforcement agencies. Mr. Speaker, I submit it is wrong, and this type of negative stereotyping must not continue.

This is nothing new, Mr. Speaker. One need only look at the history of this country to see that scapegoating of Asian Pacific Americans as foreigners has been used as an excuse to burn down Asian Pacific communities in the 1880s and deny Asian Pacific Americans the right to own land, marry our own kind, and practice many professions in the early 1900s.

Today, in a time of heightened tension between the United States and the People's Republic of China, many Asian Pacific Americans question whether the same issue of racial scapegoating are being raised again in the case of Taiwanese American scientists Wen-ho Lee. As my colleagues may know, Mr. Speaker, Dr. Lee is the target of a heavy-handed Federal prosecution for the alleged crime of mishandling classified materials while working in Los Alamos National Lab. After 3 years, Mr. Speaker, after a 3-year FBI investigation, however, there is no evidence that Dr. Lee disclosed classified information, and he, in fact, has not been charged with espionage.

While Dr. Lee is in jail in manacles and held in solitary confinement, former CIA Director John Deutsch, who similarly mishandled classified materials by accessing files through an unsecured home computer connected to the Internet, was left off with a slap of the wrist.

Mr. Speaker, the double standard and selective prosecution has not gone unnoticed. Asian Pacific American researchers employed at the U.S. National Labs report that they work in a climate of fear and paranoia. As one Taiwanese American scientist stated, "They want us to be Americans and work in their defense labs, but they never treat us as Americans. They always treat us like foreigners, like Chinese."

Mr. Speaker, incidents like these sadden me. To protect America's greatness, we should all be sensitive to the fact that full acceptance of and democratic participation by people of all races and backgrounds, including Asian Pacific Americans, is crucial to our Nation's health and vitality.

I think the cases of Dr. Bruce Yamashita and Dr. Wen-ho Lee, and the hysteria surrounding Asian Pacific American contributions, bear implications, not just for the military, the government, and the media, but for our society as a whole. It asks the question, how long do we have to endure the attitude of those who consider Asian Pacific Americans and other minorities as lesser Americans?

I applaud Dr. Yamashita and others like him who have spoken out to ensure that racial discrimination is not tolerated. During this month as we rec-

ognize the diverse experiences and contributions of the Asian Pacific American community to our great Nation, I hope that we all take inspiration from them.

When I envision America, Mr. Speaker, I do not see a melting pot designed to reduce and remove racial differences. The America I see is a brilliant rainbow, a rainbow of ethnicities and cultures, with each people proudly contributing in their own distinctive and unique way.

I submit, Mr. Speaker, I did not have to be categorized as a Pacific Island American or Chinese American or Asian American or black American. I do not hear anybody calling themselves French Americans or British Americans or European Americans.

Asian Pacific Americans wish to find a just and equitable place in our society that will allow them, like all Americans, to grow, to succeed, to achieve, and to contribute to the advancement of this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close my remarks this evening by asking, what is America all about? What is this great Nation all about? I think it could not have been said better than on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on that summer day in 1963 when a black minister by the name of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "I have a dream. My dream is that one day my children will be judged, not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of personal business.

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of official business.

Mr. ABERCROMBIE (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of personal reasons.

Ms. BERKLEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of an airline cancellation.

Mr. MCNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and Tuesday, May 16, on account of attending the state convention.

Mr. STUPAK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and the balance of the week, on account of personal reasons.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today and Tuesday, May 16, on account of official business.

Mr. VENTO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of health reasons.

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of travel delays.

Mr. ENGLISH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of trans-

portation problems in getting back to Washington, DC.

Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of illness in the family.

Mr. SCHAFFER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of official business.

Mrs. WILSON (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. TAUSCHER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPFUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COMBEST, for 5 minutes, on May 16.

Mr. SIMPSON, for 5 minutes, on May 16.

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, for 5 minutes, on May 16.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On Thursday, May 11, 2000:

H.R. 2412. To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 South Harrison Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the "E. Ross Adair Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FALCOMA VAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 07 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 16, 2000, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

7574. A letter from the Regulatory Liaison, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards