

district for 35 years—Operation Youth. Operation Youth is a week-long conference during which young men and women learn about our Government. This nationally recognized summer program has won 28 awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. It uniquely combines learning and activity to give students a greater understanding of the American way of life.

This year's conference was held June 7-14 at Xavier University in Cincinnati. More than 100 area high school students participated. The theme this year was "An Understanding and Appreciation of America's Basic Freedoms." The program featured presentations by leaders from the areas of Government, education, and law on topics such as "Freedom and Economics," and "The Future of the American Political System." Forums were then set up for the students to discuss these topics and other current issues. The students formed political parties and elected officials to a mock municipal government.

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely proud to recognize those who were elected to office as well as those who participated in other aspects of this program. They are as follows:

Mayor: Tim Burruss of Goshen High School; vice mayor: Marci Rouse of St. Ursula Academy; city manager: Sean Halter of Turpin High School; clerk of the council: Jim O'Brien of Northwest High School; and city council members: Sara F. Andrews of Paulding High School, Anne Cunningham of Defiance High School, Amy Gaietto of Lima Central Catholic High School, Tara O'Neill of Toledo Notre Dame Academy, Todd Sams of Princeton High School, Susan Weaver of Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School, and Jenny Wenz of Mother of Mercy High School.

Also participating in the conference were:

Pam R. Alkire, Scott A. Anderson, Keith Arnold, Leslie Askern, Ann Marie Auer, Michelle Rene Barber, Kimberly S. Batsche, Jody Bigelow, Laura Bischoff, Diane Bohman, Tricia Bond, Beth Buerger, April Burger, Debbie Bye, Shelly Cappel, Stephen P. Carney, Cathryn Chislighi, Jeff Christman, Karla Cooper, Kevin R. Corken, Christine Deel, Tim Dennison, Megan Anne Dillon, James M. Driehaus, Alan Duning, Robert D. Eilerman, Kelly Ann Eldridge, Eric W. Enneking, James C. Evans, Tracy Evans, Claudia Eyer, George Fisher, Thomas A. Forbes, Jim Fortman, Margaret Fuller, Wendy Gay, Neal F. Giere, Suzamme M. Giesken, David Gullette, Brian Haigis, Bob Halderman, Geoffrey Hart, Chris Hill, Amy M. Hoepf, Brigid A. Horne, Terri A. Ille, Daniel Jeffers, Sean Kelley, John T. Kennedy, Tricia Kirkwood, Andrew F. Kossen, Jim Kramer, Julie M. Landis, Greg Leahy, Richard J. Mack, Heath W. McCarthy, Julia McCarthy, Joy McVay, Erin Miller, Patrick Moeves, Mike Mullinger, Robert Murphy, Mark Napier, Cindy North, Rick Ohmer, Michelle A. Otten, Jill Palmer, Jeff S. Pawlow, Brian Philipps, Jacqueline Pyles, Sarah M. Rose, Amy C. Sauer, Constance L. Sauer, Theresa Schaeffer, Joan Schmidl, Laura Schroeder, Tim Shawley, Thomas Sherman, Matthew Siegel, Rob Siegel, Jackie Slatzer, Thomas Smith, Kelly Sowder, Bill Spoor, Erica Sprengel, Eric Stevenson, Craig Stiefel, Karen A. Streng, Daniel Stroup, Edward Sweeney, Denise L. Tangney, Theresa Ungruhe, Rick Vonderbrink, Jeffery N. Wople, Scott Warman, Gary S. Warshauer, Jennifer A. Weaver, Terri

Weckenbrock, Jennifer Wegman, William A. Weis, and Joseph Wiehe.

I would especially like to honor William E. Smith, director of Operation Youth, and professor of accounting and finance at Xavier University. His dedication in insuring the success of the programs has been unsurpassed. His efforts, as well as those of the staff, enabled over 100 young citizens to gain new insight into the workings of democracy. The staff included:

Mr. Michael Vorbroker, program director; Ms. Marsha Telles, chief-of-staff; senior staff members; Brenda Green, Denise Heckman, Paul Darwish, Michelle Spaeth, and junior staff members; Tony France, Kathy Meinhardt, Ronald Murphy, Joseph Roesel, Joel Reginelli, and Nancy S. Thiele.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to pay tribute to this outstanding and worthwhile program.

DIVESTMENT LEGISLATION APPROVED BY HOUSE VOTE

HON. MICKEY LELAND

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 1986

Mr. LELAND. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to share with my colleagues the following articles on our friend and colleague from California, RON DELLUMS, which appeared in the Washington Post and New York Times last week.

The articles detail Mr. DELLUMS' 16 year struggle to win House approval of divestment legislation. Last Wednesday's passage of his legislation by voice vote was a tribute to one man's commitment and unwaivering efforts to place the United States on the side of justice in South Africa. Mr. DELLUMS' persistence and commitment raised the veil and made the world view the atrocity and inhumanity that results from South Africa's apartheid policy.

Mr. Speaker, human dignity, morality, and freedom are not issues of compromise. Mr. DELLUMS recognized that reality. Last week's action by this body demonstrates that ideological purity does play a vital role in politics.

I urge my colleagues to read the following articles:

[From the Washington Post, June 20, 1986]

DELLUMS: EXONERATION IS HIS—PASSAGE OF ANTI-PRETORIA SANCTIONS MARKS MILESTONE FOR HILL VETERAN

(By James R. Dickenson)

To Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.), the House passage Wednesday of his stringent economic sanctions against South Africa was "a shot heard 'round the world." But he also views it as personal "exoneration" from the judgment that he is a moral gadfly and maverick who is out of the mainstream of power in the House.

The House astonished itself and many observers by passing Dellums' bill calling for a trade embargo and complete divestment by U.S. companies and citizens of their holdings in South Africa. It was the first time that divestment legislation has been passed by either house, and Dellums' version was far more stringent than the bill most observers expected to be passed.

In an interview yesterday, Dellums described the action as a major blow to apartheid that can't be undone or turned back. He also views it as a refutation of the belief of many—which is "personally painful" to him—that he is just another flaky politician from Berkeley.

"'Berserkely,' a lot of them call it," he said, smiling ruefully.

"Yesterday's action was the shot heard 'round the world, that was heard in Pretoria," he continued. "We haven't simply altered the debate on apartheid, we've changed the environment. Whatever the dynamics of that moment, its effect can't be changed.

"Whatever comes out of the Senate and conference has to be stronger. We've opened new possibilities because we've moved the fear barrier back. We politicians live with a multiplicity of fears."

This view was shared on both sides of the aisle in the House.

"Yesterday, the House went to Ron Dellums; Ron Dellums didn't go to the House," said Rep. Jim Leach (R-Iowa). "Bill Gray went to the House, but the House went to Dellums."

Leach was referring to a more moderate sanctions bill sponsored by Rep. William H. Gray III (D-Pa), chairman of the House Budget Committee and one of the House's most influential insiders. It was expected to pass but was never voted on because of the surprise call-up and passage of Dellums' bill, which was the designated substitute for Gray's.

Passage of his bill was a personal milestone for Dellums, 50, a veteran of nearly 16 years in the House.

"This is the highest point of my political life, the most significant and personally rewarding," he said. "It's been a long journey to this moment."

His next most satisfying moment was his presentation of the alternate military budget in 1982, which proposed reducing spending by more than \$50 billion and canceling several nuclear missile programs. It got only 55 votes, about a third from the Black Caucus.

In many ways, Dellums is a paradox.

He is still the outspoken liberal he has always been, but his colleagues now see him as one of the most gentlemanly, considerate, even courtly members on Capitol Hill. They also value him as a "moral force for reordering priorities," in Leach's words, but think he's "too liberal to be in the mainstream."

Dellums, however, finds that the role of moral-outsider-gadfly leaves a lot to be desired.

I came here not to project my personality but to project ideas, to lift the level of debate above rancor and personal attack," he said. "We're talking war and peace, life and death, man, and if you carry controversial ideas in a controversial personality, how can you ever get anything done?"

The problem, he contends is that he came to Congress during the counterculture revolution of the 1960s and the anti-Vietnam war protest and became the personification of Berkeley and all it symbolizes.

My humanity got lost in the process," he said. "It has been personally painful to be considered just a gadfly, a maverick, a strong speaker, but outside the mainstream of power. What yesterday was about is that people have to see me in a serious way. This has been an exonerating factor."

He denies that he has just been an "off-the-wall voice."

"I introduced the first divestment bill 16 years ago," he recalled. "Did I come to the country or did the country come to me?"

When he first came to the Congress, Dellums seemed to be challenging its very legitimacy and that of the leadership, holding unofficial "hearings" on Vietnam war atrocities and racism in the military. Over the years, however, he's mellowed.

His seniority entitled him in 1983 to become chairman of the military construc-

