

RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (EXTERNAL MAIL)

CREATOR: uucp@whitehouse.gov@INET@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME:16-MAY-1998 09:59:00.00

SUBJECT: scanner results

TO: binns_m (binns_m@A1@CD) (WHO)
READ:NOT READ

TO: horn_s (horn_s@A1@CD) (WHO)
READ:19-MAY-1998 12:46:44.28

TEXT:
SCANNER RESULTS

X-Priority: 3

You right wingnuts keep up with the bullshit, and you never have an answer. Most of you are too stupid to understand that \$15 per hour isn't the issue. The issue is that if we are to have the type of country that

MESSAGE BODY

From garlant@defnet.com Sat May 16 09:58:58 1998
Received: (from uucp@localhost) by WhiteHouse.gov (8.7.1/uucp-relay) id JAA21601 for <President@WhiteHouse.GOV>; Sat, 16 May 1998 09:58:58 -0400 (EDT)
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Date: Sat, 16 May 1998 09:57:35 -0400
From: Gary Lantz <garlant@defnet.com>
Subject: Answers
To: Bill Clinton <president@WhiteHouse.GOV>
Cc: Washington Journal <journal@C-span.org>, USA TODAY <USAtoday@clark.net>, Tom Daschle <tom_daschle@daschle.senate.gov>, Susan Collins <senator@collins.senate.gov>, Sherrod Brown <sherrod@hr.house.gov>, Scott Klug <badger02@hr.house.gov>, Reform Party - Gerald Moan <gmoan@aol.com>,

Richard Gephardt <gephardt@hr.house.gov>,
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John Kerry <john_kerry@kerry.senate.gov>,
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John Boehner <john.boehner@mail.house.gov>,
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Message-id: <199805161357.JAA08871@wopr.defnet.com>

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X-Priority: 3

You right wingnuts keep up with the bullshit, and you never have an answer. Most of you are too stupid to understand that \$15 per hour isn't the issue. The issue is that if we are to have the type of country that God and the founding fathers wanted, we have to have freedom for all. The country that we should all want is void of greed. Not everyone can be a Doctor and it takes all workers to make a product. Then it takes all workers to be able to buy the necessities of life. Then to be a great country, it takes all workers to be paid a wage somewhat above that minimum. The arguement should evolve around those issues. We have to have a community atmosphere within our corporations, with healthy pursuit of profit. But profit is not just money. If each community were shaped towards this ideal country, most Americans would prosper. If we are a country of God or shaped under the rule of God, we have to understand why the Bible says that it will be so hard for a rich man to reach Heaven. Most of you expecially on this newsgroup have this warped sense that most people (or too many) are looking for a free ride. But you only need to look to these inner city projects that take some of the worst schools and damned children and make high achievers and college grads out of this group.

If we want to end all our problems and the crime, etc.. we need to provide the opportunities for all. It is not socialism, but it is not totally capitalism. Many European countries seem to be finding that path.

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CREATOR: uucp@whitehouse.gov@INET@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-MAY-1998 14:08:00.00

SUBJECT: scanner results

TO: binns_m (binns_m@A1@CD) (WHO)
READ:NOT READ

TO: horn_s (horn_s@A1@CD) (WHO)
READ:19-MAY-1998 16:16:06.67

TEXT:
SCANNER RESULTS

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> As far as I have been able to determine, the Weaver family was not a danger to
> anyone. The "crime" of you rendering a shotgun to a barrel length below the
> legal federal limit, was in my estimation no crime at all. The same president
> and attorney general who in the end were responsible for the deaths of your son,

MESSAGE BODY

From dsk11@ix.netcom.com Tue May 19 14:07:43 1998
Received: (from uucp@localhost) by WhiteHouse.gov (8.7.1/uucp-relay) id OAA25732 for
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Tue, 19 May 1998 14:06:21 -0400 (EDT)
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id NAA09590; Tue, 19 May 1998 13:04:38 -0500 (CDT)
Received: from nhv-ct1-01.ix.netcom.com(205.184.152.33)
by dfw-ix8.ix.netcom.com via smap (V1.3) id rma009530; Tue May 19 13:04:08 1998
Date: Tue, 19 May 1998 14:05:00 -0400
From: Dan Kardas <dsk11@ix.netcom.com>
Subject: letter sent to Randy Weaver
To: "dsk11@ix.netcom.com" <dsk11@ix.netcom.com>
Message-id: <3561C9C8.D7BD99E9@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-version: 1.0
X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.05 [en] (Win95; I)
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Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Dan Kardas wrote:

> Dear Mr. Weaver:

>

> I have followed your tragedy in both the mainstream press and the internet. I
> would like to extend my condolences to you and your surviving family for your
> terrible loss.

>

> Mr. Weaver, I will not pretend to understand or even agree with some of your
> personal beliefs about race politics, however that is immaterial to what
> happened to you and your family, as it is your right to believe anything you
> wish in our Constitutional Republic, as long as you do not infringe on the
> rights of others.

>

> As far as I have been able to determine, the Weaver family was not a danger to
> anyone. The "crime" of you rendering a shotgun to a barrel length below the
> legal federal limit, was in my estimation no crime at all. The same president
> and attorney general who in the end were responsible for the deaths of your son,
> your wife, and one of their own agents, does not travel anywhere without an
> armed cadre carrying the latest in concealable fully automatic weapons, yet they
> are determined to render the rest of us unable to possess even the most basic
> firearms for our own defense. Personally, I believe that the sawed off shotgun
> to be one of the most effective close range weapons ever designed, and perhaps
> one day I will make one myself, unless hacksaws are also made illegal.

>

> I have bookmarked your site, and when I have some spare cash I will certainly
> purchase your book.

>

> Good luck to you and your family, Mr. Weaver. May God Bless and save our
> nation.

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> Sincerely:

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> Dan Kardas

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> <<http://geocities.com/capitolhill/6430/index.htm>>The Guano Tsunami

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> Socialism = Slavery.

> Federal Income Tax Strike Now!!

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> Dan Kardas

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> Westbrook, CT 06498

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Westbrook, CT 06498

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CREATOR: uucp@whitehouse.gov@INET@EOPMRX

CREATION DATE/TIME: 2-JUN-1998 23:12:00.00

SUBJECT: scanner results

TO: binns_m (binns_m@A1@CD) (WHO)
READ: 3-JUN-1998 05:21:37.07

TO: horn_s (horn_s@A1@CD) (WHO)
READ: NOT READ

TEXT:
SCANNER RESULTS

NOTICE:(secret daily-diary notes now available for public inspection.)

And so, do you think schools shootings has gain'd populiertease due to hidden factors often said to be protected from the MEDIA due/do to the executies-pre-village deal we so often call self-help anonimitea rule?

MESSAGE BODY

From CarlOats@compuserve.com Tue Jun 2 23:11:50 1998
Received: (from uucp@localhost) by WhiteHouse.gov (8.7.1/uucp-relay) id XAA01963 for <VP@WhiteHouse.GOV>; Tue, 2 Jun 1998 23:11:50 -0400 (EDT)
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(8.8.6/8.8.6/2.11) id XAA22519; Tue, 02 Jun 1998 23:10:11 -0400 (EDT)
Date: Tue, 02 Jun 1998 23:09:52 -0400
From: Charlie Oats <CarlOats@compuserve.com>
Subject: (bang zoom.!, ... too, ...the moon.!) "lead pensil" verse-says
"lead Bullet"
Sender: Charlie Oats <CarlOats@compuserve.com>
To: "rklapatc@fgcu.edu" <rklapatc@fgcu.edu>
Cc: kosher christians anon <letters@coralridge.org>,
Editors Anonimouse <opinion@msnbc.com>,
beet-oh-eggs <110701.763@compuserve.com>,
"President BC(and buddy)" <president@WhiteHouse.GOV>,
Hillary Clinton <First.Lady@WhiteHouse.GOV>,
"M.P.'s Friends And Group" <twisf@wplg.com>,
"Heraldo's interpretours" <hardball@cnbc.com>,

"Capital Gang Plus..." <crossfire@CNN.com>,
"Nadine Strossen (press)*" <ACLUfl@aol.com>,
"Vice-President's tea'm." <vice-president@WhiteHouse.GOV>
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GREETINGS:(i spoke with the SECRETSERVICE agents and got "cleared" of:
the MONKEY BUSINESS so often described as by self-help le'hid-theres.)
NOTICE:(secret daily-diary notes now available for public inspection.)

And so, do you think schools shootings has gain'd populiertease due to
hidden facters often said to be protected from the MEDIA due/do to the
executies-pre-village deal we so often call self-help anonimitea rule?
Also see:(secret Diary of Anne Franke-like daily-diary-pages and spy!)

Have you attendid a Alcoholicks-Anonimouse like function where GO-SIP*
is and will be protected under the self-help majoritea rule act !
NOTICE:(communism and socialism now slowly gaining ground.)? .
Also see:(AA members spreading secret DATA by spiritual tongue) .

Bottom Line:(President Clithons' "BLOW-JOB" scandel is designed to:...
do justice to self-help anonimouse tips-group by virtue of ROLE-MODEL
presidence so often found at times fool of snitch-tours...) !
NOTICE:(secret-service may attend the AA rooms for value intent deals)

NOTICE:(free self-help groups now not-so-safe to attend due/do to the
SNITCHTERS' ACT.)! :...
Also see:Prerachers' received "confessions" now x-posed to the media.!

cvo/CO
marginal:("eeeeee-oh".!)
W.I.T.R.:(recomend to condomn the Bill Wilson's original fomula meetin
due/do to Edwin Starr's investigation presidence sceen deals
which now create doubts and insecuritease for the members of
self-help SING-SING like fellershops .!)

W.I.T.R.:

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id XAA02034; Tue, 02 Jun 1998 23:12:12 -0400 (EDT)
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CREATOR: Stephen K. Horn (HORN_S) (WHO)

CREATION DATE/TIME:19-JUN-1998 18:52:48.69

SUBJECT: Threat - last msg read

TO: Mary U. Binns (BINNS_M) (WHO)

READ:22-JUN-1998 05:50:42.48

TEXT:

===== ATTACHMENT 1 =====

ATT CREATION TIME/DATE:19-JUN-1998 17:52:00.00

ATT BODYPART TYPE:E

ATT CREATOR: uucp

ATT SUBJECT: scanner results

ATT TO: binns_m (binns_m@A1@CD)

ATT TO: horn_s (horn_s@A1@CD)

TEXT:

SCANNER RESULTS

<http://www.ruddynews.com/>

Ed Yourdon, a computer programming expert, and author of "Time Bomb 2000"
(Prentice Hall)
www.yourdon.com

MESSAGE BODY

From 72067.1525@compuserve.com Fri Jun 19 17:51:09 1998

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19 Jun 1998 17:50:12 -0400 (EDT)

Received: from arl-img-4.compuserve.com ([149.174.217.134])

by STORM.EOP.GOV (PMDF V5.1-10 #29131)

with ESMTP id <01IYFGRIIM5Y001L4Z@STORM.EOP.GOV> for

Vice.President@Whitehouse.GOV; Fri, 19 Jun 1998 17:49:42 -0400 (EDT)

Received: (from root@localhost) by arl-img-4.compuserve.com (8.8.6/8.8.6/2.12)

id RAA04366; Fri, 19 Jun 1998 17:48:23 -0400 (EDT)
Date: Fri, 19 Jun 1998 17:45:01 -0400
From: The Progressive Review <72067.1525@compuserve.com>
Subject: TPR #89
Sender: The Progressive Review <72067.1525@compuserve.com>
To: "Daniel C. Tsang" <dtsang@uci.edu>, "Upton-Knittle. Bll" <bupton@ucla.edu>,
Utne Reader <editor@utnereader.com>,
Val Gelder Susan <svangelder@futurenet.org>,
Vice President <Vice.President@WhiteHouse.GOV>,
Laura Weber <l-webe@maroon.tc.umn.edu>,
jonweiner <jweiner@microbio.umass.edu>,
"Weiner, Bruce" <brucew1035@aol.com>,
"Wellstone, Paul" <senator@wellstone.senate.gov>
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The Department of Transportation, acting in response to legislation quietly
passed by the Congress and signed by President Clinton is moving to create
a de facto national ID card without any serious public debate. Such a card
has been central to the maintenance of dictatorial control in authoritarian
nations. Americans have historically opposed such enforced identification.

Under the new plan, however, states that fail to comply with the identification program based on Social Security numbers will not be permitted to participate in a variety of functions involving federal support. Individuals will also be required to use the national ID card in order to get routine services. For example:

- Non-conforming license will not be accepted for identification by any federal agency including law enforcement, and passport offices.
- The national ID will be required to prove one is an American citizen qualified to receive employment
- It will be necessary under new healthcare rules to submit the ID in order to receive medical care funded under Medicaid and Medicare.
- It will be required to board a commercial plane and thus will serve as a mandatory internal passport, something never before required in the US

For information on how to oppose this action as well as excerpts from the DOT announcement: <http://emporium.turnpike.net/P/ProRev/psid.htm>

URNS OUT THOSE "LIBERAL" JOURNALISTS AIN'T. . .

A survey of 141 journalists indicates that the Washington press corps is more conservative than the general public on a range of economic issues from taxes to trade to health care to Social Security. The survey -- conducted for FAIR by Professor David Croteau of Virginia Commonwealth University -- reveals that while most national journalists identify themselves as "centrists," their views on bread-and-butter issues are often to the right of public opinion.

In a questionnaire targeted primarily at America's most powerful news outlets, journalists were asked policy questions modeled on ones mainstream polling firms had previously asked of the general public.

Among the findings:

STATE OF THE ECONOMY: The Washington press corps is far more bullish than the public: Only 5% of the surveyed journalists said that economic conditions today in the U.S. are "fair" or "poor" -- compared to 34% of the general public who chose "only fair" or "poor" in a recent nationwide poll. Most of the journalists declared household incomes at \$100,000 or more, with 31% at \$150,000 or more. (The median U.S. household income is roughly \$36,000.)

CORPORATE POWER: Washington journalists are more conservative than the public on the question of concentrated corporate power. Asked whether "a few large corporations" have "too much power," journalists were much more evenly divided than the public, with 57% to 43% responding affirmatively. Nationwide polls have consistently found the public to be quite one-sided on the question, with 77% (vs. 18%) responding in the affirmative in a 1995 poll.

TAXING THE WEALTHY: The general public appears to be more populist than the press corps on taxation. Asked about President Clinton's 1993 economic

plan, journalists responded fairly evenly as to whether the plan "went too far" (14%) or "not far enough" (18%) in raising taxes on the rich. This contrasts with the results of a similar 1993 poll question in which 72% of the public chose "not far enough" and only 15% chose "too far."

TRADE TREATIES: As fervent free-traders, most of the Washington press corps are strongly at odds with the American public. Most polls reveal a public that is negative or dubious about NAFTA's impact on the U.S. But in overwhelming numbers (65% vs. 8%), journalists assess NAFTA as having had a positive impact. Also, the public opposes giving the President "fast-track" authority to negotiate new trade treaties almost as vehemently (67% opposed in a recent poll) as the surveyed journalists support "fast track" (71% in favor).

ECONOMIC PRIORITIES: Asked to prioritize various issues for the President and Congress, journalists and the public are often at odds. On entitlements, journalists overwhelmingly chose "reform entitlements," by slowing growth in Medicare and Social Security, as one of the top few priorities. In contrast, most of the public chose "protect Medicare and Social Security against major cuts." On NAFTA expansion, 24% of journalists chose expansion of NAFTA to other Latin American countries as one of the top few priorities, but only 7 % of the public did. It was actually put "toward bottom of list" by 44% of the public. On health care, only 32 % of journalists chose "require that employers provide health insurance to employees" as one of the top few priorities, while 47% of the public did.

GUARANTEED MEDICAL CARE: The general public is more emphatic that it is Washington's responsibility to guarantee medical care for all people without health insurance. While journalists were somewhat split on this proposition (43% pro, 35% con), the public supported it in a 1996 poll by a 2-to-1 majority (64% to 29%).

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- * When the matter to be regulated significantly or uniquely affects Indian tribal governments."

Don't get too worried, though. The president clearly states that the federal government will "permit elected officials and other representatives of State and local government to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory polices. ..."

WHITE HOUSE WHITE PAPER: <http://www.pub.whitehouse.gov/uri-res/I2R?urn:pdi://oma.eop.gov.us/1998/5/26/20.text.1>

DRUG BUSTS. . .

>From now on Dutch soldiers found smoking a joint with others risk being expelled from the army. Smoking in private will not be punished.

A study commissioned by the French Ministry of Public health says that hashish is less harmful than alcohol or tobacco.

The Times of London reports that in 1984 the South African Botha regime planned to reduce the black population to obedience through mass-narcotization by using Madrax, an opium derivative.

WE ARE NOT MAKING THIS UP. . .

Prior to defeating the whole anti-tobacco measure, the US Senate set a cap of \$4,000 an hour (about \$8 million a year assuming no over-billing) for lawyers in tobacco cases. Senator Slade Gorton argued that the attorneys were "tremendously gifted and imaginative."

ROAD SIGNS. . .

More than 80% of workers received paid holidays and vacations in 1996 but only 10% of those in the bottom tenth of the economy received paid leave of any kind. About 70% of all workers have pension plans, but less than ten percent of those in the bottom tenth. [New York Times]

Percent of junior and senior high schools that require students to watch the commercial program, Channel One: 40% [Center for Commercial-Free Education, Yes! Magazine]

Only 15% of the public says that working in the media is a high prestige occupation. That's below entertainers, bankers, union leaders and accountants. Top profession: doctor. 61% said being one had high prestige. [Harris Poll]

Percentage of shopping carts stolen or lost each year from Shop 'n Save supermarkets in Maine: 5-10% [Casco Bay Weekly]

SMALTZ BLOCKED AGAIN IN PROBE. . .

Donald Smaltz, the independent prosecutor the Starr-struck media doesn't tell you about, has once again been blocked in an attempt to expand his probe beyond specified alleged wrong-doing involving former Secretary of Agriculture Michael Espy. A three-judge federal panel has ruled against Smaltz in a case that has been placed under seal.

Although the Justice Department says it is looking into the matter on its own, this is at least the third time Janet Reno has interfered with Smaltz's efforts. In one case, Smaltz apparently wanted to look into alleged transfers of cash from Tyson Food to the Arkansas governor's mansion reported by a former senior Tyson pilot. In another instance, Reno was over-ruled by the court and Smaltz proceeded to successfully prosecute the case in question.

In this instance, Smaltz asked for expanded authority because he had

uncovered evidence of "serious violations of law by Secretary Espy and others close to him." Justice argued that since the allegations did not involve any alleged misuse of the Ag secretary's office by Espy, it was beyond the scope of the prosecutor's mandate.

In short, Reno has on these occasions blocked or attempted to block, for technical reasons, Smaltz' effort to prosecute serious crimes. Further, there are no indications that she intends to pursue these cases herself.

Smaltz' probe has won convictions against seven individuals, five corporations and a law firm as well as recovering \$10 million in fines and penalties.

It is not known what is at stake here, but it may be that Smaltz wanted to peer behind Arkansas' white and green wall of cocaine and money laundering that has repeatedly stumped serious criminal, congressional and journalistic investigators looking into the Clinton scandals. Whenever an inquiry has approached this wall, it has stumbled or collapsed. Arkansas drug-running and money laundering operations at Mena and elsewhere, as well as the president's own alleged drug use, have been treated as off-limits. Hence, the fundamental context within which the Clinton scandals arose has been ignored.

Although there is no known connection, Smaltz' request came two days after the Fayetteville, Arkansas, police filed murder charges against two brothers in the 1986 death of Mitchell D. Abel, a cocaine dealer and University of Arkansas architecture student. Abel's shooting had been followed a few days later by the mysterious death of Randall Tyson, a Tyson Foods VP and half brother of Don Tyson. The medical examiner said Tyson had choked to death on a cookie, but there was speculation that the deaths of Abel and Tyson were somehow connected.

ALL IN THE FAMILY. . .

CBS News has hired the James Kallstrom, former FBI assistant director and agent in charge of the highly questionable TWA 800 investigation, to be a law enforcement consultant.

MEDIA VIOLENCE

Michael Issikoff: "We've reported that Monica retains a certain amount of affection for Bill Clinton."

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Michael Issikoff: "Well, we don't identify sources."

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Y2K IS NO JOKE. . .

The New York Post is reporting that the mob reportedly set up a business complete with a web site and toll-free number to help companies get their computers ready for the Year 2000. The only problem was that the mob hired computer programmers who changed financial software to payments would be redirected to mob-controlled accounts.

This is, in fact, one of the lesser Y2K problems. The Y2K crisis, depending on what you read, will be either cataclysmic or terribly serious. Chris Ruddy, who's written a good article on the matter, reports that the GAO has issued some three dozen reports on the crisis just since February 1997. A web site dealing with Y2K already has some 1800 separate articles posted.

Dangers that have been cited have included accidental nuclear attack, breakdown of banking and the markets, mass food shortages, and the imposition of martial law. Regardless of the technological facts of the case, it is clear that the federal government is using the crisis to pursue its own agenda including the increased use of the military in domestic activities.

Gary North runs a doomsday central on Y2K with an excellent collection of links http://www.garynorth.com/y2k/search_.cfm#Choices

Chris Ruddy's article can be found at:
<http://www.ruddynews.com/>

Ed Yourdon, a computer programming expert, and author of "Time Bomb 2000" (Prentice Hall)
www.yourdon.com

For the legal implications
www.y2k.com

Peter de Jager in 1993 was the first to bring the issue to public attention. www.year2000.com

THE CULTURE OF IMPUNITY

District Judge Royce Lamberth fined Clinton henchman Ira Magaziner \$285,864 for deceiving the court concerning Hillary Clinton's health task force. The US News & World Report's take on the case -- which is now on appeal -- was that since the Clinton health bill never became law "who cares? (We know, we know, it's the principle darn it)" We can remember a time when USN&WR thought deceit was a bad thing, even if you didn't get anything out of it. Now it slugs the story "Unending disputes dept" and treats it as cute.

THE WORLD'S MOST UNSUCCESSFUL POLICY

Although it didn't prevent further futile discussion at a recent special session, the United Nations' own figures tell the story. Between 1990 and 1996, the amount of opium produced in the world increased 15% while the

amount of coca leaf grown decreased 13%. In short, business as usual.

Meanwhile, Spain's El Pais reports that Mexican drug cartels have gone from being dealers to being producers of ultra refined heroin, cutting into turf formerly held by Asian operatives.

BREAD FROM STONES. . .

Much as in the early days of the organic agriculture movement, a motley collection of scientists, environmentalists, farmers and free-thinkers are pressing for a revolutionary change in our attitude towards food production. Their basic point: as the earth has aged, with glaciers melting away and volcanoes dying, soils have become demineralized. Sufficient minerals are as important to plant growth as sufficient nutrients.

As Joanna Campe, president of Remineralize the Earth, told a USDA workshop a few years back that remineralizing has been shown to increase yields, stimulate the growth of microorganisms and earthworm activity, increase the nutrient intake of plants, counter soil acidity, prevent soil erosion, and increase the storage capacity of the soil and deter insects. Plants become more resistant to frost, drought, disease and insects.

"Millions of tons of finely ground rock dust are stockpiled by the stone and aggregate industry throughout the country and considered by-products. Much of this and freshly ground material have the potential to transform agriculture and forestry. . . . While [remineralization] is not a panacea and many specifics still need to be determined, rocks are one of the most abundant and cheaply available resources on earth and the availability of those minerals and trace elements determine the health of all life. "

Among the results cited by Campe:

- * In Europe four times the timber volume for pine seedlings remineralized with basalt.

- * Men of the Trees in Australia has achieved five time the growth for some species of tree and shortened their potting-out time from 5 months to 6 weeks.

- * Dr. Robert Bruck has seen greater health and height growth of remineralized trees planted in an acid-rain devastated forest near Asheville, NC.

- * In Michigan John Hamaker had two and a half time the yield of corn with no irrigation during dry conditions and with highly increased mineral content shown in tissue analysis.

- * A cost benefit analysis shows large savings and healthier plants for banana production in Australia.

[Editor's Note: A few years ago, I observed the results of three test plots in a Maine pasture: a control group, a plot treated with urban sludge, and one treated with tailings from a cement plant. The superiority of the last plot was unmistakable. I mentioned this to a friend of mine who grew up in

Alabama and he informed me that it was common for farmers to use slag from the steel mills to refresh their soil -- sam]

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WORD

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FEEDBACK

Richard Winger of Ballot Access thinks we oversimplified things when we wrote: "The life cycle of the Socialist Labor Party was 36 years from beginning to its peak in 1912 when, as the Socialist Party, it got 6% of the presidential vote and had over 1,000 elected office-holders including a member of Congress." In fact, writes Winger: "The Socialist Labor Party was the original party of socialism in the USA, and it split in half in 1898 and half the members went into the brand new Socialist Party. But the two parties continued to exist as competing organizations, and they both still exist. If anyone loyal to the Socialist Labor Party sees your summary, they will probably direct a nasty missive at you. The SLP national HQ was in New York city until the 1970's, when the party moved to Palo Alto, California. It still puts out the People newspaper, but stopped running candidates for office after the 1976 election."

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The Department of Transportation, acting in response to legislation quietly passed by the Congress and signed by President Clinton is moving to create a de facto national ID card without any serious public debate. Such a card has been central to the maintenance of dictatorial control in authoritarian nations. Americans have historically opposed such enforced identification. Under the new plan, however, states that fail to comply with the identification program based on Social Security numbers will not be permitted to participate in a variety of functions involving federal support. Individuals will also be required to use the national ID card in order to get routine services. For example:

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- It will be necessary under new healthcare rules to submit the ID in order to receive medical care funded under Medicaid and Medicare.

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For information on how to oppose this action as well as excerpts from the DOT announcement: <http://emporium.turnpike.net/P/ProRev/psid.htm>

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- * When the matter to be addressed by Federal action occurs interstate as opposed to being contained within one State's boundaries.
- * When the source of the matter to be addressed occurs in a State different from the State (or States) where a significant amount of the harm occurs.
- * When there is a need for uniform national standards.
- * When decentralization increases the costs of government thus imposing additional burdens on the taxpayer.
- * When States have not adequately protected individual rights and liberties.
- * When States would be reluctant to impose necessary regulations because of fears that regulated business activity will relocate to other States.
- * When placing regulatory authority at the State or local level would undermine regulatory goals because high costs or demands for specialized expertise will effectively place the regulatory matter beyond the resources of State authorities.
- * When the matter relates to Federally owned or managed property or natural resources, trust obligations, or international obligations.
- * When the matter to be regulated significantly or uniquely affects Indian tribal governments."

Don't get too worried, though. The president clearly states that the federal government will "permit elected officials and other representatives of State and local government to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies. ..."

WHITE HOUSE WHITE PAPER: <http://www.pub.whitehouse.gov/uri-res/I2R?urn:pdi://oma.eop.gov.us/1998/5/26/20.text.1>

DRUG BUSTS. . .

>From now on Dutch soldiers found smoking a joint with others risk being expelled from the army. Smoking in private will not be punished.

A study commissioned by the French Ministry of Public health says that hashish is less harmful than alcohol or tobacco.

The Times of London reports that in 1984 the South African Botha regime planned to reduce the black population to obedience through mass-narcotization by using Madrax, an opium derivative.

WE ARE NOT MAKING THIS UP. . .

Prior to defeating the whole anti-tobacco measure, the US Senate set a cap of \$4,000 an hour (about \$8 million a year assuming no over-billing) for lawyers in tobacco cases. Senator Slade Gorton argued that the attorneys were "tremendously gifted and imaginative."

ROAD SIGNS. . .

More than 80% of workers received paid holidays and vacations in 1996 but only 10% of those in the bottom tenth of the economy received paid leave of any kind. About 70% of all workers have pension plans, but less than ten percent of those in the bottom tenth. [New York Times]

Percent of junior and senior high schools that require students to watch the commercial program, Channel One: 40% [Center for Commercial-Free Education, Yes! Magazine]

Only 15% of the public says that working in the media is a high prestige occupation. That's below entertainers, bankers, union leaders and accountants. Top profession: doctor. 61% said being one had high prestige. [Harris Poll]

Percentage of shopping carts stolen or lost each year from Shop 'n Save supermarkets in Maine: 5-10% [Casco Bay Weekly]

SMALTZ BLOCKED AGAIN IN PROBE. . .

Donald Smaltz, the independent prosecutor the Starr-struck media doesn't tell you about, has once again been blocked in an attempt to expand his probe beyond specified alleged wrong-doing involving former Secretary of Agriculture Michael Espy. A three-judge federal panel has ruled against Smaltz in a case that has been placed under seal.

Although the Justice Department says it is looking into the matter on its own, this is at least the third time Janet Reno has interfered with Smaltz's efforts. In one case, Smaltz apparently wanted to look into alleged transfers of cash from Tyson Food to the Arkansas governor's mansion reported by a former senior Tyson pilot. In another instance, Reno was over-ruled by the court and Smaltz proceeded to successfully prosecute the case in question.

In this instance, Smaltz asked for expanded authority because he had uncovered evidence of "serious violations of law by Secretary Espy and others close to him." Justice argued that since the allegations did not involve any alleged misuse of the Ag secretary's office by Espy, it was beyond the scope of the prosecutor's mandate.

In short, Reno has on these occasions blocked or attempted to block, for technical reasons, Smaltz' effort to prosecute serious crimes. Further, there are no indications that she intends to pursue these cases herself.

Smaltz' probe has won convictions against seven individuals, five corporations and a law firm as well as recovering \$10 million in fines and penalties.

It is not known what is at stake here, but it may be that Smaltz wanted to peer behind Arkansas' white and green wall of cocaine and money laundering that has repeatedly stumped serious criminal, congressional and journalistic investigators looking into the Clinton scandals. Whenever an inquiry has approached this wall, it has stumbled or collapsed. Arkansas drug-running and money laundering operations at Mena and elsewhere, as well as the president's own alleged drug use, have been treated as off-limits. Hence, the fundamental context within which the Clinton scandals arose has been ignored.

Although there is no known connection, Smaltz' request came two days after the Fayetteville, Arkansas, police filed murder charges against two brothers in the 1986 death of Mitchell D. Abel, a cocaine dealer and University of Arkansas architecture student. Abel's shooting had been followed a few days later by the mysterious death of Randall Tyson, a Tyson Foods VP and half brother of Don Tyson. The medical examiner said Tyson had choked to death on a cookie, but there was speculation that the deaths of Abel and Tyson were somehow connected.

ALL IN THE FAMILY. . .

CBS News has hired the James Kallstrom, former FBI assistant director and agent in charge of the highly questionable TWA 800 investigation, to be a law enforcement consultant.

MEDIA VIOLENCE

Michael Issikoff: "We've reported that Monica retains a certain amount of affection for Bill Clinton."

Don Imus: "How do we know that?"

Michael Issikoff: "Well, we've talked to sources close to her defense team."

Don Imus: "Who are the sources?"

Michael Issikoff: "Well, we don't identify sources."

Don Imus: "You'll tell us or we'll come to your house and beat it out of you."

Y2K IS NO JOKE. . .

The New York Post is reporting that the mob reportedly set up a business complete with a web site and toll-free number to help companies get their computers ready for the Year 2000. The only problem was that the mob hired computer programmers who changed financial software to payments would be redirected to mob-controlled accounts.

This is, in fact, one of the lesser Y2K problems. The Y2K crisis, depending on what you read, will be either cataclysmic or terribly serious. Chris Ruddy, who's written a good article on the matter, reports that the GAO has

issued some three dozen reports on the crisis just since February 1997. A web site dealing with Y2K already has some 1800 separate articles posted.

Dangers that have been cited have included accidental nuclear attack, breakdown of banking and the markets, mass food shortages, and the imposition of martial law. Regardless of the technological facts of the case, it is clear that the federal government is using the crisis to pursue its own agenda including the increased use of the military in domestic activities.

Gary North runs a doomsday central on Y2K with an excellent collection of links http://www.garynorth.com/y2k/search_.cfm#Choices

Chris Ruddy's article can be found at:
<http://www.ruddynews.com/>

Ed Yourdon, a computer programming expert, and author of "Time Bomb 2000" (Prentice Hall)
www.yourdon.com

For the legal implications
www.y2k.com

Peter de Jager in 1993 was the first to bring the issue to public attention. www.year2000.com

THE CULTURE OF IMPUNITY

District Judge Royce Lamberth fined Clinton henchman Ira Magaziner \$285,864 for deceiving the court concerning Hillary Clinton's health task force. The US News & World Report's take on the case -- which is now on appeal -- was that since the Clinton health bill never became law "who cares? (We know, we know, it's the principle darn it)" We can remember a time when USN&WR thought deceit was a bad thing, even if you didn't get anything out of it. Now it slugs the story "Unending disputes dept" and treats it as cute.

THE WORLD'S MOST UNSUCCESSFUL POLICY

Although it didn't prevent further futile discussion at a recent special session, the United Nations' own figures tell the story. Between 1990 and 1996, the amount of opium produced in the world increased 15% while the amount of coca leaf grown decreased 13%. In short, business as usual.

Meanwhile, Spain's El Pais reports that Mexican drug cartels have gone from being dealers to being producers of ultra refined heroin, cutting into turf formerly held by Asian operatives.

BREAD FROM STONES. . .

Much as in the early days of the organic agriculture movement, a motley collection of scientists, environmentalists, farmers and free-thinkers are pressing for a revolutionary change in our attitude towards food production. Their basic point: as the earth has aged, with glaciers melting away and volcanoes dying, soils have become demineralized. Sufficient

minerals are as important to plant growth as sufficient nutrients.

As Joanna Campe, president of Remineralize the Earth, told a USDA workshop a few years back that remineralizing has been shown to increase yields, stimulate the growth of microorganisms and earthworm activity, increase the nutrient intake of plants, counter soil acidity, prevent soil erosion, and increase the storage capacity of the soil and deter insects. Plants become more resistant to frost, drought, disease and insects.

"Millions of tons of finely ground rock dust are stockpiled by the stone and aggregate industry throughout the country and considered by-products. Much of this and freshly ground material have the potential to transform agriculture and forestry. . . . While [remineralization] is not a panacea and many specifics still need to be determined, rocks are one of the most abundant and cheaply available resources on earth and the availability of those minerals and trace elements determine the health of all life. "

Among the results cited by Campe:

- * In Europe four times the timber volume for pine seedlings remineralized with basalt.

- * Men of the Trees in Australia has achieved five time the growth for some species of tree and shortened their potting-out time from 5 months to 6 weeks.

- * Dr. Robert Bruck has seen greater health and height growth of remineralized trees planted in an acid-rain devastated forest near Asheville, NC.

- * In Michigan John Hamaker had two and a half time the yield of corn with no irrigation during dry conditions and with highly increased mineral content shown in tissue analysis.

- * A cost benefit analysis shows large savings and healthier plants for banana production in Australia.

[Editor's Note: A few years ago, I observed the results of three test plots in a Maine pasture: a control group, a plot treated with urban sludge, and one treated with tailings from a cement plant. The superiority of the last plot was unmistakable. I mentioned this to a friend of mine who grew up in Alabama and he informed me that it was common for farmers to use slag from the steel mills to refresh their soil -- sam]

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WORD

"In the four years of this allegedly rabid investigation, no prosecutor from Starr's office has been taken to task by the various courts before which they practice or been disciplined by any state bar. Starr has brought only two indictments that resulted in acquittals, and he has won almost all

the appellate issues he has litigated -- even those many felt were dangerous stretches. It is hard to fathom how he could have amassed such a record -- all the while evading removal -- were he half the monster the White House seeks to portray." -- Benjamin Wittes in the Washington Post

FEEDBACK

Richard Winger of Ballot Access thinks we oversimplified things when we wrote: "The life cycle of the Socialist Labor Party was 36 years from beginning to its peak in 1912 when, as the Socialist Party, it got 6% of the presidential vote and had over 1,000 elected office-holders including a member of Congress." In fact, writes Winger: "The Socialist Labor Party was the original party of socialism in the USA, and it split in half in 1898 and half the members went into the brand new Socialist Party. But the two parties continued to exist as competing organizations, and they both still exist. If anyone loyal to the Socialist Labor Party sees your summary, they will probably direct a nasty missive at you. The SLP national HQ was in New York city until the 1970's, when the party moved to Palo Alto, California. It still puts out the People newspaper, but stopped running candidates for office after the 1976 election."

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Clinton And Zemin Stand Toe To Toe

ANNOUNCER: From ABC News Washington, This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts, featuring George Will and our Roundtable with Bill Kristol and George Stephanopoulos.

SAM DONALDSON: (voice-over) This week, amid fanfare, Bill Clinton is welcomed in Tiananmen Square, then sharply condemns Chinese aggression.

Pres. BILL CLINTON: I believe, and the American people believe, that the use of force and the tragic loss of life was wrong.

SAM DONALDSON: (voice-over) But with dissidents still being jailed, will his denunciations change anything? We'll ask James Sasser, the US ambassador to China.

COKIE ROBERTS: (voice-over) And in Washington this week, the House passes historic bipartisan legislation to overhaul the IRS and the tax code.

Rep. BILL ARCHER, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee: It's about right, and it's about wrong. It's about putting the taxpayer first and the IRS second.

COKIE ROBERTS: (voice-over) Does the bill cure what ails the taxpayer? We'll ask Bill Archer, the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and president and CEO of Forbes Incorporated, Steve Forbes.

And this week on our Roundtable, Linda Tripp prepares to testify before the Starr grand jury, and the Supreme Court delivers key rulings on sexual harassment.

China, taxes, and Linda Tripp's testimony, this Sunday morning.

(on camera) Good morning. Kenneth Starr's surprise subpoena to Linda Tripp is the focus of the news in Washington this week, along with the scrapping of the tax code. But, of course, all the big news is coming from China. And our Sam Donaldson is there. Sam?

SAM DONALDSON: Cokie, all the talk here is about this weekend's amazing joint appearance, at which President Clinton and China's President Jiang Zemin, stood toe to toe, as it were, and debated such highly sensitive subjects as the Tiananmen Square massacre, the jailing of dissidents in China, and China's occupation of Tibet.

This was really amazing and extraordinary, because the government allowed all of it to be broadcast live on radio and television. Earlier this morning, we talked with the US ambassador to China, James Sasser, about what this means. He's the American representative who deals every day with the Chinese government.

Mr. Ambassador, welcome.

JAMES SASSER, U.S. Ambassador to China: Thank you.

SAM DONALDSON: It's good to see you.

JAMES SASSER: Pleasure to be here, and welcome to Beijing, Sam.

SAM DONALDSON: Well, I want to ask why you think President Jiang allowed that extraordinary exchange to be broadcast live in China.

JAMES SASSER: That's a very interesting question. I'm not sure any of us know the answer to that. Except I do think that this is significant about what's happening in China today. China really is an economy, a political system, even a culture in transition, and we saw that transition, or part of it, yesterday, a live news conference, over 600 million Chinese listening and hearing -- listening to it on the radio and watching it on television.

SAM DONALDSON: Do you have any idea when that decision was made by the Chinese government?

JAMES SASSER: I do not. We were told about 30 minutes before the press conference that it would be live on television. That was our first indication that this was going to happen.

SAM DONALDSON: Now, did Jiang know what the President, Mr. Clinton, was going to say?

JAMES SASSER: No, he did not. They had a meeting prior to the press conference, a private meeting. Two or three of us were in there, including myself. And they discussed various and sundry issues. But President Jiang did not know what President Clinton was going to say.

SAM DONALDSON: All right. President Jiang allows this to be broadcast to the Chinese people. They are hearing President Clinton say that what happened in Tiananmen Square was wrong. And yet at the same time, this past week, the Chinese government rounded up human rights activists and detained them and got an awful press. We ourselves at ABC were part of that.

Let me show you what happened to us in the city of Xi'an.

(voice-over) Here we tried to interview a human rights activist. Security police barred the way, locked the gate, and then detained the

activist, took him away. The next day, we tried to interview another one. He's the man on the right being shoved around by a security guard, who wouldn't let us interview him.

(on camera) Now, how can you explain that?

JAMES SASSER: Well, as I said, China is a country in transition. As they move ahead in many areas, some of the old practices still exist. This country is changing very fast, Sam, and I dare say if you came back here in two years, you wouldn't see that sort of thing happening. But there's still a lot of problems in China. They've still got human rights problems. But I think they're making significant progress.

SAM DONALDSON: Did Jiang take a chance putting this out to the Chinese people, what happened here this weekend, letting them see President Clinton? President Gorbachev of the Soviet Union relaxed some, and it was, Katie, bar the door. That was the end of the Soviet Union.

JAMES SASSER: I think he did take a chance. I think he took a chance not only with the Chinese people but perhaps even a chance with some of his colleagues in the Chinese government. This indicates what I've thought about President Jiang for a good while. He's a very daring, audacious man, and he seemed to particularly enjoy the debate yesterday with President Clinton.

And I think they both did a very good job, and the Chinese people -- that's all they're talking about today is what they saw on television yesterday.

SAM DONALDSON: OK. On the other hand, it was symbolic, it went on television, but change is something that doesn't mean just a television picture. Some people would argue that nothing's going to change in China, that, in fact, it's going to remain the authoritarian state that it's been.

JAMES SASSER: We have to remember that China has been an authoritarian state for 5,000 years. But we see now signs of change. This last National People's Congress passed laws requiring counsel be provided to a defendant early in a criminal process, outlawed the so-called arbitrary arrest, where they can simply come into your house and take you away.

Still a long way to go, but there are some changes, even though slow, moving in the right direction.

SAM DONALDSON: Let's look at the one piece of material progress that came out of the summit, and that is the detargeting of missiles at each other's cities. Now, people make the point, Ambassador, that in a few moments you can retarget those missiles. So what does it mean?

JAMES SASSER: Well, a few weeks ago, there were people in the United States that made -- said they were greatly alarmed that the Chinese had missiles aimed at the United States. It was a big story then. The story now is, the Chinese have agreed to detarget them. So it ought to be a big story now.

But what it really does, I think, in the final analysis, one, prevent an accidental launch, and secondly, I think it indicates the Chinese are willing to work with Americans on some very difficult problems.

One other thing I'd like to emphasize, Sam. Yesterday President Clinton made some very substantial progress in the area of missile proliferation. The Chinese agreed to study positively the so-called Missile Control Treaty regimen. And this, I think, in -- will -- is a signal that they're going to sign on to control over export of missile technology. And President Jiang also said, "We're not going to export missiles or missile technology to Iran, to India, or to Pakistan."

SAM DONALDSON: Ambassador, we have just a few seconds left. President

Reagan once said that communism was going to end up on the ash heap of history. And he was right about the Soviet Union. Will communism in China end up on the ash heap of history?

JAMES SASSER: The communism in China looks an awful lot like a market economy to me in a lot of ways, Sam. Our Chinese friends will say that, "Well, this is socialism with Chinese characteristics." It looks very much like a market economy. And I think this...

SAM DONALDSON: So is the answer yes?

JAMES SASSER: The answer, if you pressed me to the wall, I'd say probably.

SAM DONALDSON: Thanks very much, Ambassador Sasser.

JAMES SASSER: Thank you.

SAM DONALDSON: Thanks for coming in today.

JAMES SASSER: Thank you.

SAM DONALDSON: Cokie?

COKIE ROBERTS: Sam will be back with us later in the broadcast. Coming up, Steve Forbes and Bill Archer on your taxes, and later our Roundtable tackles Ken Starr's Monica strategy, Clinton in China, and sexual harassment. Back in a moment.

(Commercial Break)

CONGRESS VOTES TO GET RID OF TAX CODE

COKIE ROBERTS: Welcome to Steve Forbes, president and CEO of Forbes Incorporated. Always nice to have you here.

STEVE FORBES: Nice to be here.

COKIE ROBERTS: Thank you. And joining in the questioning, as always, George Will. Mr. Forbes, the Congress this week did a couple of things in terms of taxes. They decided that they would reform the Internal Revenue Service and voted to get rid of the tax code as it exists by 2002. Is this a good thing? Is this what you've been militating for all this time?

STEVE FORBES: It was the heart of my 1996 campaign, and it's been the most significant action this Congress has taken, junking the code by a date certain. As you well know, it is the most complex and corrupting influence in American politics today. It has not only corrupted our politics but also it's put huge burdens on families and businesses.

And the nice thing about what they did was, they also enacted six principles to guide the new code, including a low single rate and doing away with all marriage penalties on families. This is a very positive step, and I wish the President would get in step with this positive move towards genuine democracy.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, now, it says -- you say guidance for the new code. Now, this law only goes into effect, assuming the Senate passes it, if the Congress has a new code in place by July 4, 2002. Having new tax codes in place has been somewhat problematic in the past. Any reason to believe that times have changed?

STEVE FORBES: Well, the way you get things done in the real world is to put a deadline on it. Any journalist can tell you, if you want a story done, put a deadline on it. The same is true with taxes. The only way you're going to get rid of this corruptingly complex monstrosity is by putting a date certain. It goes, except for Medicare and Social Security, if you don't have anything in place, you don't have money to play with. And by passing that bill with a deadline, it will get the job done. And by having those six principles on what should replace it, you will get

something that is simple, honest, and fair and morally right for American families and businesses.

COKIE ROBERTS: You in recent campaign trips have been appealing to the religious right and the Republican Party. One member of that group, Gary Bauer (ph), says that your plan for a flat tax would put corporations at a zero tax burden while families would lose the right to invest in their children.

STEVE FORBES: Quite the opposite. There's a 17 percent rate on businesses after they deduct their expenses. It does away with depreciation codes so that businesses can make investments, not have to worry about whether the tax code is going to encourage it or discourage it. They can do the right thing.

But most important, it's a huge boon for families. Right now, my flat tax proposal would remove about 20 million Americans, low-income families struggling to get ahead, from the tax rolls. Their first -- a family of four, for example, the first \$36,000 of income would be exempt from federal income tax. That family today pays about \$2,000 to \$3,000, zero under a flat tax.

This is the most pro-family reform we've had in this century.

GEORGE WILL: What you call the ``corruptingly complex" tax code has no constituency overall, no one likes it. But every complexity has a constituency. That's why it's in there. Isn't it the case that everyone would rally in defense of their constituency, and come July 4, 2002, you'll have paralysis?

STEVE FORBES: Quite the opposite. By having a date certain, this town would know it wouldn't have revenues unless it put something in place. And the only way you're going to get rid of this monstrosity is through public pressure, which is there.

And under my flat tax proposal, for those who have doubts about its virtues, we give you a choice. If you want to file under the simple new system, you can. If you want to go with the old monstrosity, you can file under the old. Hong Kong did that. You can file under the new or under the old. Give people a choice. They'll see -- 99 percent would see the new is better.

GEORGE WILL: Let me ask you some questions about the social conservatives and those issues in the Republican Party. You're said to have made some considerable progress in courting that constituency. It is possible that partial birth abortions will be outlawed. The President may veto it, the veto may be overridden this year. What, then, should the right to life movement do next?

STEVE FORBES: I think there's a broad consensus today in a couple of critical areas. One is parental consent for minors. I think that can pass Congress overwhelmingly, and eventually override a presidential veto. Also too in America today, there's very strong support for banning abortions unless the life of the mother's at stake after the first trimester. There is a broad consensus. So go and codify those two areas, and then we can persuade people to go the distance.

GEORGE WILL: Majority Leader Lott recently said that homosexuality is a sin akin to alcoholism and kleptomania. Do you agree with that?

STEVE FORBES: I don't approve of the lifestyle, and I don't think the government should get involved with it.

GEORGE WILL: Government should not get involved with it, but in your judgment, is being a homosexual sinful, or just homosexual activities, or neither?

STEVE FORBES: As I say, I don't approve of the lifestyle, and people, certain people of religious convictions feel that it's a sin. That's their right to hold that attitude in America.

GEORGE WILL: Is homosexuality a condition, or a choice?

STEVE FORBES: You get a huge debate on that among doctors, among homosexuals. A lot of people say you can overcome it. Some say you can't. The majority think you can overcome it. There's been eloquent testimony of those who feel that as young people, they did have those proclivities and overcame it through help from doctors, through help from religious leaders. So I think the consensus is, you can overcome it.

GEORGE WILL: The Senate Foreign Relations...

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, just on that, you say that -- you've said the government shouldn't get involved, but should government protect gay rights?

STEVE FORBES: I believe in equal rights for all and special rights for none.

COKIE ROBERTS: What does that mean in specifics, for instance, the referenda that have come up in a variety of states?

STEVE FORBES: You have to talk -- look at each one specifically. Gays should not have special privileges under American law. We should all be treated equally.

GEORGE WILL: If a gay couple, then, comes to rent a room in someone's house, and that person says, "I disapprove of that and I don't want to rent to you," should that be legal discrimination?

STEVE FORBES: You call it discrimination. If a landlord has religious convictions, I think the courts have an obligation to respect those convictions. In certain states they do, in certain states they don't.

GEORGE WILL: So you're in favor of making it lawful for that landlord to refuse to rent in that case.

STEVE FORBES: A landlord, yes.

GEORGE WILL: OK. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has voted 16 to 2 in favor of confirming as ambassador to Luxembourg James Hormel, who is gay.

STEVE FORBES: You know, by the way, why shouldn't -- you know, American law supposedly encourages marriages, except in the tax code. Why can't a landlord encourage marriage?

GEORGE WILL: I got your position on that. But back to Mr. Hormel, who is, you know, a confirmed -- or his confirmation's been recommended by the Foreign Relations Committee 16 to 2, but a number of conservatives and conservative organizations are opposed to confirming him because he is homosexual. Do you think he should be confirmed?

STEVE FORBES: I think there we have to find out, one, why was that appointment proposed? Was it a payoff to a constituency? Was it a payoff for a contribution? Has this man had a distinguished career in academia, business, or somewhere else? And then two, in terms of, is this going to be a post used to advocate a certain lifestyle? If the Senate confirms it, will it be seen as an advocacy of a certain lifestyle? And that's a legitimate question.

COKIE ROBERTS: Mr. Forbes, you have been very critical of the President's China policy, saying that it led to India and Pakistan's decisions to test nuclear weapons. How do you get from here to there?

STEVE FORBES: Well, very simple. Four years ago, we started to transfer very sensitive military technology to China. We talked about having close military cooperation with China. That transfer of technology went against

the Justice Department recommendation, the State Department, the Defense Department.

At the same time, the Chinese made transfers to sensitive technology, against American law, to Pakistan. We did nothing. The Chinese looked at that. They've been a traditional enemy of China, and they said, ``We're going to take matters into our own hands." And then three years ago, to compound the felony, we then allowed the transfer of nuclear technology to China, ostensibly for peaceful purposes. But this administration never sent inspectors over there to make sure it was being used for peaceful purposes.

That kind of drift has consequences. And unfortunately, with this administration, drift, dithering and indecision, like the 1930s, has been its hallmark.

COKIE ROBERTS: Thank you very much for being with us, Mr. Forbes. Appreciate having you here.

STEVE FORBES: Thank you.

COKIE ROBERTS: Next, Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, on the latest tax changes coming your way, and then Bill Kristol and George Stephanopoulos join us on our Roundtable.

The Latest Tax Changes Coming Our Way

COKIE ROBERTS: Welcome to Ways and Means chairman Bill Archer. Chairman Archer, this has been quite a week for your committee, getting all this new tax legislation out. How meaningful is it? One critic saying that the reform of the IRS is -- doesn't affect most people, most people don't run into problems with the IRS.

Rep. BILL ARCHER: Well, but the ones who do really do have big problems. And it's the most intrusive arm of the federal government into the lives of all of us. And we never know when it is going to hit us and give us big problems. I'm really glad to be part of a Congress that's put the taxpayer first for a change. First reform of the IRS since 1952, and it really is going to be helpful.

COKIE ROBERTS: It's also going to be costly to the tune of billions of dollars. Have -- where's that money going to come from?

Rep. BILL ARCHER: Well, first off, that's money we shouldn't have collected in the first place. When we reform the IRS, we are saying taxpayers should not have to be paying that money. So it's not costly, it just means people will be able to keep money that they otherwise would be sending to the IRS in the way of penalties and having their houses seized without court order and so on.

One of the things we do in here is, we make a requirement that you can't take someone's dwelling out from underneath them without a court order. That's a major breakthrough. We changed the burden of proof so that taxpayers no longer have to prove their innocence. And now the IRS has to prove liability in court.

And we protect the innocent spouse, who often just signs a tax return because, in most instances, the husband puts it in front of them. And they don't know what's in it. And then later on the IRS comes back and says, ``Oh, by the way, your husband didn't pay, so now you've got to pay."

COKIE ROBERTS: Another thing you've included in it is a change in the capital gains tax law, saying that the period of time that someone has to hold a security is shorter than it has been in order to take advantage of special taxes benefits. Democrats are saying once again, ``Here you go

again, helping the rich, hurting the poor."

Rep. BILL ARCHER: Well, I'm not sure how it helps the rich to simplify the tax code. These same Democrats were very critical when the Schedule D form came out. Now, I don't know if either one of you had to try to deal with it in your tax return. But it is the most complex it's ever been. And it is, to a great degree, because of the 18-month holding period.

So by reducing that to 12 months, and we have one standard holding period, and it is a tremendous simplification. Interestingly enough, also 50 percent of the capital gains that are reported on tax returns are from couples who have \$50,000 a year of income or less. So we're talking a lot -- about a lot of elderly people who are selling off small parts of their assets with small gains. And it is just a tremendous simplification.

COKIE ROBERTS: But is it a political problem?

Rep. BILL ARCHER: Oh, no, I don't think so. And the President is not making a big deal out of it. Only Richard Gephardt made a big deal out of it on the floor of the House.

GEORGE WILL: And that House has said that come the end of the year 2002, the tax code disappears, if there's another replacement in place on July 4, 2002. Mr. Forbes, sitting where you're sitting now just a moment ago, said deadline is man's best friend, it will force action on this. Isn't it just as apt to increase the nation's cynicism when you get to the middle of July 2002, and you just reenact the old tax code?

Rep. BILL ARCHER: Well, it -- George, at this point, I think it's a very positive thing, because I believe we've got an atrocious tax code right now that works against us, and one that we have got to change massively to make simpler and fairer. And I happen to disagree with Steve Forbes. He thinks that a simpler income tax is the answer. I don't think we ought to have any income tax. I don't think the taxpayer ought to have to keep any records.

I think the IRS should be taken out of the lives of every individual taxpayer.

But his program is an improvement. What I want is a complete abolishment of the income tax. Now, in order to try to get there, I think if we got a sunset date for the current code -- and by the way, it's a sunset, it doesn't come back automatically if we don't pass a new tax by July of the year 2002. But it is true that if we have not, then the Congress will likely just reinstate the current code. But at least it is leverage to push us toward trying to face up to reform, which is going to be tough. This is a massive undertaking.

GEORGE WILL: But hasn't this Republican, conservative Congress made the tax code more complicated? I mean, last year, weren't there 824 new nuances written into this?

Rep. BILL ARCHER: Well, and then we get criticized when we want to simplify it on the capital gains thing. So you can't have it both ways. But, yes, the code is somewhat more complicated. But it's interesting that these complications are complications that help the taxpayer and give them relief, in contrast to previous complications, where it was on the side of the government.

GEORGE WILL: Isn't it possible that when you get a certain level of complexity in a society and a certain level of complexity in a system, like the tax code, that it's unreformable? That is, millions of people, hundreds of millions in their capacities as families and businesses, have made billions of decisions involving trillions of dollars on depreciation and anticipation of the future.

Rep. BILL ARCHER: Exactly, I agree.

GEORGE WILL: How can you just say, ``Whoops, going to tear it up and start over again''?

Rep. BILL ARCHER: Well, because what we got to do is completely replace the income tax. The income tax is inherently flawed. It is a subjective term on which no two people agree, and therefore it has to be redefined and redefined again and redefined again.

COKIE ROBERTS: But Congressman, after the last...

Rep. BILL ARCHER: And that creates the complexities.

COKIE ROBERTS:... time that attempt was made in 1980 -- in the 1980s, you had charitable institutions coming forward and saying, ``It's going to kill us," that even the reduction of the rate from 70 to 50 percent on unearned income had hurt them badly, they said. You had the entire real estate community come forward and say, ``You can't do this, it's going to kill us." You had every possible foundation, all of those -- the arts, everybody, saying, ``We can't survive if you get rid of this."

Rep. BILL ARCHER: Well, charitable organizations did say that, and they were wrong, because charitable contributions had gone up. But, yes, there are vested interests in the current code, and those special things, as George has said, that are in the current code, who are going to resist major overhaul of the tax code. Yes. But the American people want it. And if you go into the town meetings today across this country, you will find that there's also a big shift from the support of the flat income tax to the support of a sales tax or a consumption tax for one major reason, and that is, people don't want the IRS in their lives. They don't want to have to keep records. They want to get completely out of that. And just real quickly, Thomas Jefferson said in his second inaugural address that one of his most notable achievements while in public office was the removal of the federal tax collector from any direct contact with the American citizen.

COKIE ROBERTS: We're out of time. But can you just give me a yes or no? Will there be a health care bill this year, a patient's bill of rights bill?

Rep. BILL ARCHER: My guess -- well, I think the House will pass, yes, a health care bill for quality health and affordable and accessible health.

COKIE ROBERTS: All right.

Rep. BILL ARCHER: Whether it'll go through the Senate and the conference report, signed by the President, I don't know.

COKIE ROBERTS: OK, thanks so much for being with us, Bill Archer. Coming next, what will Linda Tripp testify on Tuesday? George Stephanopoulos and Bill Kristol join us after this.

The Roundtable

COKIE ROBERTS: Linda Tripp has been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury this Tuesday. This is something that everyone has been waiting for, wondering exactly when she would be called, and now what she will say, and what does it mean for Monica Lewinsky making a deal with Kenneth Starr? George Stephanopoulos, Bill Kristol sitting in Sam Donaldson's chair, we'll see if it changes what you have to say. But what is this going to mean, Bill? Hi, Bill.

BILL KRISTOL, ABC News: It's so hard to play Sam Donaldson. Well, it'll be a big week, it'll be a big week. The poor President's there in China, trying to have that dominate the news. And the lead story Monday night,

Tuesday night, Wednesday night, is going to be Linda Tripp's testimony before the grand jury. And she's going to lay out what is already on the tapes in addition to all the other conversations she had with Monica Lewinsky. It the beginning, I think, of the real end game here, of Starr's investigation. And I think we are close now to either an indictment of Lewinsky and/or a report to the Hill by Starr.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS, ABC News: And we see whether Ken Starr has been bluffing or has a bombshell. And my guess is, it's a lot closer to bombshell than bluff. Linda Trip...

COKIE ROBERTS: A bombshell like what?

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Well, who knows exactly? But Linda Tripp has spent 100 hours with Ken Starr's investigators over the last five months going over every detail. I don't think they'd be calling her before the grand jury if they didn't think that she had a pretty well-corroborated story to tell that would be damaging in some way to the White House. In fact, in this morning's "New York Times," you see more details of the original Starr tape come out, where two people who've listened to the tapes say it is much more damaging than people might have imagined.

GEORGE WILL: Backward reels the mind to January. When we had this argument, when this story first broke, and the President made some statements in which the devil was in the adjectives -- he said, "I had no improper relationship" -- on the seventh of January, Monica Lewinsky was asked if she had -- under oath if she had sexual relations with the President and said no, and was not asked to define "sexual relations."

COKIE ROBERTS: But the President was.

GEORGE WILL: On the 17th -- the President was asked under oath and was given an elaborate, meticulous, binding definition of "sexual relations," and he said no. We may come down to a murky argument as to what sex is.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, I -- you know, this is -- this is ridiculous. Does that mean -- I mean, you know...

GEORGE WILL: I'm sorry, it's not my fault.

COKIE ROBERTS: I mean, it's one of those things where, you know, there -- what is the rule in the Supreme Court where a "sensible person," you know, the -- this is -- this to me is, you should invoke the sensible wife rule, that any sensible wife knows what sex is and gets pretty angry.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: And then you get back to the silliness factor, maybe that even if this goes to trial or goes to the Congress, the President will be able to prove -- to show that he wasn't legally liable in some way. I don't know whether that's true. But the details will be so sordid, and it'll be so embarrassing that he will have lost a lot of the moral authority.

COKIE ROBERTS: But isn't it all -- I mean, to -- this week's "Time" magazine has another witness out, Dale Young (ph)...

GEORGE WILL: "Newsweek," "Newsweek."

COKIE ROBERTS:... who -- "Newsweek," I'm sorry, "Newsweek" magazine. Oh, please. And she was a confidante of Monica Lewinsky's, and she has testified before the grand jury, said what her testimony was. And she has a conversation with Monica where, again, there's some murkiness in exactly what the sexual relationship was. Does that -- I mean, at this point, don't we know all of this tawdry stuff?

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: No, we don't, actually. What most people have relied on is the fact that the President has denied it. That's what they

wanted to hear, because we do want this to go away, basically. But the tapes are going to come out, all the details are going to come out. And I think that will take away from the President's authority.

COKIE ROBERTS: Do you think Linda Tripp is going to come out of the grand jury and tell us what she said? Are we going to know in the course of this week what went on in that room?

BILL KRISTOL: I don't know, this Mrs. Young...

COKIE ROBERTS: You're shaking your head.

BILL KRISTOL:... Mrs. Young, who testified this past week, did tell ``Newsweek" what she said. As you say, she said that she and Monica Lewinsky went on a walk in upstate New York on Memorial Day weekend 1996 and Monica confided in her about her physical relationship with the President, and that she has subsequent notes from Monica about this as well. It seems pretty well established. I think Linda Tripp, from her own point of view, should walk out and say a little bit about what she has said. I -- the American public has not seen Linda Tripp since the beginning of this whole thing. She's got a very -- you know, she's been blackened by various people, smeared, I think, by various people. And I should think she might want to come out and simply say that, ``Look, I testified truthfully, and the heart of what I testified to is the following."

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: She might say one or two sentences, but I wouldn't expect any more with that -- than that. The real question this week is, what effect will Linda Tripp's testimony have on Monica Lewinsky and her lawyers? I mean, we really don't know the answer to that yet. Monica's gone back home to be with her father. If the pressure is increased, and she really feels threatened by an indictment, does she then come forward to Ken Starr? And we'll only know that after a few days of testimony.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, of course, the whole way this all came up in the first place was part of Paula Jones' case. And this week, the Supreme Court has handed down a bunch of decisions, decisions having to do with AIDS and the Disability Act, decisions having to do with funding for the arts, and decisions having to do with sexual harassment and the line-item veto. Sexual harassment, they seemed to be pretty clear that companies are liable if somebody is harassed in the company.

GEORGE WILL: It's vicarious liability, is the term they used. And that means that a company is liable if someone in a supervisory capacity is harassing someone sexually even if the company did not know, and even if the company ought not to have known. Now, what the Supreme Court has done is said, once again, ``There's a problem in America, and we're going to solve it."

COKIE ROBERTS: It's interesting, isn't it, that...

GEORGE WILL: ``And we're going to write rules that will terrify companies into comprehensive regulation." The question is whether -- Well, that's an interesting view of the role of courts. Some of us think that we have representative institutions that are supposed to do this.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, it's an interesting thing for an essentially conservative court to do.

GEORGE WILL: This is not a conservative court.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: It's not a -- it's a moderate court, and it's a very activist court. They also...

GEORGE WILL: Extremely activist.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS:... in the area of HIV, I'm very much for the

decision. They said if you're HIV positive but not symptomatic, you get protection under the Americans for Disability Act, a very, very important landmark decision...

GEORGE WILL: And...

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS:... that's pushing the law.

GEORGE WILL:... and having said that, they have opened the borders further on what counts as a disability in the United States. And given our inclination to medicalize every human condition, weakness, sin, and foible, we're going to have people come and say, ``I'm lazy, can't help it, it's a condition... `` (crosstalk)

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Lazy is not the same as being HIV positive.

GEORGE WILL: Just wait.

BILL KRISTOL: Yes, let's not -- let's not...

GEORGE WILL: Just wait.

BILL KRISTOL:... let's defend laziness...

COKIE ROBERTS: Push it too hard.

BILL KRISTOL:... here for a little bit.

COKIE ROBERTS: Now, do you...

BILL KRISTOL: But you know, it's interesting about these decisions. We talk about the court decided this, the court decided that, in both the sexual harassment case and the HIV discrimination case. The court is interpreting a congressional statute. And it says something about the way we now think about the courts, that we forget that. Congress can overturn both these decisions. There's no constitutional right here. They're interpreting the American -- the Disabilities Act, they're interpreting Title VII...

COKIE ROBERTS: Civil Rights Act.

BILL KRISTOL:... of the Civil Rights Act. Congress doesn't have the courage, often, to correct improper court decisions.

COKIE ROBERTS: Do you...

BILL KRISTOL: But I think it would be worth it to remind people that...

GEORGE WILL: That's right.

BILL KRISTOL:... this is Congress's responsibility. They...

GEORGE WILL: Precisely.

BILL KRISTOL:... if the law now is murky, if employers have no guidance, which I think may be the case on sexual harassment, Congress should step up to the plate.

COKIE ROBERTS: What about the little guys?

GEORGE WILL: Murkiness is not a failing in Congress's eyes. Murkiness is the goal. What they do is, they express sentiments, and they get credit for the sentiment.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well...

GEORGE WILL: Disabil -- people with disabilities should be treated nicely. What's it mean? Haven't a clue. The nine people will decide.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: But the -- and what this means...

COKIE ROBERTS: Or the regulators will decide.

GEORGE WILL: Well, that's what they're -- they are now a regulatory body, the Supreme Court.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: And what this means, especially if Judge Stevens, Justice Stevens, does not retire this year, is that the Supreme Court will be front and center in the next presidential election. That means the next president will probably have three choices, and if the Republican Party continues to drift to the right, that will mean that this will be in the middle of the debate over abortion, over gay rights. And it

will be very exciting in the presidential election.

COKIE ROBERTS: It will be interesting to see if it resonates, because often it hasn't, even though it has been very important. Do you think this decision does anything for Paula Jones's appeal?

BILL KRISTOL: I'm doubtful, but it's hard to tell. The law is so murky in this area. I mean, "The Washington Post" had a sympathetic article about the decision Saturday, but then had to acknowledge also, no one quite knows what sexual harassment is under the law. We do know that employers are liable for it. So I'm not sure what it means.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: But you're pretty sure that one 12-minute episode is not going to be sexual harassment under this definition.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well...

GEORGE WILL: If the law is the law only when it gives due notice of what behavior is and is not proscribed, there is no law in this area right now.

COKIE ROBERTS: All right. It is true that employers, if they have some program in place, might have an excuse. That was one break the court gave them. Well, we need to take a break here. When we come back, Sam will be with us to talk China.

International Affairs

COKIE ROBERTS: Richard Holbrooke, the President's nominee to be UN ambassador, has just returned from Kosovo saying that the situation there is terrible, that he is unable -- he was unable to make any kind of change that could keep all-out civil war from breaking out. Sam Donaldson is in China, where he has been talking to American State Department officials, or at least trying to. Sam, what are you hearing about Kosovo from people like the secretary of state?

SAM DONALDSON: Well, very little. They've been talking tough about Kosovo, as you know, Cokie, for weeks. But today when I tried to ask Madeleine Albright about it, her answers amounted to, "Get away, boy, you're bothering me." I sent word to Sandy Berger, the national security advisor, "I'd like to talk about Kosovo." He sent word back to me he wouldn't. You know, here's what's going on, because I did talk to a couple of people, whom I cannot identify.

They're not happy with Richard Holbrooke. They think his saying, as he apparently did, that we're just a few steps away from a wide war there was just trying to cover up, they say, his own failure to get a deal. And they're not happy, because it's taking the story away from here. They want us to talk about the President's great success here, not about the fact that they may have to deal with Kosovo and don't know how to do it.

COKIE ROBERTS: I can't imagine that anyone would say to you, Sam, "Go away, boy, you're bothering me." This is shocking to me...

SAM DONALDSON: Oh, she can, she did.

COKIE ROBERTS:... and very upsetting. And we will have to -- we'll have to speak to her.

SAM DONALDSON: I like it.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: But it does show that we're in for a great new role with Richard Holbrooke back in the government. And he did the right thing by pointing out that he was on the brink of failure. This is important. This war could spread over into Skopje, into Greece, into Albania. And we've had troops there for several years now. And NATO is going to have to take action.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, will it, though? I mean, this -- I -- seems to me that I remember back when all of the worst violence was happening in Bosnia, that the administration -- and Colin Powell was there at the time -- was saying, "Kosovo is the line in the sand." That line seems to have been blurred.

BILL KRISTOL: It has. Well, two points, Cokie. Maybe you should take a tip from Madeleine Albright and follow in her footsteps. And the next time Sam gets troublesome sitting in this chair, just, "Get away, boy, stay away from me." It seems to work very well. I think they will have to take action. In August '95, NATO bombed Serbia, bombed Milosovic and forced him to the peace talks. He's now threatening -- there are 50,000 Serbian troops massed to go after the Kosovo rebels. It's extremely dangerous. Clinton has -- this has always been the line in the sand. President Bush in December '92 threatened action if they went into Kosovo, and Milosovic pulled back. I think we will have military action in Kosovo pretty soon.

GEORGE WILL: But in Bosnia, it was a case of aggression more or less across a border against a free-standing political entity. Kosovo is, unfortunately...

COKIE ROBERTS: Part of Serbia, right.

GEORGE WILL:... a province of Serbia. What we're living with is a long echo of Woodrow Wilson's affirmation of ethnic self-determination. His own secretary of state, Lansing, at the time, says, "Look out, you're sowing all kinds of seeds," as the Sudeten Germans learned when Hitler became their champion. And this is a disintegrative force for the United States to endorse the right of secession.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, but the problem is, is that even without endorsing it -- George's point is right, that you're now talking about a part of the world that you could start to get into very messy things in. And we're now talking about NATO allies. You could get Greece involved. If Greece gets involved, you can be sure Turkey will get involved. And then where are you?

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: And tensions between Greece and Turkey are already high this summer. And I think you're right, the United States is in a tricky position, because we're trying to promote autonomy without promoting independence. But you risk raising hopes that you can't fulfill.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well...

BILL KRISTOL: Yes, but the problem is, Milosovic. I mean, it's not just abstract rights of self-determination. It is that you have a dictator there who got away with ethnic cleansing once and is trying to get away with it again. And you should not let dictators get away with these things.

GEORGE WILL: Precisely.

COKIE ROBERTS: All right. Well, dictators getting away with things has been something of a theme this week. And the question is, did President Clinton make sure that the dictator in China was not getting away with anything, or not? Sam, you say that the administration is -- wants to keep focused on what's happening there. Are they very pleased with themselves these days?

SAM DONALDSON: Absolutely, Cokie. And I've got to tell you, I think they ought to be. I think it's a big 10-strike for Bill Clinton. It's a performance, you say, but remember, this performance was seen by the Chinese people. Now, maybe Jim Sasser has it wrong when he says 600 million saw it. But if it was only 300 million, that's a lot.

And I think we've seen throughout history, Gorbachev just being the latest example, you let a little freedom get started, you can't stop it.

And Jiang Zemin, in allowing this to be heard and seen, and in allowing the former premier, Xiao Xhi Xiang (ph), to make a statement -- he's under house arrest, but he made a statement about Tiananmen Square.

I think President Clinton can rightly claim that the winds of change are occurring in China, and I think he's going to be given some credit for what he did this weekend.

COKIE ROBERTS: You kept asking Ambassador Sasser why Jiang let this happen. What's your theory?

SAM DONALDSON: I don't know. If Sasser, who's been here for two and a half years, doesn't know, Donaldson, who's been here for two and a half days, ought not to get into this. But I do think that they didn't know until Sasser says -- a half hour before it was going to occur -- Now, you can say, ``Well, the Chinese planned it all along." It would seem to me that at the last minute, Xiao -- rather, Jiang Zemin just said, ``Let's do it." And it was done.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Cokie, you hit on the right question, Jiang let it happen. No question the President at the press conference was at his best. But he also seemed to give Jiang Zemin a veto over what he would do. Jiang Zemin doesn't want Radio Free Asia correspondents, US citizens, to go on the trip, they don't go. Jiang Zemin wants to have dissidents swept up, they get swept up. Jiang Zemin doesn't want the President to use the word ``democracy," he doesn't. The President should get credit for giving -- for being very forceful at the press conference, but there's a lot more to do.

COKIE ROBERTS: And the President -- it is so interesting, though, because the part that was the great success was that it was broadcast, and, of course, that, this administration had no control over.

GEORGE WILL: Well, the -- I think a case could have been made for stopping the trip over the three journalists, just saying, ``You can't do that to Americans," and they would have backed down, and that would have been the way to start the trip. But the President said something deftly that summed up 40 years of argument about authoritarian and totalitarian governments, when he said to the president of China, ``Freedom promotes stability."

The old argument was that what totalitarianism had done with modern bureaucracy and broadcasting, control opinion, was, as Orwell said, ``Imagine a boot in your face forever," that they had achieved permanence in tyranny. Well, the lesson of 1989 and subsequently is that freedom produces stability, and the long-term denial of freedom produces an explosion. And the President said it, and he gets credit.

COKIE ROBERTS: Ambassador Sasser also said in that interview that if Sam came back in two years, that he would probably not see dissidents being arrested. Do you see any reason to believe that?

BILL KRISTOL: I hope that's the case, but I think that will only be the case of there's a change of government, a change of regime in China. I mean, there's too much sort of reverse Marxism going on here, that inevitably free markets and economic growth leads to liberalization. That's not been true historically. Germany in this century, Italy, were, you know, relatively free markets, booming economies, not wonderful countries. I think the core issue in China, and this will go way beyond the President's trip today, is, Do we accept the current government?

I mean, is that the best we're going to do? And we tactically try to maneuver them to slightly greater degrees of liberalization? Or do we have a long-term strategy with China, as we had with the Soviet Union, under

President Reagan, that really looks to ultimately relieving from the Chinese people this dictatorship? And the President, I think, has not -- does not have a Reaganite position on this.

GEORGE WILL: What is new, Bill, since Germany and Italy tried to have hermetically sealed autarchies in terms of the intellectual life of their people, is, modern technology.

COKIE ROBERTS: And...

GEORGE WILL: These countries are porous now to satellites, the Internet, and all the rest.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, and modern technology brings us back to Sam, who is there in China. You were shaking your head, Sam, when George was saying that the President should have threatened to cancel the trip over the Radio Free Asia passports.

SAM DONALDSON: Well, I disagree with George, because I think if you take the small matter and say, ``Yes, this is horrible, we're not coming," it's the old thing that I've used before, you cut off your nose to spite your face.

GEORGE WILL: (inaudible)

SAM DONALDSON: The larger effort is to try to pull -- well, nose, face. The larger is to try to pull China along by working with the government, not saying ``Stop," because if we say ``Stop," China can say ``Stop," and there we are.

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: But to pull them, you have to push them sometimes, and that's what it would have done.

COKIE ROBERTS: All right. We're going to take a break, and Sam will come back with us again from Beijing when we return.

(Commercial Break)

Fun Moments Of Clinton'S Trip To China

SAM DONALDSON: You've heard the old expression, ``All work and no play makes..." But you know the rest of that. And it applies to presidents as well. Here now are some of the fun moments of Bill Clinton's visit to Beijing.

(voice-over) Yes, there it is, the Great Wall of China, top tourist attraction. ``This is a Great Wall," said Richard Nixon when he saw it. Mr. Clinton said, as he emerged from a passageway...

Pres. BILL CLINTON: Quite unbelievable, isn't it?

SAM DONALDSON: (voice-over) And here, the Forbidden City, where the last emperors lived behind their walls with their eunuchs and concubines. Mr. Clinton said, as he headed into the Gate of Celestial Purity...

Pres. BILL CLINTON: I mean, it's an amazing place.

SAM DONALDSON: (voice-over) But perhaps the most enjoyable moment for this famous tourist came at last night's state dinner, where wine was served, which probably has nothing to do with what happened next, but then, you never know. In any event, China's President Jiang began leading the band.

Who hasn't wanted to do this? The tune is ``Song for the Motherland."

And then it was President Clinton's turn. The song is ``Hands Across the Sea." And look at this guest conductor go!

(on camera) Well, neither one of them is a Zubin Mehta or a Leonard Slatkin, but, Cokie, not bad for amateurs, not bad for amateurs.

COKIE ROBERTS: So it looks like they're having a good time. What comes up next, Sam? You're still there for some -- a few more days.

SAM DONALDSON: Yes, tomorrow a speech at Beijing University, again on

human rights, then it's on to Shanghai, on to Guilin, on to Hong Kong. A lot of sightseeing for the President. You'd say, ``Well, there's nothing more to do." But does the name Kosovo mean anything to you? Does the name Linda Tripp mean anything to you? You'll be hearing them here in China.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, how did -- how are they going to deal with that from China? Are they going to try to be -- have -- just being tourists while you're asking them about Linda Tripp?

SAM DONALDSON: Remember my phrase, ``Don't bother me, boy." I think they'll deal with it by trying to say nothing. But we'll persist. You know us vicious reporters.

COKIE ROBERTS: Well, that's good, Sam. And we hope you get back here soon, we miss you. For more on the President's...

SAM DONALDSON: I miss you too.

COKIE ROBERTS: Good. For more on the President's trip to China, watch World News Sunday with Carole Simpson. And tomorrow on Good Morning America with Lisa McRee and Kevin Newman, an interview with Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York. That's all for this Sunday. Until next week, that's This Week.
End

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<http://www.konformist.com/cooper.htm>

More at sight!

Bill Cooper Fights The Man

Bill Cooper, author of "Behold a Pale Horse" and the man behind the "Harvest Trust" website, has been one of the biggest pals of The Konformist. It has recently come to our attention from the most holy Blue that Mr. Cooper has gotten in a tussle with authorities. It is curious to note that recently, Mr. Cooper has put up information on his site that is highly critical of the Anti-Defamation League (information which appears to be quite accurate to me.) Cooper, who vehemently denies he is racist or anti-Semitic (a claim which is backed up by all his writings), has previously got in hot water by printing "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," an anti-Semitic tract (he properly prefaced the work by stating it is Illuminastic propaganda to scapegoat Jews by attributing to them the activities of Illuminastic groups.) In any case, we may have the makings of a big story here, although I for one hope not. For one thing, the timing of the incident seems almost guaranteed to incite certain anti-Semitic "militia" groups (not that all militia groups are anti-Semitic) into blaming Cooper's fight against authorities as part of a Jewish plot. More important, however, is that Bill Cooper deserves to be left alone, that he is bothering no one, and that his alleged crime, tax evasion, as he argues quite persuasively, is one which he is not guilty of, as he has no income as defined by federal law. The Konformist will keep you informed of this story, and support Cooper's fight against "The Man."

Bill Cooper's Website:
<http://harvest-trust.org>

To View the whole Public Notice:
<http://harvest-trust.org/pubnot3.htm>

From: density4@cts.com

::: Bill Cooper in the News :::

Although some of the newer kids on the UFO block may not recall ole Coop, he was a major player a few years back in the UFOlogical Tri-Lateral Commission comprised of Lear, Cooper and "Valerian." Sadly, many are also oblivious to the sordid Paul Bennewitz affair of roughly the same era.

Source: The Arizona Republic
Militiaman Taking On Authorities
By Jerry Kammer
The Arizona Republic
July 3, 1998

An eastern Arizona militiaman is vowing to defy an arrest warrant issued in Phoenix on Wednesday after he failed to appear in federal court on charges that he evaded income taxes and defrauded a bank.

William Cooper, 54, a media-savvy foe of the federal government who claims to belong to the "Second Continental Army of The Republic," posted a defiant message in big red letters Thursday on his Internet site:

"WARNING!! Any attempt by the federal government or anyone else to execute the unconstitutional and unlawful arrest warrants...will be met with armed resistance."

Federal authorities in Phoenix are responding with calculated calm to Cooper, who warned a 1994 convention in Mesa of a coming battle against one-world government.

"Blood will be spilled in the streets of America -- it's inevitable," Cooper declared then, even as he stressed that he didn't endorse violence. He has broadcast the same message around the world in his daily short-wave radio program. He also publishes a newspaper.

The U.S. attorney for Arizona, Jose de Jesus Rivera, said federal agents would move carefully to arrest Cooper, who faces a four-count indictment on charges that he failed to pay taxes from 1992 to 1994 and submitted false information to a bank to obtain a loan. "We are going to proceed with prudence and caution and handle the matter in due course," Rivera said, declining to comment further.

Apache County Sheriff Art Lee said he has advised federal authorities to move cautiously against Cooper, who lives in a hilltop house in Eagar. After talking with Cooper, Lee said, he cautioned federal authorities that "it could deteriorate into an incident" if they moved in to arrest Cooper and his wife, Annie Mord-horst, who was indicted on the same charges.

"I felt like he meant what he said when he told me he would defend his property with everything at his disposal," Lee said. The sheriff said Cooper owns weapons, but he did not know how many or what kind. Lee said Cooper moved to Eagar two or three years ago from St. Johns, where he had once spoken of opening a library where residents could research the U.S. Constitution.

Militia members believe that the federal government has flagrantly usurped the Constitution by asserting a range of powers, including the power to tax. "He sent me a lot of literature when he lived in St. Johns," Lee said. "It was the regular right-wing stuff -- militia-type literature on the black, unmarked helicopters and the takeover of the United States by United Nations forces."

Asked whether Cooper had a broad following in the county, Lee said, "Not that I'm aware." One sympathizer is Glenn Jacobs, publisher of a small weekly newspaper, who said he spoke to Cooper early this week. "He told me he is not going to submit to arrest by the feds," Jacobs said. "He said if they're going to murder him, they're going to have to do it in the house, that this is where he has drawn his line in the sand, and he's not going to

retreat from it. I think he is expecting to be murdered by the FBI."

Lee disputed Cooper's Web site report that "several ranking local law-enforcement personnel" had informed the FBI that they would "absolutely not allow another Ruby Ridge or Waco to occur in Apache County, Arizona." Lee said, however, that both Cooper and Jacobs had spoken of Ruby Ridge and Waco, scenes of bloody confrontations that in the militia movement have become symbolic of federal government brutality and arbitrary power. In Phoenix, Thomas Nixon of the U.S. Marshal's Office said authorities intend to act cautiously as they enforce the arrest warrant "because no federal agency wants any copies of Ruby Ridge or Waco." But Nixon added, "Obviously, at some point, we'll effect the arrest."

Nixon said a federal marshal last month was unable to serve a summons on Cooper. He said the marshal visited Cooper's home but was unable to establish that the man who met him there was Cooper.

Reached by phone Thursday, Cooper refused to answer questions, responding to a reporter's inquiry with a stream of obscenities before hanging up. In his Web site, however, he calls summonses "unconstitutional" and "unlawful" because the federal government has no jurisdiction in Arizona "except over land that was ceded to the United States by the State Legislature.

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And now, some of his web info on the ADL:

<http://harvest-trust.org/adltruth.htm>

The Ugly Truth about the Anti Defamation League (ADL)

Harvest Trust and its Trustees believe in Liberty and Freedom for all People, without exceptions, regardless of race, religion, or place of ancestral origin. Harvest Trust supports the Jewish People and their legitimate organizations. This link has absolutely nothing to do with anti-Semitism or racism. The ADL is an organization that manipulates our Jewish Citizens and the general population of America by applying the term "anti-Semitic" to any and all opposition in order to fulfill the secret agenda of Karl Marx's dream of a socialist world. The subversive ADL has worked diligently to control politicians, the domestic and foreign policy of the United States of America, and destroy the Constitutionally guaranteed Rights of all Americans including Jewish Americans. The ADL has become what it pretends to oppose... it has become a strong-arm of modern tyranny. We will undoubtedly be labeled anti-Semitic... indeed we may even be burned out or murdered for daring to speak the truth... but speak the truth we will no matter the consequences. Set yourself Free... click the links below and don't stop reading until you have consumed it all. As always we recommend you listen to everyone, read everything, but believe absolutely nothing unless you can verify it in your program of due diligence through your research.

This series of 8 historic broadcasts was taken in whole or in part from

investigations conducted by the CAJI News Service, the Intelligence Service, and Jews For the Preservation of Firearms Ownership (JPFO), and from reports published by The Executive Intelligence Review entitled "The Ugly Truth About The ADL", and "Dope Inc." Please distribute copies to everyone you know.

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JPFO Facts vs. ADL Lies

Help Jews For The Preservation of Firearms Ownership (JPFO) tell the truth about how the Anti-Defamation League lies about Militias, law abiding firearms owners and Judaism.

Please help distribute the following FACT SHEET! - PEOPLE MUST KNOW THE TRUTH!

1. ADL LIE: Militias threaten you.

JPFO FACT: The ADL reports on militias offer virtually no facts - hard evidence, documentation - to support the ADL's allegations that militias threaten public order. Why are the ADL's reports nearly empty of references to newspaper articles with verifiable specifics as to date, place, time, participants, etc.? The ADL's reports suggest that a tiny minority of militias is run by neo-Nazis, racists, or other bigots. Why should the doings of a tiny, nasty minority be a reason to condemn the vast majority of decent, law-abiding militia-members?

2. ADL LIE: "Gun control" makes you safer, at the cost of "minor" inconvenience, e.g., permits, waiting periods, registration bans on, and confiscation of, some firearms and magazines.

JPFO FACT: The down-side to "gun control" is genocide, and mortal peril to those in the U.S. armed services, who have recently been deployed overseas thanks to "gun control".

In this century there have been at least seven major genocides in which at least 56,000,000 persons, including millions of children, have been murdered by officials of governments "gone bad". The seven cases are:

- o 1915 - 1917 Ottoman Turkey, 1.5 million Armenians murdered;
- o 1929 - 1953 Soviet Union, 20 million people that opposed Stalin were murdered;
- o 1933 - 1945 Nazi occupied Europe, 13 million Jews Gypsies and others that opposed Hitler were murdered;
- o 1948 - 1952 China, 20 million anti communists;
- o 1960 - 1981 Guatemala, 100,000 Mayan Indians Murdered;
- o 1971 - 1979 Uganda, 300,000 Christians and Political Rivals of Idi Amin murdered;
- o 1975 - 1979 Cambodia, 1 million educated persons murdered.

TOTAL VICTIMS: 56 MILLION!

In every case, there was on the books before the murdering began, at least one "gun control" law, sometimes the last of a series. In five of the seven cases, "gun control" was first enacted by a regime that came before the genocide regime - sometimes decades before.

Most genocides unfold without outside intervention, except after the fact. For example, during World War II, the U.S. government absolutely refused to bomb the rail lines leading to the Nazis' main murder camp, Auschwitz, in Poland. Had that been done many lives might have been saved.

The ADL's strategy - of watching hate groups and urging ever-more severe "gun control" - has a lethal flaw. If vigilance fails, and if a hate group seized control of the U.S. government, prior enforcement of "gun control" will ensure the hate groupies can easily pile up mountains of corpses.

Those who say, "It couldn't happen here...we would never do that...", are quite wrong. The U.S. government took all but the last step of a major genocide just over 50 years ago. On 19 February 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 9066. Under that order, some 125,000 Japanese-Americans - 70% of whom were U.S. citizens - were forced to leave homes and businesses on the west coast of the U.S. and were sent to places that the New York Times of that era called "concentration camps". That Executive Order was affirmed by Congress in the form of a public law at end-March 1942. The Supreme Court ultimately concurred that these deportations were legal (*Korematsu v. U.S.*, 1944).

U.S. armed forces have recently gone to Haiti ("Gun Control" Law, 22 Dec 1922, amended 1 Oct 1980), and to Bosnia (ex-Yugoslavia "GunControl" Law, 17 Sep 1964) to try to rescue people made helpless thanks to "gun control". Had we simply shipped rifles to the Haitians, they likely could have freed themselves from their murderous government. U.S. troops may be needed to rescue the Bosnian Muslims, because an arms embargo keeps them from defending themselves against Bosnian Serb "ethnic cleansing". Why does the ADL back a policy, "gun control", that forces U.S. soldiers, sailors, marines, and flyers to go in harm's way?

3. ADL LIE: Judaism and "gun control" go together.

JPFO TRUTH: "Gun control" violates and subverts Jewish Law. The sanctity of life is a core Jewish value. By promoting genocide, "gun control" poses a clear and present danger to the lives of decent people, everywhere.

Life is so precious that under Jewish law, there are only three things a Jew may NOT do to save his/her own life:

- o a) commit murder (willfully take an innocent life);
- o b) bow down to idols;
- o c) engage in prohibited forms of sexual activity.

Thus, a Jew threatened with death unless he eats pork (prohibited

to Jews), must eat the pork, if doing so will save his life.

From the sanctity of Life comes an imperative to safeguard Life. Thus, it is written in the Talmud - the 70-volume Code of Jewish Law - in at least three places, "And the Torah says, 'If someone comes to kill you, arise quickly and kill him.'" The Torah is the Five Books of Moses; this injunction is rooted in Exodus, Chapter 22, Verse 1. This injunction occurs twice in the section of the Talmud dealing with Blessings (Tractate B'rachos), on pages 58A and 62B. It also is found in the section of the Talmud dealing with Administration of Justice (Tractate Sanhedrin) page 72A. The contexts are all different, but the message is consistent: for Jews, self-defense is an individual duty. As nothing in the Five Books of Moses, or the Talmud, is ever repeated without a reason, that this injunction is three times repeated suggests it is a powerful injunction, indeed.

History shows clearly that the biggest murderer - of Jews and of other minorities (ethnic, political, linguistic, etc.) - has NOT been hate groups, but governments that have "gone bad". To varying degrees, these murders of Jews occurred because Jews neglected to learn and to practice our religion's teachings which mandate self-defense. We have paid a ferocious price for this neglect. Millions of lives will be saved if Jewish law on self-defense is faithfully followed.

4. ADL LIE: JPFO is a danger to Jews. The ADL lies about JPFO's mission and research (See letter by Abraham Foxman, ADL National Director, to the Editor of the New York Times, 21 May 1995). The ADL says it fights anti-Semitism and neo-Nazis.

JPFO TRUTH: The ADL dismisses JPFO research that shows the U.S. Gun Control Act of 1968 (GCA '68) likely is based on the Nazi Weapons Law of 18 March 1938. Nazi laws have no place in America. Yet, the ADL backs GCA '68 and advocates further restrictions on firearms-ownership by the law-abiding.

JPFO has a new bumper sticker called ADL LIES. We would like to get 1 MILLION or more of these on firearms owners automobiles, campers and homes. The sticker is white with red, blue and black letters. It is 4 and 1/4 inches high X 14 inches wide. Large enough for the ADL to see from their headquarters at the United Nations Plaza, New York.

Stop the Lies - Destroy "Gun Control" Buy and Display this Bumper Sticker Today!

- * 2 for \$5.00 postage paid in the United States
- * 25 for \$30.00 postage paid in the United States
- * 50 for \$50.00 postage paid in the United States
- * 100 for \$75.00 postage paid in the United States

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Subversive Organizations

If you believe that Harvest Trust has omitted any organization that should rightfully be included on this page, or if you believe an organization was included that should not be included, please e-mail the name of the organization along with your factual reasons why it should or should not be on this subversive list to: subversive@harvest-trust.org

All Secret Societies

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Aryan nations (Christian Identity) (NAZI)

Anti Defamation League (ADL)

Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms

Communist Party

Council of State Governments

Council on Foreign Relations

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Internal Revenue Service

"John Doe Times"

Ku Klux Klan (KKK)

MAJESTYTWELVE

National Alliance

Nation of Islam

National Socialist White Peoples Party

Race Traitor

Socialism

Southern Poverty Law Center

The Militia Watchdog

Harvest Trust supports Liberty, and Freedom for all people regardless of race, religion, or place of ancestral origin. Agendas and activities which would restrict or eliminate the Free Speech, Liberty, or Freedom of others is subversive. It is these agendas and activities which brings an organization to this list.

Research has produced a solid chain of evidence that the organizations listed above are subversive in nature. By subversive Harvest Trust means that their agendas and activities are not conducive to the preservation or furtherance of Liberty and Freedom as guaranteed by our constitutional republican government. In many cases these organizations openly advocate revamping the Constitution with the argument, "...was written over two hundred years ago by dottering old men who did not understand the complexities of the modern age."

Most advocate a parliamentary, socialist, communist, racist, or theocratic type of government. Some, such as the ACLU with their refusal to even recognize the Second Article in Amendment, reject portions of the Constitution which is the supreme Law of the land. Others, like the ADL, create hatred, destroy individuals, families, and businesses by labeling anyone who criticizes anything connected with Jewish or Israeli interests as anti-Semitic no matter how well meaning the criticism. The ADL also wages a war of propaganda and lies against the lawful Militia, free speech, and the Right to keep and bear arms. The ADL has been caught stealing police records and spying on American Citizens. The ADL promotes and fuels racial discord. The ADL manipulates politicians, the domestic and foreign policy of the united States of America and destroys the Rights of all Americans including Jewish Citizens.

Still others such as the KKK, the NSWPP, the National Alliance, and Christian Identity want to split up the nation into different racial countries... the northwest reserved for them exclusively. The Black "Nation of Islam," led by Minister Louis Farrakhan, wants its own exclusively black country. Farrakhan claims he has been abducted by space aliens and communicates with past NOI leader Elijah Muhammad who is orbiting the earth in a giant spaceship. They are all racist.

The Communist Party advocates open revolution and the violent overthrow of the United States of America. The CP wishes to make this country a carbon copy of what used to be the Soviet Union.

Secret Societies have been the conduit for subversive and revolutionary movement throughout the history of humanity. The French Revolution, the English Pauper's Revolt, and Hitler's NAZI Party all had their roots in secret societies. Secrecy by its very nature is anathemic to a Free society and no society need be secret were they not subversive in nature.

Some are federal organizations operating unconstitutionally under the color of law. These government organizations have ignored constitutional

limitations, trampled the Rights of the People, murdered, destroyed individuals, ruined families, and confiscated property without due process or just compensation as required by law.

Some of these organizations do some good for their members... but the overall effect upon the united States of America is detrimental to the Liberty, Freedom and security of all of the rest of us. Most of these listed practice deceit, manipulation, and sometimes violence to achieve their goals.

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> of three young brothers in a sectarian petrol-bomb attack on last
> weekend.
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> The British Ministry of Defence has supplied the tribunal with
> the last known addresses of 103 soldiers involved in the events
> of Bloody Sunday, but many of the addresses are over 20 years out
> of date. The chairman of the inquiry, Lord Saville, said the
> MoD's efforts had "largely been a failure". He said the inquiry
> would employ staff to try to locate the soldiers.
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> Counsel for the families, Mr Seamus Treacy, said there was a need
> to "obliterate the spectre of Widgery". One of the failings of
> the Widgery inquiry was that the families were not allowed
> adequate legal representation. Mr Treacy referred to the recent
> Lawrence inquiry in England, where one family was allowed three
> counsel and called for comparable representation for the families
> of the Bloody Sunday victims.
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> But Lord Saville warned that even if the families were given 100
> counsel, they "wouldn't have the resources to fight those of the
> British government".
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> Lawyers for the relatives said the families did not want to
> cooperate "until they are absolutely satisfied that it is going
> to be fair and impartial and it is absolutely certain that there
> will be a level playing field".
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> It was also revealed that the tribunal has in its possession,
> among tens of thousands of documents relating to the events of
> Bloody Sunday, the minutes of a meeting of the 1972 government
> sub-committee on the north of Ireland, held just three days
> before the massacre.
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> Sinn Fein Assembly member Martin McGuinness MP has called for the
> new inquiry to ensure that it has the complete confidence of the
> families.
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> Mr. McGuinness said it was absolutely essential that 26 years
> after the "sham" of the Widgery tribunal and the long campaign
> for a new inquiry, the families had complete confidence in the
> ability of the new inquiry to "provide the mechanisms which will
> enable the truth of Bloody Sunday to emerge".
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> "There should be no attempt by the British government to limit
> the scope of the inquiry or to place obstacles in the path of the
> families as they seek out full disclosure of the facts leading up
> to, during and after the tragic events of Bloody Sunday.
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> "The families of the Bloody Sunday victims are entitled to know
> why fourteen men were murdered by the Parachute regiment on that
> day and only an inquiry which is impartial, comprehensive and has
> the confidence and support of the families can provide the means
> by which this can be achieved."
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> Don Mullan, a spokesperson for the relatives who took part in the
> civil rights march, recalled the aftermath of the shootings.

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> "The thing that I will never forget was finding the blue and
> white civil rights banner which we had carried the day before,
> transformed into the colours of the union jack by the blood of an
> unarmed and innocent Irish man," he said.
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> The hearing resumes today.
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>>>> Clinton to visit Ireland in September
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> US President Bill Clinton plans to visit both sides of the border
> during a trip to Ireland in September, the White House confirmed
> last night.
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> It is expected that Mr. Clinton will go to Belfast on September
> 4th, visit Dublin the following day, and later tour the southwest
> of Ireland for a game of golf.
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> Mr. Clinton was last in Ireland in late 1995, an occasion that
> was seen as giving a boost to the Irish peace process. His early
> September visit this time would take place just a week before the
> new northern Assembly is scheduled to resume debate.
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> Sinn Fein Assembly Member Bairbre de Brun said that her party
> looked forward to the President's visit as an opportunity to
> thank him directly for his valuable contribution to the peace
> process and the securing of the Good Friday Agreement.
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> According to the White House statement, President Clinton will
> use his Irish visit "to underscore the United States' strong
> support for the new beginning created by the Good Friday
> document, and [the document's] overwhelming approval by popular
> vote."
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> It added: "The President worked closely with the heads of both
> governments and the leaders of the parties to make this historic
> accord a reality."
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>>>> Loyalist arsonists burn more homes
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> Arson attacks are continuing in County Antrim despite the murder
> of three young brothers in a sectarian petrol-bomb attack on last
> weekend.
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> "These crossings were clearly deliberate. On both occasions the
> British Army travelled across the border on roads which were
> signposted. It is significant that following complaints about the
> first incursion on 5 July another incursion involving eight
> vehicles should occur a week later. I believe there are elements
> in the crown forces snubbing their noses at the Irish government
> and at people in this county. For this to happen at a time of
> such heightened tension in the Six Counties is doubly
> unacceptable."
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> >>> Analysis: A variation of the same old history
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> By Mary Nelis
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> The essayist Robert Lynd once wrote that all history is but a
> repetition of the same story, with variations.
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> I remembered this, as I listened to a Housing Executive official
> recount the difficulties of rehousing Catholic families, expelled
> from their homes in what is termed as mixed areas, by the annual
> pogroms surrounding the marching season. The Belfast Newsletter
> carried a description of such a situation:
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> "In Donegall Street yesterday, about 7 o'clock, and we can assure
> readers that this is no isolated instance, but one typical of the
> scenes all over the City, vast numbers of people were expelled
> from houses. A poor man, was going along with a handcart with
> some miserable furniture, a friend trudged behind carrying a
> clock, while the man's wife carried a child in one arm and a
> looking glass in the other".
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> The Newsletter was reporting events in Belfast in 1872, when
> Catholic families were terrorised out of their homes by Orange
> mobs led by Rev Hugh Hanna.
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> The paper could be talking of events this week, when Orange mobs,
> no doubt under the influence of another Reverend, are once again
> rearranging housing estates to reflect the sectarian mindset of
> extreme Unionism.
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> As Robert Lynd wrote, it is the same story with variations. The
> tragedy of the deaths of the Quinn children was a tragedy waiting
> to happen. Once again Catholic families had their homes attacked,
> petrol bombed, windows broken; bullets were sent through the post
> to the Catholics living in the Carnany estate in Ballymoney. It's
> not the first time, nor will it be the last, when the petrol bomb
> has been used as a form of ethnic cleansing, for the history of

> the segregated housing estates in the North is the history of the
> creation of the ghetto, where the Orange rules of exclusion -- No
> Catholics here -- keeps alive the notion of the Protestant State
> for a Protestant people.

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> Fr Des Wilson wrote some time ago of his heartbreak and
> frustration as he watched those with vested interests drive apart
> the community groups which came together spontaneously to create
> a better life for all. As he pointed out, Catholic and Protestant
> people had always found ways of coming together, whether in their
> own homes, through socialism or campaigning on issues of
> political vetting, lack of work, or resouces.

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> In the 60s in Derry, Protestant and Catholic set up the first
> integrated community groups and indeed raised money for the first
> cardiac ambulance. Despite the best efforts of Unionist
> politicians to divide them, the Tenants Associations in Creggan,
> The Fountain and Irish Street began to challenge the status quo
> in a way never done before. It was not to last as the various
> institutions of the Stormont regime, backed up by the RUC and B
> Specials, ensured that peaceful agitation for social and economic
> change would be crushed and the apartheid system of Government
> would once again create divisions between the people.

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> In the Creggan Estate in Derry, Rev Clergymen from various
> denominations visited, some for the first time, the Protestant
> residents of the estate and exhorted them to leave. Many did, and
> Creggan became a British prison camp for its Catholic
> inhabitants, surrounded on all sides by military checkpoints and
> camps.

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> The unholy alliance, of church and state, the Government
> Ministers of the Stormont regime, the puppets of Westminster once
> again overruled the wishes of the people.

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> If polarisation of the Protestant and Catholic communities has
> been the norm for the past 30 years, the people are not to blame.

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> Drumcree is the last stand of those with vested interests to
> prevent the people of no property, the Catholic, Protestant and
> Dissenter, from coming together in a national and social
> revolutionary movement. In such a situation of change, there
> should be no need for secret organisations, marching through
> Catholic areas, symbolic of dogs marking territory and beating
> drums which proclaim that they are the conquerors.

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> Sectarianism has to be confronted and so has the Orange and Loyal
> Institutions for there is no place in a New Ireland -- and that's
> what's coming -- for those who still think they are a majority
> lauding it over a frightened minority. Stop beating drums and
> listen to the people.

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> The times are a changing, and instead of the Housing Executive
> creating more ghettos, they should be demanding protection for

> their tenants and evicting the bigots. They could start with some
> of their employees who appear daily on television advocating
> violence and hatred.

> >>> Book review: Ulster Loyalism and the British Media

> By Alan F Parkinson
> Published by Four Courts Press

> In a period when loyalism has rarely been out of the news
> worldwide it is somewhat of an irony to review this book. The
> media coverage of the now annual Drumcree stand-off, the torching
> of churches and in particular the vile murders of the Quinn
> children have well and truly shone the spotlight on Orangeism's
> bigotry, sectarianism and unashamed triumphalism.

> Calls to end the protest in light of the murders of these
> children provoked an almost predictable response from the
> hardliners at Drumcree, the "no-surrender" stance regardless of
> the deaths of the three innocent children displays obsessive
> behaviour to the point of psychotic.

> Unfortunately Dr Parkinson almost invites us to sympathise with
> loyalists and the bad press loyalism in general receives.
> Apparently journalists have misinterpreted and misunderstood the
> very nature of loyalism and focused on the "negative aspect"
> which has led to stereotyping such as 'bigots in bower hats'.
> Parkinson talks of a community lacking in confidence reticent to
> speak out.

> Try though I may, I have not witnessed much of this 'softer' face
> of loyalism in recent days. The media portrayal of loyalism and
> loyalists over the last ten days does not elicit sympathy; it
> simply reinforces the facts (or what Parkinson would prefer to
> call stereotypes) of Orangeism's inherent bigotry, intransigence
> and, of course, siege mentality.

> It is an uphill battle for Parkinson to bemoan these 'negative'
> images and pass them off simply as hollow stereotypes, when they
> are repeatedly reinforced by thousands of men across the six
> counties insisting on marching in areas where they're not wanted.
> The title of this book is even a misnomer, as Parkinson deals
> exclusively with London newspapers and television. The real irony
> in the English media's portrayal of the six counties in general
> and loyalism in particular, is that journalism relies on visual

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Free Trade and Human Rights:
The Moral Case for Engagement

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Executive Summary

The freedom of Americans to trade and invest abroad is being challenged
in the name of promoting human
rights. Conservative Christian activists and others seek to impose trade
sanctions against nations that do
not protect human rights. Proposed sanctions include the Freedom from
Religious Persecution Act and the
revoking of China,s Most Favored Nation status.

Three fundamental misunderstandings cloud the current debate over free trade and human rights. First, cutting government aid to target countries is not the same as raising barriers to trade and investment. Ending foreign aid and corporate subsidies actually promotes development by removing market distortions. Blocking trade, in contrast, hurts U.S. consumers and exporters as well as the most economically vulnerable people in the targeted nations.

Second, some advocates of free trade in the U.S. business community have weakened their case by failing to acknowledge that human rights abuses exist. U.S. multinational firms further undermine their credibility by supporting government intervention through such agencies as the Export-Import Bank and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Third, Christian conservatives who support sanctions betray a lack of understanding of how trade promotes freedom and development. Economic reforms in China have transformed daily life for hundreds of millions of people who now enjoy greater opportunity, freedom of movement, material abundance, and access to Western ideas. Trade with China benefits Americans through lower prices, wider consumer choice, and greater returns on investment.

Imposing sanctions against China will disrupt this mutually beneficial relationship while doing nothing to improve human rights. Like the failed embargo against Cuba, trade sanctions isolate the victims while strengthening their persecutors. Sanctions imposed in the name of human rights also serve the interest of domestic protectionists by limiting competition. The best policy for promoting freedom and human rights remains economic and moral engagement.

Introduction

The policy community has been debating an interesting question: whether, or to what extent, concerns about human rights and the right to free religious expression should affect U.S. trade relations with countries that violate human rights and restrict the right to worship. That issue is also directly connected with competing visions of the nature of trade relations themselves. Do they consist solely of businesses and consumers reaping gains from exchange across borders? Or should those exchanges be managed by government regulations and subsidized by international lending institutions?

Pope John Paul II, in his speech to the Vatican Diplomatic Corps in 1995,

had the following to say:

In today's interdependent world, a whole network of exchanges is forcing

nations to live together, whether they like it or not. But there is a need to pass

from simply living together to partnership. Isolation is no longer appropriate.

The embargo in particular, clearly defined by law, is an instrument that needs

to be used with great discernment, and it must be subjected to strict legal and

ethical criteria. It is a means of exerting pressure on governments which have

violated the international code of good conduct and of causing them to

reconsider their choices. But in a sense it is also an act of force and, as certain

cases of the present moment demonstrate, it inflicts grave hardships upon the

people of the countries at which it is aimed. . . . Before imposing such

measures, it is always imperative to foresee the humanitarian consequences of

sanctions, without failing to respect the just proportion that such measures

should have in relation to the very evil which they are meant to remedy.

The recent case of India illustrates the confusion that clouds the issue.

The Indian government's testing in

May of nuclear devices in blatant disregard of the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act passed by

Congress in 1994 raises a human rights issue because controlling the spread of nuclear weapons is

important to the safety and security of us all.

In response to those tests, the United States imposed economic sanctions.

But let's look at the fine print.

Aaron Lukas of the Cato Institute pointed out in the Journal of Commerce on May 22, 1998, that those

"sanctions" are largely an end to wasteful foreign aid and corporate welfare spending. Between 1946 and

1996, India received some \$50 billion from Washington. The sanctions have ended that flow of

government-to-government aid. The sanctions also block Export-Import Bank and Overseas Private

Investment Corporation loans that directly subsidized private trade and investment. Those programs

actually impeded economic progress by channeling resources in ways the market would not otherwise

allocate them.

Those are the kinds of so-called sanctions any believer in free trade

should be glad to accept. Yet the sanctions also prohibit U.S. banks from lending to state-owned Indian enterprises and ban millions of dollars in exports, which is very difficult to justify. That is an example of U.S. involvement in the micromanagement of international trade with no expectation that the sanctions will actually achieve their goal.

I cite the case of India because it shows the muddy thinking that dominates this debate. The first error is to confuse aid with trade. The second error, evident within some sectors of the business community, is to dismiss the issue of human rights and to remain silent, as individuals and as a nation, in the face of human rights abuses in the belief that economic interests ought to prevail in foreign relations. A third error*currently promoted by a diminishing segment of the Christian right*is to politicize international trade by making it an arena for human rights battles.

Trade Yes, Aid No

The debate on U.S.-Chinese trade relations, in particular, has led to some vigorous disagreement between some conservative Christian activists and advocates of free trade. This becomes most visible during the annual debate on renewing China's "Most Favored Nation" status (which means, in today's political context, normal trade relations). The implications are broader, however, because many nations restrict the freedom of religious practice. In particular, Russia has extended full freedom of worship to only four main religions while delegitimizing others. Cuba only recently began to tolerate public expressions of the Christian faith.

Since the great China debate, dozens of bills that would make trade relations contingent on the protection of human rights have been introduced in Congress. Included on the list of currently targeted countries are Burma, China, Colombia, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Mauritania, Mexico, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Peru, Russia, Serbia, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, and Zaire. The United States has imposed sanctions more than 60 times in the past five years*more than half the total of all sanctions imposed since World War II.

Then there is the Godzilla of all current sanctions bills, the Wolf-Specter bill, which the House passed overwhelmingly this spring. It empowers the State Department to classify countries on the basis of perceived oppression of religious groups; a finding of wrongdoing leads

to an automatic imposition of targeted sanctions. Some of the sanctions, as well as other parts of the original bill, were cut. At present, it focuses on cutting off foreign aid or limiting the granting of visas, and its trade sanctions are targeted rather than across the board.

Without taking a position on the latest version of the bill, I have to wonder if those changes reflect a change of heart regarding the effects of the sanctions themselves or whether they are only a bow to political reality. I believe that many people who support this bill view it as a first step in a global social engineering project in which the United States becomes the world's moral arbiter. If so, the bill can only lead to worse legislation that will eventually be counterproductive to the cause of open societies, religious freedom, and international cooperation.

The bill also renews extreme sanctions against Sudan. Is that the direction in which the bill's supporters would like to see U.S. policy go in the future? Is the bill only a wedge for more extreme measures to come? We must keep our eye on its trajectory.

The reasons cited for the imposition of sanctions on the countries mentioned are various, but most relate to human rights. I believe that what activists say about those countries is true; should we then trade with regimes that restrict religious freedom and violate human rights?

People on all sides of the issue agree on certain goals: we want tyranny to end wherever it exists, and in its place we want to see the establishment of free societies that will ensure the dignity of human life and protect freedom of conscience and religion.

Some vocal Christian activists emphasize only human rights. On the basis of extensive documentation of torture; political imprisonment; religious persecution; mandatory abortions; suppression of churches; jailing of priests, bishops, and evangelists; and even murder, those activists have compared the present situation in China and elsewhere with Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union.

In light of those realities, many well-intentioned believers call for a curtailment of trade relations, and some even call for a complete trade embargo, drawing a comparison with our past relations with Nazis and communists. That is not a valid comparison, since our dealings with Nazis involved fighting a bloody world war and engaging in aerial bombings of German cities. Our dealings with the Soviet Union involved the relentless production of weapons of mass destruction and a huge and

expensive military buildup.

The Chinese Miracle

The pro-free-trade business interests emphasize different points and suggest a different agenda. They point out that China is experiencing a historic economic boom, which was brought about by a rapid transition, beginning 15 years ago, from centrally planned socialism to an increasingly capitalist system organized along federalist lines.

Supporters of free enterprise also have observed that, though the Chinese leaders still maintain that China is a communist state, they have, in fact, completely redefined the term. Tax rates have been slashed (and in some regions are actually lower than those of the United States), industries have been privatized, labor markets have been freed in relative terms, housing ownership is encouraged and growing, and joint ventures with Western companies are increasing rapidly.

The Chinese stock market invites wide public participation, while industrialism and technological progress are proceeding at a breakneck pace, especially in the south. With more shipping lanes opening up each month, the northern region of China has begun to share in the boom as well. The results have been astounding: in one generation, China has moved from a society totally dominated by one of the world's most murderous regimes to one of increased material prosperity, freedom of movement, rising commercial opportunity, and relative abundance.

Proponents of free enterprise also point out that the United States has benefited from Chinese economic growth. As a result of our trade relations with China, American consumers enjoy high-quality consumer goods of all types, from high-tech products to clothing. Browse any U.S. shopping center and you will find picture frames, calculators, napkins and napkin holders, glassware, party favors, containers, kitchen appliances, toys, puzzles, shoes, paper products, electric fans, cosmetics*to name a few items*all featuring the "Made in China" label. American consumers have access to those items at low prices, and the import boom has freed capital and labor in this country to concentrate on producing items in which we have a comparative advantage as a nation: financial services, computers, software, agricultural goods, detergents, tires, vehicles of all sorts, furniture, building supplies, and many other things that are available for export to China and other nations.

Moreover, one can no longer say that many classes of goods are made solely in one country. Computers can feature American microchips and software, Japanese communications packages, and Chinese electronic parts. The same is true of cars, clothing, and foodstuffs. The recently announced merger of Daimler-Benz and Chrysler is a case in point. What will happen to the "buy America" campaign with respect to the new cars produced by a German-American company? All of those products provide good examples of how trade can benefit people of all societies.

Business Turns a Blind Eye

The Christian right and supporters of free enterprise view the present situation in radically different ways. What strikes me, however, is how each side seems unable to concede that the other side can contribute to a fuller understanding of present realities.

In many cases, those in favor of free enterprise have turned a blind eye to human rights abuses for fear that mentioning them might endanger the growth and expansion of trade. They frequently exhibit little concern about religious persecution and tend to regard human rights activists and religious leaders as belligerents or idealists who don't understand the "real" world.

The same is true of government leaders. In particular, the Clinton administration's dealings with China have been characterized by a moral blindness to the reality of suffering and persecution in China. Jimmy Carter, writing in the New York Times last year, exhibited the same myopia. That is hardly a new phenomenon. U.S. government officials in the Roosevelt, Truman, Nixon, and Carter administrations befriended Stalin, Khrushchev, and Brezhnev, hoping to win their favor but showing little concern for the millions who suffered under their rule. Truly, the American corporate lobby is capable of deep cynicism and disregard for the basic freedoms of the mass of people living under authoritarian regimes.

Worse, rather than trade on a purely commercial basis, many corporate interests seek special privileges and subsidies. Those include loans from the Export-Import Bank, which underwrites foreign investments at taxpayer expense, and investment guarantees from the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, which also operates at taxpayer expense. They have lobbied for World Bank infrastructure development loans, support from the International Monetary Fund, subsidies from the United Nations and its myriad affiliates, and much more.

To them, free trade is bound up with such guarantees. The business lobbies that work hard against economic sanctions rarely mention those extra perks, or if they do speak about them, they support them. Foreign aid, loan guarantees, and subsidies are not free trade but the opposite: government planning. Such subsidized investment comes at the expense of the American people, who are ultimately responsible for those loans and guarantees. It is the height of naiveté for American business to believe that the government should intervene in the trade process on their behalf but that political intervention will not backfire against their interests.

For any true free trader, such tax-funded interventions and distortions are anathema. I support the immediate cutoff of all IMF loans and the abolition of all government programs that subsidize foreign trade, beginning with regimes that engage in political and religious persecution, but certainly not limited to them.

Fortunately, such loans and aid are not what sustains the international economy. Most of our trade with the world is not subsidized; it reflects the common interests of manufacturers, consumers, shippers, entrepreneurs, and bankers in all countries. By all means, cut off privileges and subsidies, but do not damage the genuine commercial relations that have so improved the lives of people around the world.

Economics 101 for Christians

I've discussed the selective vision and moral blindness of certain business interests. Now, I will address the economic misunderstandings of conservative Christian activists. Trading with a country is not the same thing as placing a moral imprimatur on the government of that country. Some Christian activists have demonstrated an embarrassing lack of understanding of that basic fact.

To say, "I support trade sanctions on country X," really means, "I think that American consumers ought to be punished by higher taxes for their desire to buy products from country X. American producers ought to be forced by their own government to invest someplace where they are less likely to make money. The U.S. government, not markets, ought to determine where and what people buy and sell across borders with their own money. Moreover, the people in country X ought to be denied essential goods and services and the right to enjoy the fruits of the international division of labor."

Let us be honest about the economic consequences of sanctions, although passionate advocates of sanctions evidently do not think much about economics. For instance, in the debate about trade with China, not once have I seen in their writings any discussion of the Chinese economic miracle and what it means to the people of China, including the Christian church in China. Not once have I seen an acknowledgment that the Chinese government has allowed an unprecedented increase in the freedom to own property, to work, to engage in enterprise, to pursue economic interest, to own a home, to build a business, and to keep profits.

Indeed, in the writings of conservative Christian activists, the words "profit" and "economic interest" have been used as if they were the devil's own words. One expects such anti-business rhetoric from the left, but it is disconcerting when it comes from conservatives. Not once have I heard discussed what the explosive growth in material prosperity and the new freedoms that have made it possible mean for China's future. Every day, we hear more news of China's path to reform. In a few years, for example, more than half of its state-run industries will be in private hands.

How can we act as if China is one huge prison camp, when the far more complex reality is there for anyone to see? Members of the American business community who frequently deal with China—among them Christians who devote their lives to serving others through economic endeavors—are dismayed at what is being written and said by some conservative Christians involved in the debate. An economic miracle is taking place—a historic chance that the Chinese people will be made permanently free to pursue their individual dreams—and yet all some people can talk about is thumbscrews and prison bars. Like socialists of old, they have even taken to disparaging economics itself.

That is a huge error. Sanctions against Cuba have done little to encourage freedom of expression there. But the influx of outside influence that came with the pope's visit in January 1998 did succeed in opening up Cuban society somewhat. I was fortunate enough to be there during that time. Not once did I hear an average Cuban, struggling to make ends meet under extraordinarily difficult circumstances, call for the extension of U.S. sanctions, a good indication of how unsuccessful sanctions have been.

Most of the countries likely to be hit by the Wolf-Specter bill on religious persecution are prime markets

for future exports. But the export of goods also means the export of influence, both on the people and on the regimes in question. We shouldn't embrace bills that would limit our influence; we should embrace strategies that strengthen our influence, while at the same time fostering the development of private networks that can circumvent official channels.

Handmaidens of Protection

In addition, advocates of sanctions seem unaware of the role they unwittingly play in the protectionist cause. Leaders of some industries in this country would like to use the power of the U.S. government to gain an unfair advantage in trade. They are protectionists who seek profits, not by serving the consumer, but by shutting others out of the market with import quotas, tariffs, and lawsuits against importers. Since the Industrial Revolution, protectionists have brought about high prices, economic inefficiencies, recessions, depressions, and wars, all of which consolidate the central power of the state.

Protectionist interests sell out free enterprise principles and seek special protection from the government at the expense of consumers. Keeping the protectionists at bay has always been a high priority of all believers in human liberty and human rights.

Whether they know it or not, conservative religious activists who call for trade sanctions and favor cutting off commerce with foreign nations are playing directly into the hands of the protectionist lobbies. They are tools of the worst of the American corporate class—a class that enriches itself at everyone else's expense. Protectionism and sanctions are not only bad economics, they are also the politics of business and corporate corruption.

Conclusion

Christians are right to pray for persecuted people around the world. We are right to engage in civic activism. We are right to send missionaries to serve their needs. Indeed, during the Cold War, Christians, together with human rights activists, exerted pressure in every way they knew. And though many of the captive nations are now free, and religious toleration has arrived in many former communist states where evangelization is under way, persecution still persists in practically every country where the government continues to operate in an authoritarian and totalitarian manner.

It is time for both sides to concede that their opponents have some valid

arguments. I see no advantage for either side in denying the reality of human rights abuses or in pretending that embargoes and trade wars have any constructive role to play in ending them. There is no moral justification for withholding vigorous protest of inhumane policies because they may threaten commercial relations, but neither will anything be gained by linking free trade with accommodation to Hitler. When we speak about our trade relations with foreign countries, I see no reason why we cannot do it with both moral passion and economic understanding.

There is room for consensus on the question of how trade policy and human rights policy intersect, but it ,s going to require some give and take on both sides. We can start with multinational business dropping its support for tax-subsidized trade programs, and with human rights activists trying to understand the role of business, and especially the role of free trade, in enhancing the material well-being of all people and the promotion of human rights.

In conclusion, Ronald Reagan ,s words are worth recalling: "The freer the flow of world trade, the stronger the tides of human progress and peace among nations."

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Bill, I do not require a response, primarily because I believe that one is merely wishful thinking. I do not write this because I hold any personal malice toward you, nor do I ever wish any personal anguish or pain befall your family. Family is a very important and I know that you at least love your daughter, for not even the love (personal/Business) of a mate can surpass the love for a child. However, I must let you know that I feel you have embarassed this country beyond repair.

I know that you are a disciple of Carol Quigley and that your beliefs for the US are to see it disappear as a sovereign nation. Your goals, along with the young pharisees that you surround yourself with are globalist. You say that you are for the people but like another man you worship (Kennedy) you are in fact an elitist who doesn't want truth or perosnal freedom for the masses but want to control them. Much like ancient Sparta: three classes with no mobility.

Bill, I understand your need for power, it comes from the difficulties as a child. Growing up poor is not a good thing, I know, but your choice to sell out dignity to the highest bidder is shameful for you personally. And the way you have to distort the truth, with the blessing of a selfish american

public, must surely even in the dark corners of your mind cause some pause. Do you still believe the directors of the play? Do you think that even though you are wanting to make it to General Secretary of the UN, you will actually succeed in ruling the masses. Socialism is a lie and you live it every day. Even though you may succeed in giving your hoardes of group thinkers comfort in another day, you will never attain the greatest goal your soul desires: making a person who knows the truth believe a lie, and that my friend burns you up. Whether you admit it or not.

I know your selfish heart, I have seen it in my life, at work and flourishing. I have seen people like you who know that you are usurping peoples souls (making them live the lie with you via indifference), yet as the edge is in front of you, the desire is greater than the passion for truth. You will win this battle, the media has given it to you and you have given them your soul. A fair trade in Hell.

I will still pray for you, your wife and especially Chelsea (forgive the spelling), because she will suffer the most. Remember, you are condemning her to continue the lie, and are making her a target of much scorn and that is a shame in any book. I hope that when you are old and the days are all but gone, you are given the eleventh hour and you are able to step aside of arrogance, because God does forgive all who ask.

After I have written this I shall tuck in my children and say a prayer for them, you and myself. I am not a radical right winger as Hillary would love to paint on TV but some one who sees through the shell.

Though it may not sound it I still do respect the Office you hold.

Greg Palmer

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>PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THE FOLLOWING, AND FORWARD TO YOUR
>NETWORK:
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>National Latino Summit on ?Guest-Worker? (Bracero) Legislation
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>National Latino Summit Steering Committee: Chair, Mario Obledo,
>President, CCHO (California Coalition of Hispanic Organizations);
>Antonia Hernandez, President, MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and
>Educational Fund); Arturo Rodriguez, President, UFW (United Farm
>Workers of America, AFL-CIO); Baldemar Velasquez, President. FLOC (Farm

>Labor Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO); Ra?l Yzaguirre, President, NCLR
>(National Council of La Raza).

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>September 1, 1998

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>Estimados Amigos:

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>As you know, the United States Congress once again is considering
>legislation to allow a tidal wave of ?guest workers? (Braceros) into the
>country. Agribusiness claims that there is a worker shortage to justify
>such a program; study after study, including a recent GAO report in
>December 1997, say otherwise.

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>Just last month, the Senate passed a Bracero proposal included as an
>amendment to a spending bill (S. 2260) that would open the floodgates.
>We expect that you may be familiar with this. If you are not, some
>information is enclosed and you may get more updated information by
>contacting the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation or the Farm
>Worker Justice Fund (see attached).

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>To fight against such unwarranted, extreme measures, we have scheduled a
>National Latino Summit on ?Guest Worker? (Bracero) Legislation for
>September 10-11 in Washington, D.C. By working together, we expect to
>develop and implement a coordinated plan that will demonstrate to the
>Congress, the Clinton Administration, and the nation that the Latino
>community will not tolerate such abusive initiatives.

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>We realize that notice of the summit is very short. But time was not on
>our side when the Senate unexpectedly passed its Bracero proposal in
>July, and the Congress reconvenes in early September. It is our strong
>belief that we must make our presence and views known as quickly as
>possible. Start now by contacting your congressional representatives
>while they are in their district offices during August. Then join us in
>Washington, D.C. on September 10-11 when we will develop a coordinated
>national action plan to put an end to Bracero programs.

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>You can help by:

>? Supporting and participating at the summit. Act now?airfares
>purchased less than two weeks in advance are very expensive.

>? Making copies today of the materials and distributing them as URGENT
>ACTION items to your constituencies and the local news media.

>? Writing letters to your delegation stating strongly your opposition
>to recent Bracero proposals (H.R. 3410 and S. 1563), and the amendment
>attached to S. 2260.

>? Letting us know how you can work with us in any way possible.

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>Please consider this an invitation to embark on one of the most
>important endeavors as a united Latino community in this decade, indeed,
>this century.

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>Sinceramente,

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 >Mario Obledo, Chair
 >Summit Steering Committee
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 >National Latino Summit on
 >?Guest-Worker? (Bracero) Legislation
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 >Tentative Agenda
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 >September 10-11, 1998
 >Capitol Hill ? Washington, D.C.
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 >Thursday, September 10
 > Summit: ?Guest Workers? and Braceros in the United States
 > Location: Cannon HOB, Rm. 340 (Veterans
 Affairs Committee Room)
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 >9:00 am Bienvenidos/Opening Remarks Mario Obledo, Summit
 Chair
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 >9:15 am Status/analysis of ?Guest Worker? legislation
 > Mark Schacht, CRLAF; Bruce Goldstein, Farm Worker
 Justice Fund
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 >10:00 am Roundtable Panel: Where Congress stands on Braceros;
 what?s
 >needed to make Congress move away from
 Bracero proposals?
 > Invited: Honorable Xavier Becerra, Chair, Congressional
 Hispanic
 >Caucus,
 > and Members
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 >11:00 am Why it?s necessary to stop Bracero programs now and in the
 >future; coordinating national efforts
 > Dolores Huerta, UFW; Baldemar Velasquez, FLOC
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 >12:00 pm Lunch?Video presentation and photo display: a graphic
 look at
 >one state?s living and working conditions for
 farm workers
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 >1:00 pm Making the Bracero program the nation?s top civil rights
 issue
 >for Latino organizations
 > Antonia Hernandez, MALDEF; Raul Yzaguirre, NCLR
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 >2:00 pm Develop action plan to stop Bracero legislation.

> Mario Obledo, Facilitator
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 >5:00 pm ADJOURN
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 >Friday, September 11
 >9:30 am Press Conference:
 > Location: House Triangle
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 >Obledo, NCLR, MALDEF, UFW, FLOC... others
 > To announce recommendations, outcomes of summit; present
 >recommendations to leadership of House and Senate.
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 >10:30 am Visit all House and Senate conferees, influential
 leaders, and
 >respective delegations from the states
 represented at the summit.
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 >News Advisory
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 >Announcing
 >A National Latino Summit in Washington, D.C.
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 >Summit Steering Committee: Chair, Mario Obledo, President, National
 >Coalition of Hispanic Organizations; Antonia Hernandez, President,
 >MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund); Arturo
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 >Baldemar Velasquez, President, FLOC (Farm Labor Organizing Committee,
 >AFL-CIO); Ra?l Yzaguirre, President, NCLR (National Council of La
 >Raza).
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 >Latino organizations to unite against new Bracero proposals
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 >Washington D.C.?Leaders of some of the most prominent Latino
 >organizations in the nation will host a National Latino Summit on
 >?Guest-Worker? (Bracero) Legislation in Washington, D.C. on September
 >10-11. Summit chair, Mario Obledo, president of the National Coalition
 >of Hispanic Organizations, said the purpose of the summit is ?to develop
 >a coordinated plan to put an end to Congressional efforts to supply
 >agribusiness with a cheap, easily exploitable workforce. All growers
 >really need to do is to pay living wages and there would be no need to
 >import foreign workers.?
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 >In July, the U.S. Senate approved a massive, open-ended ?guest-worker?
 >(Bracero) proposal which would allow agricultural growers to hire tens
 >of thousands of foreign farm, food processing, and forestry workers,

>displacing resident U.S. workers and keeping wages depressed. The
>Bracero proposal, passed as an amendment to a Senate spending bill (S.
>2260), was introduced by senators Ron Wyden (D) and Bob Smith (R) of
>Oregon.

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>Obledo said that presenters at the summit will include leaders from the
>above organizations, members of Congress, as well as other national and
>state leaders from across country.

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>?We expect that leaders of Latino organizations, church, labor, elected
>officials, and others will respond to our call for a summit on this
>crucial issue,? said Obledo. ?For too long, the working and living
>conditions of workers have been ignored, while the agricultural industry
>has profited immensely. We know, for example, that the value of fruit
>and vegetable production in the U.S. grew by 52% to more than \$15
>billion between 1986 and 1995. During the same time, wages for workers
>have remained stagnant or have declined.

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>?Agribusiness? desire for low labor costs and a continuation of a
>decades-old system of feudalism are the main drivers behind this
>amendment,? Obledo adds. ?The proposed legislation would provide
>agricultural employers with a steady stream of vulnerable, temporary
>foreign workers without demonstrating that there is a labor shortage,
>and without offering wages and working conditions attractive to resident
>farm workers.?

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>Ra?l Yzaguirre (NCLR) points out that a December 1997 report by the
>General Accounting Office (GAO) found that there is no labor shortage in
>agriculture, nor does it anticipate one in the near future. ?Instead of
>relying on the market for recruiting workers like everyone else does,
>growers have depended on the federal government for assistance in
>securing its privilege to a government-sponsored, cheap labor force,?
>Yzaguirre said.

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>Concludes Obledo, ?We in the Latino community must provide leadership if
>we expect to change this system which is nothing less than socialism for
>agribusiness. There is no worker shortage and there is no justification
>for taxpayers to subsidize the exploitation of workers. For these
>reasons, and many others, we must unite now.?

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>-more-
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>Organizers of the National Latino Summit on ?Guest Worker? (Bracero)
>Legislation believe the Senate-approved amendment is fundamentally
>flawed?its basic goals being to:

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>? permit employers to avoid recruiting U.S. workers, including tens of
>thousands of unemployed farm workers and others who need jobs.
>? authorize wage rates and working conditions that are lower than those
>driven by competitive, private marketplace forces, and lower than those
>required by state and federal minimum wage laws.
>? legalize a series of abusive employment practices, such as ?group wage
>rates,? and unfair productivity standards designed to eliminate U.S.

>workers from the market and exploit Braceros? economic desperation and
>non-immigrant status.
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>Among many reasons why opposition to the proposed Bracero program is
>building across the United States:
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>1. The Department of Labor would be required to establish a cumbersome,
>expensive national registry of U.S. workers, and the INS would be
>required to certify eligibility for every worker to be listed on the
>registry. No other U.S. workers face such requirements or scrutiny. If
>local farm workers do not apply to this registry, they could be replaced
>by Braceros.
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>2. U.S. workers would be placed on the registry and would have to be
>ready to accept any jobs to have access to any work, e.g., those in food
>processing, christmas tree and forestry industries, irregardless of
>skills, distance, or family needs.
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>3. Growers would not be required to provide Braceros with disclosure
>statements concerning terms and conditions of employment, until after
>they are committed to the job.
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>4. Minimum-wage laws would not apply to U.S. farm workers or Braceros,
>as they apply to all other workers. Growers who pay by a piece-rate
>would be permitted to use the average paid to all workers to meet
>minimum-wage requirements?something not permitted for any other
>workforce.
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>5. The protections against unjust termination would be lowered for U.S.
>workers and Braceros. Growers and growers? associations can set their
>own ?minimum production standards? even if these are not common in the
>industry. Further, if a Bracero leaves work or is terminated, the
>employer can ask for more Braceros and the Department of Labor must
>approve the request within 72 hours.
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>6. Under current temporary worker laws, Braceros coming from beyond a
>certain commuting distacne must be provided with free housing. This
>bill eliminates that provision, substituting a minimal allowance for up
>to 8 years, even when no housing exists for the workers, as is the case
>currently in several states for thousands of workers.
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>For information regarding the National Latino Summit, contact Ricardo
>Sanchez, Committee for Farm Worker Housing, Seattle, Washington, (206)
>390-7778; or Marisa Demeo, MALDEF, Washington, D.C., (202) 628-4074.
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SCANNER RESULTS

this time because it does not have enough "socialism"
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OUR day!!!! James&Colleen Weaver and Family (and
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SCANNER RESULTS

>>>>>>> helsea <<<<<<<<

I wish you energy and renewed spirit in tackling these=20
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and Hillary (and Chelsea and Rodham-) Clinton Legacy. Along=20

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SUBJECT: Fight Depression By Aggressively Building Legacy

[Message]

Dear Bill,

Depression growing out of anger with oneself for making a=20
serious mistake is a very natural human reaction, but, my=20
friend, you really must fight it and fight hard. You have=20
already achieved what I judge will be a lasting and impressive=20
legacy (from Bosnia, healthcare, education, race relations,=20
economic recovery, etc.) but very much remains to be done in=20
the two years ahead, regardless of the partisan attempts that=20
will be made to bring you down.=20

Here are some key points that only you can successfully=20
advance and which are very central to the meaning of America=20
and the well-being of the American people:=20

Kosovo. Just as with Bosnia, the deterioration cannot be=20
allowed under any circumstances to continue. Mass graves are=20
being filled while I write and you await the Starr report,=20
which looms so large in the media, yet is so ludicrously=20
trivial in comparison to genocide. Use the tools at the=20
Administration=92s disposal to bring images of the suffering and=20

horror in Kosovo, the scorched earth, looted and razed=20
villages, soon to be freezing and starving elderly and=20
children driven into the mountains, before the eyes of the=20
American people. Educate and awaken America in preparation for=20
sharp and firm action to halt the slide toward yet more=20
genocide.=20

Campaign reform. With both you and Al again under increasing=20
scrutiny, use your political brilliance to trump the=20
Republican critics and force them into voting to support=20
campaign reform or be judged as the complete hypocrites they=20
are. Be aggressive; you and Al Gore can make this long-needed=20
and urgent reform of our political system a keystone element=20
of the legacy you both achieve and you can do it against the=20
background of this Do Nothing Republican congress and its by=20
far trashier record of campaign and fund raising illegalities=20
in such a way that Al and the Democratic party can win in=20
2000.=20

Social Security. The same as above. Get really aggressive=20
about the Do Nothing Congress that prefers to elevate a minor,=20
private sex matter to the center stage of American politics=20
for two years while taking no action whatsoever in joining you=20
to work out a solid and truly bipartisan solution to saving=20
Social Security. This is another legacy keystone which you=20
can accomplish if you beat back your depression and take full=20
charge, with Hillary=92s full and brilliant co-leadership. The=20
legacy is truly a joint one, yours and hers, only paving the=20
way, I hope, for Al=92s work post-2000.=20

Using the Do Nothing Republican Congress as your central=20
target, you must lead the Democratic Party in making 1998=20
turnout a burning issue that moves Democratic voters to=20
urgency. The stark comparison between a Congress that uses=20
Starr=92s form of McCarthyism to turn sex into America=92s only=20
national priority, while letting the US teeter ever closer to=20
sliding over the brink and joining the global economic=20
meltdown must be painted as starkly as possible. The=20
prosperity America has enjoyed under your Administration=92s=20
leadership cannot be risked by stay-home voters who allow=20
Republicans to gain, rather than relinquish power. There needs=20
to be a holy war to save the economy from Do Nothing, Tax Cuts=20
to the Rich Republican Squanderers of this historic chance to=20
bring down the national debt and truly solve the problems of=20
Social Security. Lead the crusade, use the Bully Pulpit and=20
your oratorical, preacher-like gifts to completely out-talk,=20
out-shine, and drown out the posturing, hypocritical,=20
Republican moralizers =96 make THEM the object of derision and=20
simply stand righteously above their gutter level focus. DO=20
for the American people; a solid apology once made for what=20
should truly be a minor issue need not and should not be=20
repeated overlong.=20

The 98 elections are far too close for adequate articulation,=20

education, and mobilization of the American people around two=20
of the issues that should be key to the Year 2000 election:=20
Global Warming and a new Social Service System that includes,=20
but goes beyond Social Security. Guess I=92d better save these=20
two items for a future letter. But, in brief =96=20

Global Warming: Alaska is melting; the Antarctic ice sheets=20
are thinning; the entire globe is recording record levels of=20
=93Extreme Weather Events=94 at costs never before approached.=20
With hybrid technology systems already tested and ready for=20
market, the US auto industry can lead the way, using American=20
initiative, determination, and spirit to achieve Kyoto level=20
emission reduction on or before schedule, while strengthening,=20
rather than crippling, our economy. This campaign, Zero Auto=20
Emissions for 2000, can be used as a sample that can be spread=20
to all other economic sectors, focusing first on hybrid and=20
soon thereafter on zero-emission technologies. Tax benefits=20
and other incentives can be used to urge swift introduction=20
(and eventually some retro-fitting) of the auto industry=92s=20
existing hybrid and electric vehicles.=20

Taking on this urgent challenge for the sake of the NEXT=20
generation=92s well-being should be used as a prominently=20
visible rallying point for joint international efforts toward=20
the same goal: curing the worldwide economic meltdown by a=20
Save The Planet undertaking on a scale even more ambitious=20
than the Marshall Plan. In this determinedly cooperative=20
international undertaking, virtually all outdated policies of=20
economic sanctions and punishments should be swiftly=20
terminated as counterproductive. This can be done in the=20
public context of reformulating US Foreign and Economic=20
policies for the emerging realities of the global 21st=20
century.=20

Social Service: With massive population growth at the same=20
time as rampant downsizing and the introduction of=20
technologies that further disemploy major sectors of the=20
working population, Social Security alone cannot answer the=20
needs of the nation (or, by setting an American example, the=20
world). A new system of national Social Service must be=20
invented (as an outgrowth of your current Americorps & Peace=20
Corps programs perhaps) by which some form of meaningful work=20
is guaranteed to all those of all ages who wish to work in=20
order to make a contribution in some form to society.=20
Incorporating the spirit of voluntarism and addressing such=20
needs as public works, health and companionship assistance for=20
the elderly, day care, education, environmental protection and=20
preservation, etc. Specialists in locating the work to be done=20
and matching it up to those wishing and able to do it will=20
need to be trained/developed, as will other specialists whose=20
job it will be to track performance to assure that problems of=20
incompetence, fraud, criminality, or other abuses do not take=20
root in this national system. In return for participation in=20
Social Service, each person should receive Social Security,=20

Healthcare, and a guaranteed minimum basic allotment of salary=20
and other basic rights: housing, food, access to the global=20
information system, transportation, as needed.=20

How to accomplish this without expanding government or=20
creating massive bureaucracies will be a real challenge, but I=20
see no other way to meet the needs of the 21st century when=20
there are bound to be many more workers than salaried work to=20
be done. Republicans, of course, would label such an idea as=20
creeping socialism, but I think there is undeniable merit in=20
the concept of basic human rights and =93from each according to=20
his/her willingness to contribute; to each according to=20
his/her basic human needs.=94=20

I wish you energy and renewed spirit in tackling these=20
challenges which will endure for centuries as part of the Bill=20
and Hillary (and Chelsea and Rodham-) Clinton Legacy. Along=20
with the majority of sane Americans, I definitely =93forgive=94=20
and put behind us the slip-up you made, which is so=20
meaningless in the larger scheme of things.=20

As ever, continuing gratitude for all you=92ve done, all you=20
do, and all you still will do,=20

Pete Fisher

P.S. Getting outside the Beltway and away from the pundits,=20
launching a very active and articulate Campaign 2000 with Al=20
Gore now, taking it to the people, will NOT be seen as=20
self-serving and will help move attention from the Ken Starr=20
idiocy, as powerful and dirty an assault as it=92s guaranteed to=20
be. Remain always above it and always visibly working for the=20
needs and good of the people. Hey, Big Guy =96 we love ya!=20

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SCANNER RESULTS

But this is to encourage you to become less of a murderer in the future. I voted for you once knowing that as Governor of Arkansas you supported state murder. I voted for you again knowing that you have murdered far fewer than any Democratic President this century (except Carter) and most Republicans who were not nonentities.

I wish you could apologise for the murders you have committed (instead of the acts of pleasure and joy), and become truly great as the President who refused to resort to state terrorism as an effete demonstration that

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Dear Mr President:

Some may be titilated, but most don't really care about your personal life and sexual practices. You were right to deny, and should dismiss and attack the opposition within and outside of your Party for making an issue of adult consensual sex. There is no such thing as perjury in front of a grand jury McCarthyite witchcraft inquisition. The military law regarding adultery in our hypocritical society that endorses serial monogamy should be abolished. Outside the beltway and the U.S. media, your opponents are the laughing stock.

But this is to encourage you to become less of a murderer in the future. I voted for you once knowing that as Governor of Arkansas you supported state murder. I voted for you again knowing that you have murdered far fewer than any Democratic President this century (except Carter) and most Republicans who were not nonentities.

I wish you could apologise for the murders you have committed (instead of the acts of pleasure and joy), and become truly great as the President who refused to resort to state terrorism as an effete demonstration that something must be done to counter-act other violent acts of desperation in a desperate world. What about genuine third-world and domestic debt relief, state control of speculative capital and exploitation of the poor? Why don't you really develop a third way that is neither unfettered free capital nor state socialism, instead of just making political noises with temporary sychophants such as Vice President Gore and Prime Minister Blair? Why not end your mandate like Willi Brandt, with Galbraith and your post-Keynesians as advisors?

Destroy your real opposition, Bill. Kill them with humanitarian kindness.

No more bombings!

Richard Stern

(P.S.: Maybe Gore has some potential to take after his more brilliant cousin Vidal, so I shouldn't have called him a sychophant, but he's got a long way to go.)

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BODY:

Democratic congressional leaders have joined with others in calling for plain language in dealing with President Clinton's affairs. The following is an attempt to explore how far we might go in doing just that.

The most disturbing questions staring us in the eye are these: Why do some people want the Clintons to go, no matter what? Why do others want the Clintons to stay, no matter what? Why has not a single person has resigned from the Cabinet, the White House staff, the legal team, the general entourage? Finally, why does a majority of Americans continue to answer pollsters as if they had been indoctrinated under hypnosis in Manchuria (as in "The Manchurian Candidate")?

We hear much talk of "Clinton haters," "right wingers" and other Ken Starr-like aberrations who "just want to bring down this president." There is truth in that. A sizable constituency believes that every day Team Clinton remains in the White House adds to the clear and present danger for this country - its political persona, its institutions, its national security.

For these Americans, l'Affaire Lewinsky is simply the first time Team Clinton didn't get away with murder - speaking symbolically, of course - and therefore an opportunity not to be missed. Some plain speaking about this might be both welcome and instructive.

Then there are those desperate to hang on. To what? In plain English, to the socialist agenda. A couple like the Clintons that feels contempt for the people, for the Constitution and for the concept that government officials are public servants has been a priceless as-set for the cause. Respect for the people, the Constitution, the idea of service in-terferes with socialist realism. When the Clintons were elected to a second term, socialism's triumph seemed close enough to touch. The faithful were even willing to watch the president move to the center and his wife step into the shadows as they

ex-changed winks of understanding with one another.

Only the de-termination to change this country from top to bottom explains why Mario Cuomo swapped intellectual honesty for hysterical demagoguery on CNN's "Larry King Live" (Sept. 14). Only the determination to change this country from top to bottom explains why Maxine Waters committed the Congressional

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Black Caucus to a collision course with the rest of America on NBC's "Meet the Press" (Sept. 13), declaring that "the entire American legal system is on trial, the Constitution is on trial, Ken Starr is on trial, Congress is on trial" (everything and everyone but the president). And only the determination to change this country from top to bottom explains the current campaign for censure.

The fact that censure is not part of the constitutional process is being carefully hidden from Americans bombarded daily by pollsters. Censure is but the latest attempt to change the Constitution de facto, just as Mr. Clinton has been trying with his sampling scheme to subvert the census, his Executive Order 13083 to do away with the checks and balances in our system, or his national ID card to keep tabs on every adult in the land.

Censure, the newest brainchild of America's socialists, was carefully launched into the public consciousness as if it were a legitimate course of action, then nurtured by the media, finally peddled by pollsters - who can do so because the founding documents have been removed from so many of our schools and most people will not bother to check. The package now includes a suggestion by the editors of the New York Times (Sept. 16) that Mr. Clinton pardon himself.

Even more troubling is the absence of resignations and the reticence of many in public life to deliver the level of condemnation that could at last dampen the laughter fits the Clintons must be having nightly at our gullibility. Some, as we have seen, hang on for the cause. For others, there is a more ominous explanation.

Message from the White House: If Americans insist on repossessing their country, there won't be a whole lot left of it. Before they are through, no person of stature -dead or alive - will be left standing. Deploying a network of operatives, they have been systematically destroying every image from America's past and smearing enough among the living to make the rest tremble. In case someone has failed to notice that the path of Team Clinton is littered with corpses - speaking symbolically, of course - henchmen such as James Carville or Bob Mulholland of the Democratic National Committee serve notice in plain English. Most people prefer not to see their lives and livelihood destroyed. This explains both the muffled criticism and why otherwise decent and capable persons have not resigned. The credible threat of personal destruction has been the Clintons' tool to stifle the democratic process. "Come on," they beckon, "who wants to be the next Dan Burton or Helen Chenoweth?" And, "Welcome to your sunset, Henry Hyde!"

But the majority of Clinton appointees knows deep down that their time in the stratosphere of government has little if anything to do with merit and is solely contingent on an administration using the classic socialist recipe: mediocre people who have a score to settle with society. Gestures of personal honor and valor are not part of their makeup.

And what of the sand in which two out of three Americans appear to have buried their heads? Perhaps it has to do with the two untypical elections of 1992 and 1996. The former was carried by outright lies about the state of the union - not the standard partisan exaggeration of virtues and failings, but outright lies. The latter is reputed to have been achieved through the kind of fund raising that borders on treason by the president and felonies by the vice president. Is the electorate acting as the person who had made a colossal boo-boo and, out of sheer embarrassment, insists on having done the right thing?

Those of us with an unshakable faith in the ultimate political wisdom of the American people might consider a message that does not show up in focus groups and street interviews. This country is supposed to be a representative republic. The constitutional duty of dealing with the president's conduct rests

with Congress. Perhaps - am I naive? - we are witnessing an instinctive desire for a return to constitutional government. "Don't ask us to do what we have elected Congress to do," the people might be saying.

And so it is a time for honor and valor in Congress. While the people say, "You deal with it," the White House says, "Try, and you will regret it."

Damage to individuals, as well as to our system of government, will continue every day this administration remains in power. The only way to cut America's losses is through acting with dispatch. Time is not on our side. While everything we hold dear is at risk, damage to our political institutions serves the socialist agenda. Having successfully divided our nation into opposing camps, socialists have already destroyed our common political ground on which to proceed in the national interest. Adding insult to injury, they now cry foul because we are "too partisan," like arsonists shouting, "Fire!"

Speaking on CBS' "60 Minutes" on Sept. 13, Linda Bloodworth-Thomason (she and her husband are both intimate friends of the Clintons) did not mince words. "[Mrs. Clinton] knows what road she is on, and she will never get off that road. Ever!" And why the couple would never split up? "They have a country!" Mrs. Bloodworth-Thomason exclaimed in plain English.

In equally plain English: No, it's our country.

And we want it back.

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BODY:

MUCH OF THE rest of this year's congressional business seems likely to

be transacted in either one vast end-of-session bill or just a few. The Republican leaders continue to point in that direction. They see the device as a way not just of forcing the president to bargain but of easing past some demands of their own harder-lining members as well. Sorry to disappoint, they will say, but we couldn't fit it in and still get home in time to campaign.

These giant bills tend to be a bad way to legislate. The items that go to make them up aren't debated on their individual merits. Unlike items instead are traded, one for the other, as if they were comparable -- one side's tax cut for the other's spending increase, the administration's position on replenishing the International Monetary Fund in return for the Republicans' position on conducting the Census. The result is often incoherent except in the political sense that it gives both parties something to brag about. And the fine print of the big bills is always fertile ground for mischief.

The 13 regular appropriations bills, none of which has been signed into law, will make up the bulk of the mega-legislation. The fights that have held these up have had to do partly with money -- the appropriations caps in last year's balanced budget agreement were tighter than either party found it politic to acknowledge at the time -- and partly with ancillary issues. The Republicans, if they can achieve the House-Senate agreement on financing that has eluded them all year, may try to include a tax cut as well. And there may be more.

In both houses, there has been a stockpiling of items for inclusion. In the House last week, Republicans kept off the floor, and out of the foreign operations appropriations bill, a Democratic amendment to provide the \$ 18 billion the administration wants for the IMF. But business groups seeking to ward off a further decline in the world economy are pushing the reluctant Republicans to reconsider, as several indicated they likely will in the final bargaining. What a way to make international economic policy. In the Senate, the Interior Department appropriations bill was likewise set aside after Democrats tried to use it to force a vote on managed care reform. They'll be back on that one.

The worst possibility is a budget break-out. The Republicans would agree to some of the president's spending requests if he would agree in turn to all or part of their tax cut, both to be financed out of the projected surplus. It isn't clear such an offer will be made, but if it is, it isn't as clear as we would hope that it will be rejected, either.

Whether to permit the use of sampling and other statistical techniques to prevent another undercount mainly of the poor and minority groups in the Census will also be an issue. The administration favors adjusting the figures, but Republicans are opposed in part for fear that it will cost them seats in the next redistricting. A bill to open up already limited subsidized housing to lower-middle-income families at the likely expense of the poor may also end up in the mix, and who knows what else? One senator proposed last week that the Interior appropriations bill be used as a vehicle for rewriting the Endangered Species Act.

These folks have spent pretty much the entire year not passing bills they should have. The danger the next three weeks is the reverse.

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READ:NOT READ

TEXT:
SCANNER RESULTS

poodle can no longer blame Mugabe for Zimbabwe's disgusting descent into chaos. Maybe you can lay the blame at his door for the first decade, but if we were to accept your portrayal of blacks as fearless, passionate soldiers of liberty then please explain your abysmal apathy since 1980. Don't waste our time with excuses about your one little vote that you wield so gallantly --
reason for being on this list.

I see nothing noteworthy in your acquisition of computer skills. Do you? But I'm sure that Canadian taxpayers will be delighted to learn that Pascal is alive and well in Zimbabwe.

MESSAGE BODY

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Subject: Punungwe / Hirsch
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Hear Ye, hear ye,

I'd like to be correct and reply to these two jokers separately but frankly there's so little difference between them, what would be the point? I will address much of my response to the chandelier monkey with the proviso that it applies equally to the ideological ineptitude at the core of Mr. Hirsch's arguments.

Punungwe, I rather enjoyed that bit about the "devilish orgasm." Alas, it was your high point. For the rest your amateurish outrage at "historically correct" perceptions of white tyranny during the glorious years of Rhodesia is evidence that your absence from Indaba did nothing more than provide you the opportunity to further constipate yourself with the daily, almost hourly, inadequacies of black nationalism and African incompetence.

Here's the real truth: you and the other liberated hordes who straddle the illusion of black independence like a Great Dane trying to mount a scruffy poodle can no longer blame Mugabe for Zimbabwe's disgusting descent into chaos. Maybe you can lay the blame at his door for the first decade, but if we were to accept your portrayal of blacks as fearless, passionate soldiers of liberty then please explain your abysmal apathy since 1980. Don't waste our time with excuses about your one little vote that you wield so gallantly in the anonymous confines of a voting booth. No nation can be so mercifully pummeled into submission for 18 years by a pack of rabid thugs and still claim to nurture the desire for freedom and democracy.

You sat on your bum for 18 years and watched your masters sweep the western concept of parliamentary democracy under the Persian carpets and replace it with a national whorehouse to which the entire population has been conscripted. Demonizing Smith and Rhodesia is your only source of comfort now, and Hirsch's demonization is a sordid attempt to deflect from the Socialism's failure to turn earth into a global village. We've grown accustomed to your masturbatory spasms as you try to disguise your real reason for being on this list.

I see nothing noteworthy in your acquisition of computer skills. Do you? But I'm sure that Canadian taxpayers will be delighted to learn that Pascal is alive and well in Zimbabwe.

Hirsch, what the hell is an "evolutionary mantle"?

Robert

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TO: horn_s (horn_s@A1@CD) (WHO)
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TEXT:
SCANNER RESULTS

> Rhodesia WAS an apartheid state in all but name. The Land Apportion Act separated rights of domicile racially just as effectively. Education, Health services and most public facilities ensured racial segregation. These were eased progressively late under severe political pressure. Political rights were also racially set, with the RF's rigorous opposition to the 1961 Constitution, because it opened the door to minimal black participation (the evolutionary principle) and that opposition brought it to power.

You fucking liberals love that word 'apartheid', just like the word 'racist' and inject it in when ever you can. The one thing that never enters your thick skulls when ever you are trying to justify the fuckups you willing contributed to, is that you lot never want to look at history and admit that you are backing a dead horse. Y'all are so consumed with your belief that whites sole reason for being is to oppress every other race that you can't see past your noses. Most of these so called oppressed groups are so screwed up to begin with, they don't need any help from outside sources. You spend your time denigrating people like IDS an the RF to deflect heat from the true cluster-fucks that you supported getting into power. Now that they are in power and ruining everything you and your kind make sure your cowardly arses was thousands of miles away from the chaos. Get off your sanctimonious high horse and save your analysis for why the Palestinians are fair game.

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Morris Hirsch wrote:

> What a pity this superb and largely factual summing-up of the historic tragedy
> that is 'Uhuru' Africa, is marred by a few significant distortions/falsities, apparently to serve bias, thereby discrediting
valid conclusions as prejudice.
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> Herewith putting the facts straight.

According to you?? Give us a break

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> NOT TRUE. The RF, and especially 'purified' when Smith replaced Winston Field, because he showed signs of weakening on the 'evolutionary' principle, propagated political apartheid, which culminated in the 1969 Constitution. This fixed separate black and white political systems. >From that "world beater" document flowed the famous Smith pronouncements - "never in my life time and never in a 1000 years" (would it be different).

> Smith's own evolution to accept some form of political integration made up the saga of the 15 years battle with successive British Governments, and finally with the S. African Nationalist government. Unfortunately Smith was always one step behind, ready to accept the last offer whenever a less 'evolutionary' one became the reality, only to find he was too late. Only in the final straight, did Smith adopt the 'evolutionary' mantle, making out it was always his conviction, in condemning the S.African Nats for being so stupid as to imagine they could get away with racial discrimination.

It took Europeans 100s of years to evolve their various forms of governance. Now all of a sudden the bleeding-heart liberals think that a bunch of bush bobbos can learn all that in a generation. They hadn't evolved to inventing a wheel but they should have been allowed to get involved in politics and running a country just because they had the ability to procreate like rats. And all that we had to go on as to their total lack of competence was, urh ??? oh yes, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria, Mozambique, Angola, Congo, Malawi, Zambia, Ghana, Rwanda, Somalia, etc..... Shall I go on??

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> The colonial powers gave up because their hold was rapidly and inevitably slipping away as a fact of history, heralded by the Atlantic Charter of Churchill and Roosevelt;

Correction. It was slimy liberals who spread their liberalism and socialism like a cancer across the European and North American continent that caused all these colonial powers to forsake their colonies for fear of being branded racist. All the blame for all this change in the attitudes of the governments of the day can be totally attributed to the 'women's movement' and allowing women to vote. The more women have moved into the political arena, the further the western cultures have slipped towards the edge of the abyss.

> not because they fell in love with blacks and rejected their kith and kin. The abandonment was painful but unavoidable (even had the methods adopted been more rational). And the final proof is S.Africa. The Afrikaners' (and the English) about face was not altruistic. S A was rapidly becoming ungovernable for the same reasons.

No. South Africa was handed over in good faith by the Afrikaners who were hood-winked into believing that it was going to be Utopia. And who did this. Quite simply a combination of English, Jewish and Afrikaner businessmen who had a whole lot to gain. So along with a willing biased media, they brainwashed the majority into believing that it was going to be heaven earth as soon as "Boydela" took over. And let's not forget that all important bonus, the swinger if you will, YES THAT'S RIGHT!!! THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL START PLAYING CRICKET AND RUGBY WITH US AGAIN!!!YAAAHOOOO!!!!!!

SUCKERS!!!!!!

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> But 'scapegoating', in bemoaning our fate, projecting blame, even as the victim's reaction, and falsifying history in the process, only deepens the mire we are in.

> We all need to turn our attention, efforts, and talents, to more constructive avenues if the global village is to survive.

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Wrong. It is because Africa is run by an inferior race. They are more suited to minding a herd of goats and once in a while pillaging the neighbour's cattle or wife rather than running a country. I am not interested in examples of parrots being offered up as a sure sign of equality. Black Africans have not evolved in 500 years. They have merely mimicked the colonial culture, and that isn't enough to say they are equal. The closest Africa comes to showing signs of a higher intelligence is Egypt. That is why the niggers here in the states are forever glomming onto the achievements of the ancient Egyptians as proof that munts had the ability to create anything. They are always sure to label it as 'African achievements'. But what they are hoping is that this mindless lot will associate those achievements with the munts.

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SCANNER RESULTS

Economic Policy Institute will show on www.epinet.org. 75% of the American workers have had stagnant wages since 1979. You can't run the America that your fathers and your fathers fathers died for, with service jobs. They didn't die to form a workforce for profits that only went to the rich. Even these people that are on the greedy side, -- will eventually get them.

When you control the media, you can usually sell this shit. These people are out there trying to just enjoy life and think the country is great because it looks fair in their eyes for the moment. It is like the car --

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A tone of pessimism pervaded the bulk of the commentary on the global financial situation over the past few weeks. The recent spate of high-level financial meetings in Washington over the weekend and into this week--involving officials from the G-7 and the newly christened G-22, and

the annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank--did little to dispel feelings of foreboding about the world's economic state. Most commentators found common cause with Rome's centrist *Il Messaggero*, which contended that the "historic" weekend meeting of finance ministers of the G-7 nations had "confirmed the dramatic risks of the crisis rather than suggesting solutions." The "great diplomatic effort put forth by Washington," that paper averred, "has given birth to the proverbial little mouse." The G-7's agreement to explore a U.S.-backed proposal to create a new fund within the IMF to assist countries whose economies might be threatened by financial contagion, however, did evoke some positive comment. Singapore's pro-government *Business Times*, for example, greeted the plan as a "flash of inspiration" on the part of President Clinton, and urged that the proposal be given "due consideration." Contesting that view, a number of European sharply criticized the IMF and were less supportive of the plan. Munich's centrist *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* held that the "new rescue operation" had "generated suspicion, not only among the Europeans." Other writers speculated that the plan had an inborn "Achilles heel," namely that the president will have to convince a reluctant U.S. Congress to participate in a "capital increase" of the IMF. Following are additional themes in the commentary:

G-7 MEETING: 'TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE'?--A majority of editorialists judged that the G-7 meeting was, in the words of London's *Financial Times*, "hardly...global economic diplomacy's finest hour." In addition to charges that the group had divulged "nothing concrete" about how it would act to stem global economic turmoil, some writers emphasized that the group was "belatedly" responding to the "crisis." Commentary from countries whose economies have suffered most severely from the turbulence expressed the conviction that, until the G-7 acts decisively, the "gasping developing countries will have to find some way on their own to survive."

JAPAN: 'TAKING CRITICISM TO HEART'--Dailies in Japan were sharply critical of their government and of the LDP and opposition parties for their failure to respond to that country's deepening economic woes. Business-oriented *Nihon Keizai* inveighed against the government for having "misdiagnosed" that country's economic health and having adopted "one misguided economic policy after another."

INTEREST RATES, HEDGE FUNDS, CURRENCY CONTROLS--Most analysts welcomed the Federal Reserve's reduction in the prime interest rate last week, but held that the 1/4-point cut was too "modest" to alleviate "distress" in markets overseas. Papers in Malaysia, South Korea and Thailand called for increased currency controls and the "reining in" of hedge funds.

This survey is based on 62 reports from 26 countries, September 22 - October 6.

EDITOR: Kathleen J. Brahney

EUROPE

BRITAIN: "Clinton Lays Down The Law"

The liberal *Guardian* had this from Washington (10/6): "President Clinton last night sought to take personal control of the effort to head off global financial meltdown by urging the world's finance ministers to act fast. He

took the unusual step of meeting finance ministers to urge immediate steps to shore up international growth. The president's involvement in a gathering of finance ministers is highly unusual and was seen as a recognition of how seriously the present crisis is viewed by the White House."

"World's Most Pressing Problem"

The centrist Independent's lead editorial stressed (10/6): "Presidents and finance ministers meeting in Washington seem to have finally, and belatedly, come to the conclusion that there is a crisis in the world economy, that the international regulatory and lending institutions have failed to meet it, and that something drastic needs to be done.... It is also self-evident that the institutions that should have warned, if not actually coped with, this gathering crisis--the IMF, the World Bank and the Bank of International Settlements--have singularly failed in their task.... But...if the international institutions have failed us, it has been as much a problem of leadership as of structure. This week sees the annual meetings of both the IMF and the World Bank. It is time that their chiefs, Michel Camdessus and James Wolfensohn, were called to account, and, in the former's case, replaced."

"Direction But No Detail"

The lead editorial in the independent Financial Times noted (10/5): "The G-7 is beginning to take on board the full significance of growing international turmoil. That, at least., was evident from the meeting of finance ministers and central bankers at the weekend. Unfortunately, little else is clear. The G-7 statement signals a direction for reform of the international financial architecture, but gives few details.... The best that can be said is that the G-7 laid out a broad direction for reform, involving greater transparency, beefed-up surveillance.... All in all, it has hardly been global economic diplomacy's finest hour. In the absence of agreement, the G-7 has called on its deputies to complete a more detailed 'work plan' based on the broad agenda that has been laid out. If the G-7 is serious about reforming the financial architecture, the deputies must report back with a plan as soon as possible, and certainly before the end of the year. Waiting until the next scheduled G-7 meeting next spring is too long."

"Follow The Fed"

The conservative Daily Telegraph observed (10/1): "The U.S. Federal Reserve has shown well-judged caution in cutting interest rates by a modest quarter point. The global markets were plainly hoping for a bigger cut to alleviate distress in Latin America, Eastern Europe and [East Asia], but precipitous action at this stage might have smacked of panic.... It is testimony to the enormous prestige of Alan Greenspan that he had been able to convince the Fed to look beyond the United States and start paying attention to signs of a global credit crunch."

"Cold Comfort From The IMF"

The independent Financial Times judged in its lead editorial (10/1): "This weekend, therefore, the G-7 countries must work to ensure that their

monetary stance is right for such turbulent times. The IMF is right to urge the United States and Europe to start easing interest rates to support growth and help restore calm."

FRANCE: "Need For Regulated Social Liberalism"

Jean Boissonat argued in regional Ouest France (10/6): "The United States was not able on its own to guarantee the well-being of the financial system born in the seventies. That is the system that needs to be rebuilt. If today's crisis serves only that end, it will have served a purpose.

Bureaucratic socialism has not been shown to be the answer to anarchic liberalism. We are going to have to invent regulated social liberalism. The Clintons, Schroeders, Blairs, Jospins and Prodis of this world will fail in their missions if they do not tackle this."

"Too Little Too Late"

Dominique Bromberger told listeners of government-funded France Inter radio (10/5): "We live in a globalized economy and we cannot go back. It is high time the G-7 governments, who watched with impotence or indifference as the crisis spread, set up a system of international control. The Washington summit was only the beginning of a declaration of intention to get started on something. Frankly it is too little too late."

"Dancing On The Volcano"

Francoise Crouigneau maintained in right-of-center Les Echos (10/5): "The G-7 and the IMF were engaged in a dance over a smoldering volcano. Their mission was to find the antidote to the poison of uncertainty affecting world markets.... In spite of an obvious attempt to go beyond their traditional obtuse declarations, one wonders if the G-7 and the IMF, with their belated resolutions, will convince the markets."

"Alan Greenspan: A Questionable Decision"

Pierre-Antoine Delhommais commented in left-of-center Le Monde (10/1): "European politicians will without a doubt salute Alan Greenspan's decision (to lower the prime interest rate.].... But...the decision, far from calming things down, could lead to increased concern among investors.... It is never good to react under pressure. Yet this is what Alan Greenspan has chosen to do."

"Caution"

Philippe Mudry noted in centrist La Tribune (9/30): "It is...understandable if Alan Greenspan chose to exercise caution.... Maybe he is afraid of sending too strong a signal of concern to the financial markets, suggesting that other LTCMs (hedge funds) may be waiting in the wings.... For the time being, Wall Street's reaction proves that Greenspan's decision is not enough to calm down the markets."

GERMANY: "The Rich Countries--Clueless"

Centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Munich featured this commentary (10/6) by Helga Einecke: "With a lot of fanfare, Bill Clinton called for a new rescue operation for countries in crisis. It was his suggestion to create the G-22 group in which established industrialized countries meet with emerging economies to discuss new strategies. Such an action plan generated suspicion, not only among the Europeans. For months, the Americans have been refusing to give the IMF more money to deal with the management of financial crises. Some American politicians dislike a proposal from the French, who want to strengthen their influence in the IMF. Paris is hoping for support from the future German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder who will soon visit the White House. British Prime Minister Tony Blair likes to talk about a new architecture for the global financial system, but he does not offer any concrete suggestions.... The next test case will be Brazil.... Brazil poses a new opportunity for reasonable action--by private donors, by reformers in all countries, and by the American Congress."
"A Disappointing Summit"

Cornelia Wolber concluded in right-of-center Die Welt of Berlin (10/5): "One half of the world's economies are close to collapse. And the other half of the world, including the United States and Europe, is alarmed. Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer asserts that he considers the situation to be very serious...Tietmeyer wants to support tried and tested prescriptions--more transparency in the markets and responsible supervision of the banks in order to ensure that economic problems are detected regionally before they become crises.... The majority of U.S. politicians block such an increase because they believe that billions of dollars of aid to Asia and Russia did not bring any results and even worsened the situation.... It seems likely that financial markets will be disappointed by what was agreed upon at the summit.... One thing is certain: The name 'the new Bretton Woods' is not deserved."
"No Panacea"

Centrist Maerkische Allgemeine Zeitung of Potsdam had this editorial view (10/1): "For the U.S. economy, the decision of the Fed to lower interest rate is favorable. And if the U.S. economy grows, Europe will profit, too. But a global race to lower interest rates would do little to stop the looming recession about which the IMF spoke yesterday. It would not give a boost to the economy but would heat up inflation."

ITALY: "The 'Bigs' Of The World Are Rather Small"

According to an editorial in provocative, classical liberal Il Foglio (10/6): "The Asian stock markets reacted negatively to the G-7's conclusions.... [President Clinton's] proposal to set up a special fund...was disregarded. Indeed, it would be enough that the American Congress pays its \$18 billion dues to the IMF to unblock \$90 billion from other countries.... Clinton's request to the Europeans to cut their interest rates...was rejected.... In other words, the idea of a concerted effort on a world scale has not found much room."
"The Big Seven Beget One Small Mouse"

Economic analyst Paolo Glisenti commented in Rome's centrist Il Messaggero

(10/5): "The giant diplomatic effort put forth in Washington over the last 48 hours...has given birth to the proverbial little mouse, and stock markets will reopen this morning in a more pessimistic atmosphere. The historic weekend of meetings among financial ministers confirmed the dramatic risks of the crisis rather than suggesting solutions.... The agreement reached over the White House proposal for new funds for the IMF looks like a tiny little step, considering the huge problems we have to confront.... According to many experts, Clinton's proposal to provide new funds to the IMF...is aimed at saving Brasil and some other Latin American countries.... Little or nothing has been achieved by this solemn weekend...(which was) only a way to gain time as we wait for an agreement on the real theme which was at the center of closed-door meetings in Washington: the dramatic urgency for a radical reform of the international monetary system and multilateral institutions--the IMF and the World Bank."

"Ambiguous Message From G-7"

Giovanni Battista Bozzo filed from Washington for leading rightist opposition *Il Giornale* (10/5): "An ambiguous message emerges from the much awaited G-7 meeting: on one side, the need was confirmed to adopt expansive economic strategies; on the other side, there was not even the slightest reference to a coordinated reduction of interest rates. The word 'rates,' in fact, was not even mentioned."

"Specter Of Global Recession Lands In Washington"

New York correspondent *Autro Zampaglione* filed this for left-leaning, influential *La Repubblica* (10/2): "The specter of international economic recession is landing in Washington along with the ministers and bank governors who, beginning tomorrow, will try to save economies and stock markets, currencies and savings."

"Differing Visions"

Mario Platero wrote from Washington in leading business daily *Il Sole-24 Ore* (10/2): "In addition to Michael Camdessus, yesterday we also heard U.S. Treasury Secretary Rubin, who made the umpteenth promise of a reform of the monetary system without offering details; we heard Fed Chairman Greenspan defend the last-minute rescue of the Long Term Capital Management. And their languages were different at a time when the G-7 should instead speak with a single voice.... At least for the time being, a different vision between the United States and Europe regarding interest rates was confirmed yesterday. And the fact that Japan is reproposing its idea of a special Asian fund, already rejected last year, confirms that everybody seems to proceed independently within the G-7."

RUSSIA: "Vicious Circle"

Maxim Filimonov noted in reformist *Vremya-MN* (10/6): "The outcome of the negotiations [with the IMF] is anybody's guess. Things have come full circle: Russia cannot draft a program until it knows for sure whether or

not the West will disburse; the IMF cannot disburse money until it knows the government's program. Quite possibly, as often before, the Washington talks will end with the usual assurances of the parties that 'common sense has prevailed.' But once the experts begin work on the concrete terms of the issue of loans work will drag out for many months. And the government must decide soon out of what sources it will pay pensions, wages and salaries to soldiers, prepare for the winter and finance military orders."

"After You, Doctor"

Marina Borisova had this to say in reformist Vremya-MN (10/2): "But in all his speeches [IMF Director Camdessus] plugged the same line: IMF resources are down to a dangerously low point. To give timely assistance to needy countries quotas have to be increased.... But the donors, above all the Americans, have put their foot down. From the start of the world crisis, the IMF has funneled \$141 billion into troubled countries. This brought nothing but growing tensions, economic instability and more turmoil. The U.S. Congress has refused to grant an additional \$18 billion to the Fund.... No one is in a hurry to shell out money to finance another stabilization program of young and not-so-young reformers."

BELGIUM: "Missed Opportunity"

Financial Financieel-Economische Tijd had this comment by foreign affairs writer Carl Pansaerts (10/6): "The intensive talks in recent days in Washington did not yield what one was allowed to expect from them. The G-7, G-10 and Interim Committee missed an opportunity to send a strong signal to the world. They skipped the chance to point out the homework and responsibility of everyone in clear and, if need be, strong words. Given the painful circumstances, that would have been easier than ever before. Too bad that that opportunity was not seized in Washington."

"G-7 Has No Sure-Fire Recipe Against Crisis"

Economic columnist Jan Bohets pointed out in independent Catholic De Standaard (10/5): "The leading Western countries have no effective means of coping with the financial crisis that is spreading over large parts of the globe. However...the G-7 did agree that the resources of the IMF must be replenished urgently. That implies, inter alia, that the U.S. Congress must be willing to participate in a capital increase of the IMF for an amount of \$18 billion."

DENMARK: "Clinton's Bind"

Center-right Berlingske Tidende featured this editorial (10/6): "Bill Clinton has proposed that new borrowing mechanisms be introduced to help countries suffering from the financial crisis. It is unlikely, however, that Clinton will be able to convince Congress of the need to inject more money into the IMF. Congressional skepticism is, unfortunately, not

without foundation. IMF loans place very tough demands on borrowers, and these could be hard to bear for countries which are already under heavy economic pressure."

POLAND: "Every Person For Himself"

Krzysztof Bien asserted in centrist Rzeczpospolita (10/5): "The healing package the G-7 is proposing to cure the ailing world finances is not much different from the recipes used so far.... There is no talk about coordinated action by the most wealthy nations to cut interest rates. In short, the solution to the crisis is as follows: Everyone must help himself first."

"Specter Of Recession Encircles Globe"

Milosz Weglewski observed in liberal Gazeta Wyborcza (10/3-4): "The threat of global collapse is increasingly real.... The way out from this closed circle must be through determined and coordinated efforts by the governments...central banks and international financial institutions; through the general relaxation of monetary policy aimed at stimulating production and demand, to rational programs of financial assistance for the worst struck countries. Whereas this action will not heal the situation overnight, it will help restore the investors' confidence in financial markets, thus adding to their stabilization. And this will be a milestone in dispelling the specter of recession."

SPAIN: "Insufficient Results"

Liberal El Pais judged (10/5): "The G-7 meeting in Washington has ended without having reached agreement on the adoption of coordinated measures to address the more-than-year-long financial crisis.... The G-7 and many of the developing countries most affected by the crisis agree that a coordinated decrease in interest rates and the creation of a special emergency fund administered by the IMF are needed. The solution proposed by Clinton has an Achilles' heel, however, in that not even those countries that have committed themselves to contribute to such a fund are prepared to come up with a penny until the United States antes up the amount it has pledged to the IMF. In the meantime, the results of the meeting have ended in pure rhetoric, as usual."

"Save Yourself Those Who Can"

Conservative ABC commented (10/5): "For some...the meeting resulted in agreements that will work miracles, stimulating markets and establishing a foundation for global cooperation in addressing the world's multiple financial crises. For others...the financial summit ended with nothing in concrete to address those crises.... What everyone did agree to...is to blame everyone else for the crisis while muttering under their breath: 'Save yourselves those who can.'"

"The IMF Backtracks"

Independent El Mundo noted (10/1): "The Federal Reserve's decision to cut [the Federal funds rate] by 1/4-point has not only not restored confidence to international markets, but has actually accentuated doubts about United

States' capability to take over the direction of the global economy.... Today, much more than a 1/4-point rate cut is required; the IMF needs to play an active role in addressing the crisis by coordinating the policies of the most wealthy countries and by providing the leadership that Clinton appears unable to supply."

"Japanese Time Bomb"

Independent El Mundo noted (9/27): "If Japan does not react within the next few months and its situation becomes even more serious, then the United States and Europe will have real cause for concern. Another drop in the yen or the repatriation of funds invested in U.S. Treasury bonds could destabilize the world economy and bring on a global recession."

SWEDEN: "Greenspan's Signal?"

Business Dagens Industri had this editorial (10/1): "By the recent decision, the Fed assumed special responsibility. Greenspan has now put the American economy, which is very close to being overheated, in some danger.... For the first time during the latest financial crisis, Washington has in deeds given the signal that the business of the surrounding world is also that of the United States."

EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

JAPAN: "Public Funds Must Be Infused Into Ailing Banks Expeditiously"

Business-oriented Nihon Keizai's chief editorial writer Akira Kojima, penned this front-page commentary (10/6): "Non-performing loans, accumulated by Japanese banks, have not only created a credit crunch but have made the state of the national economy even more critical. Given the present circumstances, top G-7 financial officials, meeting in Washington, urged Japan to take swift action to infuse public money into ailing but sustainable financial institutions. Japan must not react negatively to this 'urgent' G-7 request as external pressure ('gaiatsu.').... Both the government and the LDP, as well as opposition party officials, are to blame for their lack of a sense of urgency. Since the collapse of Japan's 'bubble economy,' the government has 'misdiagnosed' the nation's economic health and adopted one 'misguided' policy after another, thus creating an economic crisis.... Relief measures must be taken as expeditiously as possible before these institutions actually go under.... The problem of settling the bad loan issue has been neglected for such a long time that there no longer exist satisfactory or convincing solutions to the problem. One thing is clear.... Japan's failure to reinvigorate these financial institutions at an early date will only hurt the actual state of the national economy and bring the nightmare of a global economic and financial crisis closer."

"Taking Criticism To Heart"

Top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri's editorial argued (10/5): "The government must take the G-7 statement as the expression of the member nations' sense of urgency and irritation toward the slow response to the crisis by Japan's ruling and opposition parties."

"Japan Held More Responsible For Averting World Economic Crisis"

An editorial in business-oriented Nihon Keizai insisted (10/5): "Japan has become a 'problem-plagued' G-7 member nation.....

"The G-7 nations are seriously concerned that Japan's failure to overcome its financial crisis or to get its economy back on track will create a simultaneous worldwide deflationary spiral."

"Focus Will Be On Japan Problem"

Liberal Mainichi Shimbun's Wakamatsu pointed out (10/2): "There are voices calling for Japan, first and foremost, to put its economy and banking industry in order.... It is likely that Miyazawa will be pressured to produce extra economic stimuli, in addition to the already announced 10 trillion yen-plus supplementary budget and 7 trillion yen worth of tax reductions."

CHINA: "G7 Fails To Take Lead In Turmoil"

Official English-language China Daily commented (10/6): "Financial leaders in search of bold solutions to the global economic chaos wrapped up another weekend of talks offering little more than vague promises and conflicting ideas on what they should do next. The failure of the G-7 finance ministers and central bankers to produce decisive action and present a united front against the threat of a financial meltdown slowly sank in. And jittery world markets were prepared for disappointment when they reopened yesterday. The strained relations between Washington and Tokyo also showed few signs of improvement following the high-level talks as the G7 urged Japan again to pull itself up by the bootstraps and get its ailing, debt-ridden financial sector sorted out."

HONG KONG: "Acting To Avert A World Slump"

Independent Hong Kong Standard noted in its editorial (10/5): "There is quite a bit of selfishness in the way Japan, the United States and some other developed countries look at the problem. Unless the leaders of these countries adopt a more statesman-like approach to this global problem we shall see little headway being made.... It is only now, with the flames licking at Washington's doorsteps, that this new package has been welcomed. Such obstruction by the United States and the IMF have only served to convince many Asians, rightly or wrongly, that Washington wants to impose a new form of imperialism on this region."

"Don't Get Too Excited"

The nationalistic Hong Kong Economic Times said in an editorial (10/5):

"The G-7 countries, so far, have focused only on their own interests....

The Asian countries have been waiting for 15 months for Clinton's suggestion to set up emergency funds. But don't get too excited about it because such a measure is designated only for those who might be affected by the crisis, not those who have been suffering from it."

AUSTRALIA: "IMF Must Have Support"

The national business-oriented Australian Financial Review opined (10/6): "Beyond a broad pledge of intensified cooperation to keep the global economy growing, the G7's finance ministers and central bankers failed at their weekend meetings to offer anything substantially new to calm the global panic. The most effective way to contain the crisis still remains with the IMF, which holds its annual meetings today in Washington. As demonstrated by the therapy in Mexico, Thailand and South Korea, IMF-style packages can work. The IMF may have failed to anticipate much of Asia's turbulence. It may have even prescribed imperfect policy solutions. But its programs--fully supported by an engaged United States and reform-minded Japan--remain the best antidote to global economic instability."

"Soothing Cut From The Fed"

The national, business-oriented Australian Financial Review judged (10/1): "By cutting rates now, the Fed has signaled to the financial markets that it is ready to respond to the international financial crisis, even though domestic U.S. economic conditions still argue against any cut in rates. In doing so, the Federal Reserve has bought itself and the IMF crucial time.... In this calmer atmosphere, the G-7 finance ministers, the IMF and the World Bank have a better opportunity to massage confidence, by strengthening their commitments to the unsteady of the Latin American dominoes."

INDONESIA: "Jakarta Should Not Copy Malaysia's Capital Controls"

An op-ed piece by Eddy Suparno in the leading, independent Jakarta Post held (9/29): "It is...imperative for Indonesia to remain attractive to foreign investment by not reducing economic freedoms through misguided attempts to control international markets. It is equally important to realize that movements of capital...are a reflection of a country's economic fundamentals. In the event of an economic upswing the amount of capital inflow automatically increases, taking advantage of a favorable 'money making' environment. Naturally, in a downturn the movement of capital travels reverse. Therefore, it would make more sense to overhaul the problems in a country's fundamentals rather than go through the pains of curbing the flow of capital."

MALAYSIA: "Malaysia's Earlier Call Gaining Consensus"

The government-influenced, English-language New Straits Times had this editorial (10/5): "Precious time has been wasted during the denial phase of the West when it refused to recognize that the East Asian financial turmoil is partly due to fundamental flaws in the international monetary system.... Clearly, the urgency for U.S. action in mounting reforms to the international monetary system is in the interest of its economy and that of other economies. Such reforms should include mechanisms to handle international capital flows...an efficient exchange regime and regulated currency trading. A restructuring of the World Bank and IMF is crucial to

ensure their global capitalism. The IMF, provided it is transparent, has a valuable role to play in the global financial system. But its secretive workings, including the fact that the amount supplied to Mexico during the peso crisis far exceeded the amounts slowly made to East Asian countries, indicate its lack of accountability. That its coffers has not not been replenished shows how it is very much subject to the whims and fancies of the donor countries. The reforms needed should not be indicated by the interests of the mighty few."

"Urgent Need For Reforms"

The government-influenced Business Times urged (9/23): "The major economic powers should lend more than their ears to British Prime Minister Tony Blair's call for a 12-month deadline on global financial reforms.... The longer [the rich nations] take to agree upon a way to overhaul the Bretton Woods' agreement, the harder the impact of the financial crisis will be upon businesses and economies in the West."

SINGAPORE: "Clinton's Flash Of Inspiration"

The pro-government Business Times' editorial observed (10/6): "The new U.S. proposal for a mechanism to provide emergency finance to help vulnerable nations ward off global financial contagion won predictable support from the Group of Seven (G-7) leading industrialized countries. But the hard truth is that, apart from Japan's proposal for a \$30-billion fund to help Asian countries in crisis, there is really little on offer. In fact, the Japanese officials have every right to complain that America's latest flash of inspiration is similar to their own proposal a year ago which was rejected by Washington then...."

"Certainly, Mr. Clinton's proposal should be given due consideration. But much water has flowed under the bridge since last September.... It is a pity the Clinton administration could not see beyond its nose 12 months ago when there was a better chance of averting a global recession."

"Japan Acts Like A Leader"

According to the pro-government Straits Times (10/2): "Japan's plan to extend about \$30 billion in aid, mainly to Southeast Asian nations, is a reminder of the economic role which it can play to pull the region out of its crisis.... Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's aid plan...should do much to assuage regional concerns.... That said, Japan must follow up on its initiative by tackling its domestic problems. A stricken economy prevents it from absorbing the exports which Asian countries desperately need to make to sell their way out of the crisis. And Japan cannot grow unless it goes ahead, among other things, with banking reforms that have been hobbled by differences between its political parties."

SOUTH KOREA: "Homework For G-7"

Reporter Lee Sang-won observed in moderate Hankook Ilbo (10/2): "The world is facing an urgent need to reorganize the global financial system currently in place and also to restrict the flow of hedge funds.... On the issue of hedge funds...the cry for change is increasingly persuasive because many have come to realize that hedge funds have to be

restricted.... The United States has been largely passive in addressing this issue, understandably so because Wall Street continues to be the home to most of these funds, and 95 percent of their profits flow into the United States. It now seems Washington understands how damaging these funds have been.... Will the United States really stop being selfish and rein in these hedge funds?"

"U.S. Cuts Interest Rates Less Than Expected"

According to an editorial in independent Dong-A Ilbo (10/1): "The action comes across as a signal of U.S. determination that it will no longer ignore the economic crisis facing the world, though its primary goal seems to be the prevention of an economic recession in the United States. Unfortunately, the cut was...probably too small to produce any real effect on the world.... A further cut seems to be required, and it would be much better for Washington to do so as fast as possible.... While the cut obviously fell short of our expectations, it will give us an opportunity to increase exports and to stabilize our foreign exchange market."

"U.S. Rate Cut And South Korea's Reaction"

Independent Hankyoreh Shinmun told its readers (10/1): "While the U.S. rate cut is unlikely to have an enormous impact because of the meagerness of the cut, it does have significance because it signals that the United States has finally begun to address the economic issue. Its psychological impact...will not be insignificant."

THAILAND: "Only Meager Resolution In Washington Meetings"

Thongtam Natchamnong commented in popular Siam Rath (10/5), "The Washington meetings of the World Bank and IMF produced only a meager resolution. In order to solve the current economic crisis, the resolution goes, every country must stimulate its growth and create a proper financial environment. Translation: The G-7 member countries need to rebuild their economic strength. In the meantime, gasping developing countries will have to find some way on their own to survive. Once the G-7 have injected enough money into their economies and regained their former strength, certain benefits will then trickle down to these poorer nations."

"No Enthusiasm For Brake On Hedge Funds"

Pichian Kurathong commented in elite Matichon (10/3), "Apparently, the G-7 does not seem very enthusiastic about putting the brake on hedge funds. Instead, the G-7 is likely to stick to its liberalization doctrine and continue to give a free hand to these Western hedge funds to operate in and dominate emerging economies infatuated by the lure of foreign capital inflow."

"Time To Draw Up New Financial Blueprint"

The lead editorial of independent, English-language Nation maintained (10/2): "[The United States] has been forced to eat its words about transparency, governance and non-state intervention as a result of the

rescue of a big hedge fund on Wall Street which has an investment exposure of more than 200 billion, larger than many Asian economies combined. The rescue was necessary because of a threat of systematic risk--the very thing that Thailand and other Asian nations have been worried about in the past 12 months. The best thing that the G-7 or G-22 countries...[and] members of the IMF and the World Bank can do now is to put the squeeze on Wall Street...and draw up a new blueprint for the world financial system based on the economics of trade, investment and employment."

SOUTH ASIA

INDIA: "Economic Storm Watch"

The centrist Times of India told its readers in an editorial (10/5): "The U.S. Federal Reserve's reduction of the interest rate last week has not yielded positive results, and the G-7 countries met last weekend to consider the steps to stabilize the present situation.... The world has to wait for the collective wisdom of the G-7.... One hopes that in addressing the systemic problems underlying the current crisis, they will give due consideration to the financial speculators who play havoc with national economies based on vulnerable currencies.... Thanks to the fact that India did not globalize as fast as some advocated, it has to an extent been protected so far from the global economic turmoil affecting other Asian and Latin American countries. That might not be for long, though; the spillover is bound to affect the Indian economy."

PAKISTAN: "Pakistan Caught In Double Bind With IMF"

The centrist News featured this op-ed column by Imtiaz Aziz (10/2): "The package Pakistan is currently negotiating with the IMF will not be enough to meet the balance of payments crisis. Even if it gets a sufficient financial cushion in exchange for major concessions on its nuclear program, it will be a short-term measure. But it will also be not a free lunch as [is] desired by the Sharif administration. It will accompany tough conditionalities. Mr Sharif [would] like to postpone the economic crisis without paying the political cost for a tough package. He may be ready to concede much on the non-proliferation agenda in the hope of...a package that will not ask for much belt-tightening by a crony-capitalism. But the possibility of such a quid pro quo was lost on May 28 when he decided to detonate. Even if it happens, what about next year?"

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

BRAZIL: "Diverging Views"

Independent Jornal da Tarde's economic columnist Celso Ming emphasized (10/6): "There is a clear willingness among the great powers to help the emerging nations, especially Brazil.... But they do not know how to act. In the G-7 such support is so far stuck in rhetoric. The U.S. government is clearly moving to strengthen the IMF and enlarge its functions.

"But...officials both in France and England are maneuvering to transform the EU into an alternative hegemonic nucleus. Instead of supporting the IMF, they have insisted on the need of deepening the mechanisms of bank

supervision."

"Power Scheme Will Remain Unchanged"

An editorial in center-right O Estado de Sao Paulo judged (10/5):

"Obviously, at stake is a choice between the two ways to negotiate financial reform. The traditional way, preferred by the U.S. government, is to keep the major decisions in the G-7 environment. There may be sessions of a G-22 with the presence of ministers of 15 emerging economies, but this expansion, in practice, will not in any way alter the power scheme. The most powerful it seems will continue, deciding the major issues, with general oversight provided by the United States."

"Complete Irrationality"

Center-right O Estado de Sao Paulo's lead editorial said (10/2): "The financial world has yielded to the most complete irrationality. The only consensus is regarding the need to reform the system. The way it is now, the international financial system is no good. The problem is how to reform it.... The IMF has an important role to play while supervising the whole system. The best thing to do is provide the institution with tools capable of predicting crises and acting so as to prevent them from occurring."

"Through Difficulties To New Growth"

Center-right O Estado de Sao Paulo (9/28) said: "Just a few days before the IMF annual meeting, the major international leaders begin to realize that the industrialized economies are not immune to disasters. U.S. financial institutions have begun to suffer the same evils which up to now have been reserved for the group of the so-called emerging economies in need of emergency assistance. If the Russian disaster produced turbulent waves, the fall of Brazil would affect even more the international economy, making irresistible the contagion of those who up to now were kept relatively immune. The Brazilian government moves with caution, but with signs of determination. It is understood that if it manages to pass this phase of difficulties, even with sacrifices, the country's international image in the international economic and political scene will be reinforced, opening the way to a new phase of growth in the future."

"Crisis Has Exploded In The U.S."

The lead editorial in independent Jornal da Tarde (9/27) said: "In addition to exploding the crisis in the very heart of the world's financial center, in Wall Street, the spectacular blast of the LTCM...has buried for ever the credibility of the on-going systems of financial control. If it was possible for such a blast to occur under the eyes of no one less than Alan Greenspan, without anyone suspecting anything before it was too late, it is because no one is safe under the current 'norms of financial security.' This episode will certainly determine the beginning of an immediate review of all rules guiding the system of international finance and a revocation of the practices sustained by mathematic abstractions, which have prevailed over the more orthodox formulas of the recent past."

"Getting Used To The Crisis"

Independent Jornal da Tarde's economic analyst stressed (9/23): "After three weeks of panic, there is a worrisome feeling that Brazil and the opinion makers are much too accustomed to the crisis.... The responsibility to find a solution is being gradually transferred to the G-7...the IMF...and the central banks of the superpowers.... The risk is that the federal government [of Brazil] and the politicians will cross their arms and put aside the tough and inevitable distribution of bills to be paid."

ARGENTINA: "Swings And Roundabouts"

An editorial in the liberal, English-language Buenos Aires Herald stressed (10/3): The main reason for the gloom is the increasing certainty of a world recession--quite apart from such major trouble spots as Japan, Russia and Brazil, the crisis has now reached Europe.... The figures involved are truly terrifying--the crisis has cost the world some \$600 billion dollars so far this year and the exposure of the LTCM hedge fund now in trouble is \$200 billion, there are no less than 4,000 hedge funds.... Stock exchanges seem to have become an end in themselves and a veritable casino for the likes of derivatives. Yet while such problems seem beyond the IMF or even the Federal Reserve, imaginative solutions must be available for each country's problems on the basis of such assets as Russian gold; Japanese capacity or Brazilian privatizations."

MEXICO: "Swift Action Needed"

According to an editorial in nationalist, pro-government Excelsior (10/5): "It is regrettable that industrialized nations fail to react as swiftly as necessary to the international financial situation, and also to fail to realize that a collapse in their clients would bring about market stagnation. President Clinton has realized the serious consequences of such stagnation and has demanded concrete actions. However, he is at a disadvantage because he faces an adversarial Congress that is carrying out a dirty war against the U.S. executive."

CHILE: "U.S. Role In Solving Global Crisis"

Financial El Diario concluded (9/22): "The decisions the United States makes in the remaining months of the year will be decisive for the recovery of the global economy.... A wise, and at the same time pragmatic, decision indicates that the Federal Reserve will have to gradually begin lowering interest rates in November to decrease the costs of financing leading businesses in developed nations. But the role of the United States in reinvigorating and balancing the world economy does not end there. The support that the United States can provide through the IMF is also important.... The U.S. Congress must be aware that the conquest of new markets is directly linked to the healing of the most affected economies. The IMF urgently needs the resources that Washington can provide to save delicate situations such as that of Brazil."

EL SALVADOR: "Premises For Investment In Latin America"

Leading, extremely conservative El Mundo put forth this view (9/16):
"Right now Latin America is experiencing a shortage of (investment)
capital, and investors are demanding greater rates of return for investment
in our region, due to the (possible) return of the chronic ills of our
economies. This attitude is evident when investors demand of Latin
American countries (rates) around 14 points above U.S. Treasury rates."

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GLOBAL FINANCIAL TURMOIL: G7 DOES 'LITTLE' TO DISPEL GLOOM

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annual meetings of the IMF and

World Bankdid little to dispel feelings of
foreboding about the world's economi

c state. Most commentators found common

cause with Rome's centrist Il Message

ro, which contended that the "historic"

weekend meeting of finance ministers of

the G7 nations had "confirmed the

dramatic risks of the crisis rather than sug

gesting solutions." The "great diplomatic effort put forth by Washington," that paper averred, "has given birth to the proverbial little mouse." The G7's agreement to explore a U.S.-backed proposal to create a new fund within the IMF to assist countries whose economies might be threatened by financial contagion, however, did evoke some positive comment. Singapore's pro-government Business Times, for example, greeted the plan as a "flash of inspiration" on the part of President Clinton, and urged that the proposal be given "due consideration." Contesting that view, a number of European sharply criticized the IMF and were less supportive of the plan. Munich's centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung held that the "new rescue operation" had "generated suspicion, not only among the European states." Other writers speculated that the plan had an inborn "Achilles heel," namely that the president will have to convince a reluctant U.S. Congress to participate in a "capital increase" of the IMF. Following are additional themes in the commentary:

G7 MEETING: 'TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE'? A majority of editorialists judged that the

G7 meeting was, in the words of London's Financial Times, "hardly...global economic diplomacy's finest hour." In addition to charges that the group had divulged "nothing concrete" about how it would act to stem global economic turmoil, some writers emphasized that the group was "belatedly" responding to the "crisis." Commentary from countries whose economies have suffered most severely from the turbulence expressed the conviction that, until the G7 acts decisively, the "gasping developing countries will have to find some way on their own to survive."

JAPAN: 'TAKING CRITICISM TO HEART' Dailies in Japan were sharply critical of the government and of the LDP and opposition parties for their failure to respond to that country's deepening economic woes. Business-oriented Nihon Keizai inquired against the government for having "misdiagnosed" that country's economic health and having adopted "one misguided economic policy

after another."

INTEREST RATES, HEDGE FUNDS, CURRENCY CONTROLS Most analysts welcomed the Federa

l Reserve's reduction in the prime interest rate last week, but held that the 1

/4point cut was too "modest" to alleviate "distress" in markets overseas. Pape

rs in Malaysia, South Korea and Thailand called for increased currency controls

and the "reining in" of hedge funds.

This survey is based on 62 reports from 26 countries, September 22 October 6.

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EUROPE

X' hp x (# BRITAIN: "Clinton Lays Down The Law"

The liberal Guardian had this from Washington (10/6): "President Clinton last

night sought to take personal control of the effort to head off global financia

l meltdown by urging the world's finance ministers to act fast. He took the un

usual step of meeting finance ministers to urge immediate steps to shore up int

ernational growth. The president's involvement in a gathering of finance minis

ters is highly unusual and was seen as a recognition of how seriously the prese

nt crisis is viewed by the White House."

"World's Most Pressing Problem"

The centrist Independent's lead editorial stressed (10/6): "Presidents and fin

ance ministers meeting in Washington seem to have finally, and belatedly, come

to the conclusion that there is a crisis in the world economy, that the interna

tional regulatory and lending institutions have failed to meet it, and that som

ething drastic needs to be done.... It is also selfevident that the institutio

ns that should have warned, if not actually coped with, this gathering crisisth

e IMF, the World Bank and the Bank of International Settlementshave singularly

failed in their task.... But...if the

international institutions have failed u

s, it has been as much a problem of

leadership as of structure. This week sees

the annual meetings of both the IMF and the World Bank. It is time that their chiefs, Michel Camdessus and James Wolfensohn, were called to account, and, in the former's case, replaced."

"Direction But No Detail"

The lead editorial in the independent Financial Times noted (10/5): "The G7 is beginning to take on board the full significance of growing international turn oil. That, at least., was evident from the meeting of finance ministers and central bankers at the weekend. Unfortunately, little else is clear. The G7 statement signals a direction for reform of the international financial architecture, but gives few details.... The best that can be said is that the G7 laid out a broad direction for reform, involving greater transparency, beefed up surveillance.... All in all, it has hardly been global economic diplomacy's finest hour. In the absence of agreement, the G7 has called on its deputies to complete a more detailed 'work plan' based on the broad agenda that has been laid out. If the G7 is serious about reforming the financial architecture, the deputies must report back with a plan as soon as possible, and certainly before the end of the year. Waiting until the next scheduled G7 meeting next spring is too long."

X hp x (# "Follow The Fed"
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The conservative Daily Telegraph observed (10/1): "The U.S. Federal Reserve has shown welljudged caution in cutting interest rates by a modest quarter point. The global markets were plainly hoping for a bigger cut to alleviate distress in Latin America, Eastern Europe and [East Asia], but precipitous action at this stage might have smacked of panic.... It is testimony to the enormous prestige of Alan Greenspan that he had been able to convince the Fed to look beyond the United States and start paying attention to signs of a global credit crunch."

"Cold Comfort From The IMF"

The independent Financial Times judged in its lead editorial (10/1): "This we ekend, therefore, the G7 countries must work to ensure that their monetary stan ce is right for such turbulent times. The IMF is right to urge the United Stat es and Europe to start easing interest rates to support growth and help restore calm."

FRANCE: "Need For Regulated Social Liberalism"

Jean Boissonat argued in regional Ouest France (10/6): "The United States was not able on its own to guarantee the wellbeing of the financial system born in the seventies. That is the system that needs to be rebuilt. If today's crisis serves only that end, it will have served a purpose. Bureaucratic socialism has not been shown to be the answer to anarchic liberalism. We are going to have to invent regulated social liberalism. The Clintons, Schroeders, Blairs, Jospins and Prodis of this world will fail in their missions if they do not tackle this."

"Too Little Too Late"

X' hp x (# Dominique Bromberger told listeners of governmentfunded France Inter radio (10/5): "We live in a globalized economy and we cannot go back. It is high time t he G7 governments, who watched with impotence or indifference as the crisis sp read, set up a system of international control. The Washington summit was onl y the beginning of a declaration of intention to get started on something. Fra nkly it is too little too late."

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"Dancing On The Volcano"

Francoise Crouigneau maintained in rightofcenter Les Echos (10/5): "The G7 and the IMF were engaged in a dance over a smoldering volcano. Their mission was to find the antidote to the poison of uncertainty affecting world markets....

In spite of an obvious attempt to go beyond their traditional obtuse declarations, one wonders if the G7 and the IMF, with their belated resolutions, will convince the markets."

X' hp x (# "Alan Greenspan: A Questionable Decision"
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PierreAntoine Delhommais commented in leftofcenter Le Monde (10/1):
"European politicians will without a doubt salute Alan Greenspan's decision (to lower the prime interest rate.].... But...the decision, far from calming things down, could lead to increased concern among investors.... It is never good to react under pressure. Yet this is what Alan Greenspan has chosen to do."

"Caution"

Philippe Mudry noted in centrist La Tribune (9/30): "It is...understandable if Alan Greenspan chose to exercise caution.... Maybe he is afraid of sending too strong a signal of concern to the financial markets, suggesting that other L TCMs (hedge funds) may be waiting in the wings.... For the time being, Wall Street's reaction proves that Greenspan's decision is not enough to calm down the markets."

GERMANY: "The Rich Countries Clueless"

Centrist Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Munich featured this commentary (10/6) by Helga Ainecke: "With a lot of fanfare, Bill Clinton called for a new rescue operation for countries in crisis. It was his suggestion to create the G22 group in which established industrialized countries meet with emerging economies to discuss new strategies. Such an action plan generated suspicion, not only among the Europeans. For months, the Americans have been refusing to give the IMF more money to deal with the management of financial crises. Some American politicians dislike a proposal from the French, who want to strengthen their influence in the IMF. Paris is hoping for support from the future German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder who will soon visit the

White House. British Prime Minister Tony Blair likes to talk about a new architecture for the global financial system, but he does not offer any concrete suggestions.... The next test case will be Brazil.... Brazil poses a new opportunity for reasonable action by private donors, by reformers in all countries, and by the American Congress."

X' hp x (# "A Disappointing Summit"

Cornelia Wolber concluded in right of center Die Welt of Berlin (10/5): "One half of the world's economies are close to collapse. And the other half of the world, including the United States and Europe, is alarmed. Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer asserts that he considers the situation to be very serious.. Tietmeyer wants to support tried and tested prescriptions more transparency in the markets and responsible supervision of the banks in order to ensure that economic problems are detected regionally before they become crises.... The majority of U.S. politicians block such an increase because they believe that billions of dollars of aid to Asia and Russia did not bring any results and even worsened the situation.... It seems likely that financial markets will be disappointed by what was agreed upon at the summit.... One thing is certain: The name 'the new Bretton Woods' is not deserved."

"No Panacea"
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Centrist Maerkische Allgemeine Zeitung of Potsdam had this editorial view (10/1): "For the U.S. economy, the decision of the Fed to lower interest rate is favorable. And if the U.S. economy grows, Europe will profit, too. But a global race to lower interest rates would do little to stop the looming recession about which the IMF spoke yesterday. It would not give a boost to the economy but would heat up inflation."

ITALY: "The 'Bigs' Of The World Are Rather Small"

According to an editorial in provocative, classical liberal Il Foglio (10/6):

"The Asian stock markets reacted negatively to the G7's conclusions....

[President Clinton's] proposal to set up a special fund...was disregarded. Indeed, it would be enough that the American Congress pays its \$18 billion dues to the IMF to unblock \$90 billion from other countries.... Clinton's request to the Europeans to cut their interest rates...was rejected.... In other words, the idea of a concerted effort on a world scale has not found much room."

"The Big Seven Beget One Small Mouse"

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Economic analyst Paolo Glisenti commented in Rome's centrist Il Messaggero

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10/5): "The giant diplomatic effort put forth in Washington over the last 48 ho

urs...has given birth to the proverbial little mouse, and stock markets will re

open this morning in a more pessimistic atmosphere. The historic weekend of me

etings among financial ministers confirmed the dramatic risks of the crisis rat

her than suggesting solutions.... The agreement reached over the White House p

proposal for new funds for the IMF looks like a tiny little step, considering th

e huge problems we have to confront.... According to many experts, Clinton's p

proposal to provide new funds to the IMF...is aimed at saving Brasil and some ot

her Latin American countries.... Little or nothing has been achieved by this s

olemn weekend...(which was) only a way to gain time as we wait for an agreement

on the real theme which was at the center of closeddoor meetings in Washington

: the dramatic urgency for a

radical reform of the international monetary syste m and multilateral

institutionsthe IMF and the World Bank."

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"Ambiguous Message From G7"

Giovanni Battista Bozzo filed from Washington for leading rightist opposition

Il Giornale (10/5): "An ambiguous message emerges from the much awaited G7 mee

ting: on one side, the need was confirmed to adopt expansive economic strategie

s; on the other side, there was not even the slightest reference to a coordinat

ed reduction of interest rates. The word 'rates,' in fact, was

not even mentioned."

"Specter Of Global Recession Lands In Washington"

New York correspondent Autro Zampaglione filed this for leftleaning, influential La Repubblica (10/2): "The specter of international economic recession is landing in Washington along with the ministers and bank governors who, beginning tomorrow, will try to save economies and stock markets, currencies and savings."

"Differing Visions"

Mario Platero wrote from Washington in leading business daily Il Sole24 Ore (10/2): "In addition to Michael Camdessus, yesterday we also heard U.S. Treasury Secretary Rubin, who made the umpteenth promise of a reform of the monetary system without offering details; we heard Fed Chairman Greenspan defend the last minute rescue of the Long Term Capital Management. And their languages were different at a time when the G7 should instead speak with a single voice.... At least for the time being, a different vision between the United States and Europe regarding interest rates was confirmed yesterday. And the fact that Japan is re-proposing its idea of a special Asian fund, already rejected last year, confirms that everybody seems to proceed independently within the G7."

X hp x (# RUSSIA: "Vicious Circle"

X hp x (#Maxim Filimonov noted in reformist VremyaMN (10/6): "The outcome of the negotiations [with the IMF] is anybody's guess. Things have come full circle: Russia cannot draft a program until it knows for sure whether or not the West will disburse; the IMF cannot disburse money until it knows the government's program. Quite possibly, as often before, the Washington talks will end with the usual assurances of the parties that 'common sense has

prevailed.' But once
the experts begin work on the concrete terms of the
issue of loans work will drag out for many months. And the government must
decide soon out of what source
it will pay pensions, wages and salaries to
soldiers, prepare for the winter
and finance military orders."

"After You, Doctor"

Marina Borisova had this to say in reformist VremyaMN (10/2): "But in all
his speeches [IMF Director Camdessus] plugged the same line: IMF resources
are down to a dangerously low point. To give timely assistance to needy
countries
quotas have to be increased.... But the donors, above all the
Americans, have
put their foot down. From the start of the world crisis,
the IMF has funneled
\$141 billion into troubled countries. This brought
nothing but growing tensions,
economic instability and more turmoil. The
U.S. Congress has refused to grant
an additional \$18 billion to the Fund....
No one is in a hurry to shell out
money to finance another stabilization
program of young and notsoyoung reformers."

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BELGIUM: "Missed Opportunity"

Financial FinancieelEconomische Tijd had this comment by foreign affairs
write
r Carl Pansaerts (10/6): "The intensive talks in recent days in
Washington did
not yield what one was allowed to expect from them. The G7,
G10 and Interim Committee
missed an opportunity to send a strong signal to
the world. They skipped
the chance to point out the homework and
responsibility of everyone in clear
and, if need be, strong words. Given the
painful circumstances, that would have
been easier than ever before. Too bad
that that opportunity was not seized
in Washington."

"G7 Has No SureFire Recipe Against Crisis"

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Economic columnist Jan Bohets pointed out in independent Catholic De Standaard

(10/5): "The leading Western countries have no effective means of coping with

the financial crisis that is spreading over large parts of the globe. However.

..the G7 did agree that the resources of the IMF must be replenished urgently.

That implies, inter alia, that the U.S. Congress must be willing to participat

e in a capital increase of the IMF for an amount of \$18 billion."

X' hp x (# DENMARK: "Clinton's Bind"

Centerright Berlingske Tidende featured this editorial (10/6): "Bill Clinton

has proposed that new borrowing mechanisms be introduced to help countries suff

ering from the financial crisis. It is unlikely, however, that Clinton will be

able to convince Congress of the need to inject more money into the IMF. Cong

ressional skepticism is, unfortunately, not without foundation. IMF loans plac

e very tough demands on borrowers, and these could be hard to bear for countrie

s which are already under heavy economic pressure."

POLAND: "Every Person For Himself"

Krzysztof Bien asserted in centrist Rzeczpospolita (10/5): "The healing packag

e the G7 is proposing to cure the ailing world finances is not much different f

rom the recipes used so far.... There is no talk about coordinated action by

the most wealthy nations to cut interest rates. In short, the solution to the

crisis is as follows: Everyone must help himself first."

"Specter Of Recession Encircles Globe"

Milosz Weglewski observed in liberal Gazeta Wyborcza (10/34): "The threat of

global collapse is increasingly real.... The way out from this closed circle m

ust be through determined and coordinated efforts by the governments...central

banks and international financial institutions;

through the general relaxation of monetary policy aimed at stimulating production and demand, to rational programs of financial assistance for the worst struck countries. Whereas this action will not heal the situation overnight, it will help restore the investors' confidence in financial markets, thus adding to their stabilization. And this will be a milestone in dispelling the specter of recession."

SPAIN: "Insufficient Results"

Liberal El Pais judged (10/5): "The G7 meeting in Washington has ended without having reached agreement on the adoption of coordinated measures to address the more than yearlong financial crisis.... The G7 and many of the developing countries most affected by the crisis agree that a coordinated decrease in interest rates and the creation of a special emergency fund administered by the IMF are needed. The solution proposed by Clinton has an Achilles' heel, however, in that not even those countries that have committed themselves to contribute to such a fund are prepared to come up with a penny until the United States announces the amount it has pledged to the IMF. In the meantime, the results of the meeting have ended in pure rhetoric, as usual."

"Save Yourselves Those Who Can"

Conservative ABC commented (10/5): "For some...the meeting resulted in agreements that will work miracles, stimulating markets and establishing a foundation for global cooperation in addressing the world's multiple financial crises. For others...the financial summit ended with nothing in concrete to address those crises.... What everyone did agree to...is to blame everyone else for the crisis while muttering under their breath: 'Save yourselves those who can.'"

"The IMF Backtracks"

Independent El Mundo noted (10/1): "The Federal Reserve's decision to cut [the

Federal funds rate] by 1/4point has not only not restored confidence to international markets, but has actually accentuated doubts about United States' capability to take over the direction of the global economy.... Today, much more than a 1/4point rate cut is required; the IMF needs to play an active role in addressing the crisis by coordinating the policies of the most wealthy countries and by providing the leadership that Clinton appears unable to supply."

"Japanese Time Bomb"

Independent El Mundo noted (9/27): "If Japan does not react within the next few months and its situation becomes even more serious, then the United States and Europe will have real cause for concern. Another drop in the yen or the repatriation of funds invested in U.S. Treasury bonds could destabilize the world economy and bring on a global recession."

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SWEDEN: "Greenspan's Signal?"

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Business Dagens Industri had this editorial (10/1): "By the recent decision, the Fed assumed special responsibility. Greenspan has now put the American economy, which is very close to being overheated, in some danger.... For the first time during the latest financial crisis, Washington has in deeds given the signal that the business of the surrounding world is also that of the United States."

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EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC

JAPAN: "Public Funds Must Be Infused Into Ailing Banks Expeditiously"

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Business-oriented Nihon Keizai's chief editorial writer Akira Kojima, penned this frontpage commentary (10/6): "Nonperforming loans, accumulated by Japanese banks, have not only created a credit crunch but have made the state of the national economy even more critical. Given the present circumstances, top G7 financial officials, meeting in Washington, urged Japan to take swift action to infuse public money into ailing but sustainable financial institutions. Japan mu

st not react negatively to this
'urgent' G7 request as external pressure ('gai
atsu.').... Both the
government and the LDP, as well as opposition party offic
ials, are to blame
for their lack of a sense of urgency. Since the collapse o
f Japan's 'bubble
economy,' the government has 'misdiagnosed' the nation's econ
omic health and
adopted one 'misguided' policy after another, thus creating an
economic
crisis.... Relief measures must be taken as expeditiously as possible
before
these institutions actually go under.... The problem of settling the
bad
loan issue has been neglected for such a long time that there no longer exi
st
satisfactory or convincing solutions to the problem. One thing is clear....

Japan's failure to reinvigorate these financial institutions at an early date

will only hurt the actual state of the national economy and bring the
nightmar
e of a global economic and financial crisis closer."

"Taking Criticism To Heart"

Topcirculation, moderate Yomiuri's editorial argued (10/5): "The government
m
ust take the G7 statement as the expression of the member nations' sense of
urg
ency and irritation toward the slow response to the crisis by Japan's
ruling an
d opposition parties."

"Japan Held More Responsible For Averting World Economic Crisis"

An editorial in businessoriented Nihon Keizai insisted (10/5): "Japan has
bec
ome a 'problemplagued' G7 member nation.....

"The G7 nations are seriously concerned that Japan's failure to overcome its
fi
nancial crisis or to get its economy back on track will create a
simultaneous w
orldwide deflationary spiral."

X' hp x (# "Focus Will Be On Japan Problem"

Liberal Mainichi Shimbun's Wakamatsu pointed out (10/2): "There are voices
ca
lling for Japan, first and foremost, to put its economy and banking
industry in

order.... It is likely that Miyazawa will be pressured to produce extra economic stimuli, in addition to the already announced 10 trillion yen plus supplementary budget and 7 trillion yen worth of tax reductions."

Xinhua (# CHINA: "G7 Fails To Take Lead In Turmoil"

Xinhua (#Official English language China Daily commented (10/6): "Financial leaders in search of bold solutions to the global economic chaos wrapped up another weekend of talks offering little more than vague promises and conflicting ideas on what they should do next. The failure of the G7 finance ministers and central bankers to produce decisive action and present a united front against the threat of a financial meltdown slowly sank in. And jittery world markets were prepared for disappointment when they reopened yesterday. The strained relations between Washington and Tokyo also showed few signs of improvement following the high-level talks as the G7 urged Japan again to pull itself up by the bootstraps and get its ailing, debt-ridden financial sector sorted out."

HONG KONG: "Acting To Avert A World Slump"

Xinhua (#

Independent Hong Kong Standard noted in its editorial (10/5): "There is quite a bit of selfishness in the way Japan, the United States and some other developed countries look at the problem. Unless the leaders of these countries adopt a more statesmanlike approach to this global problem we shall see little headway being made.... It is only now, with the flames licking at Washington's doorstep, that this new package has been welcomed. Such obstruction by the United States and the IMF have only served to convince many Asians, rightly or wrongly, that Washington wants to impose a new form of imperialism on this region."

"Don't Get Too Excited"

The nationalistic Hong Kong Economic Times said in an editorial (10/5): "The G

7 countries, so far, have focused only on their own interests.... The Asian countries have been waiting for 15 months for Clinton's suggestion to set up emergency funds. But don't get too excited about it because such a measure is designed only for those who might be affected by the crisis, not those who have been suffering from it."

AUSTRALIA: "IMF Must Have Support"

The national business-oriented Australian Financial Review opined (10/6): "Beyond a broad pledge of intensified cooperation to keep the global economy growing, the G7's finance ministers and central bankers failed at their weekend meetings to offer anything substantially new to calm the global panic. The most effective way to contain the crisis still remains with the IMF, which holds its annual meetings today in Washington. As demonstrated by the therapy in Mexico, Thailand and South Korea, IMF-style packages can work. The IMF may have failed to anticipate much of Asia's turbulence. It may have even prescribed imperfect policy solutions. But its programs fully supported by an engaged United States and reform-minded Japan remain the best antidote to global economic instability."

"Soothing Cut From The Fed"

The national, business-oriented Australian Financial Review judged (10/1): "By cutting rates now, the Fed has signaled to the financial markets that it is ready to respond to the international financial crisis, even though domestic U.S. economic conditions still argue against any cut in rates. In doing so, the Federal Reserve has bought itself and the IMF crucial time.... In this calmer atmosphere, the G7 finance ministers, the IMF and the World Bank have a better opportunity to massage confidence, by strengthening their commitments to the un

steadiest of the Latin American dominoes."

INDONESIA: "Jakarta Should Not Copy Malaysia's Capital Controls"

An oped piece by Eddy Suparno in the leading, independent Jakarta Post held (9

/29): "It is...imperative for Indonesia to remain attractive to foreign invest

ment by not reducing economic freedoms through misguided attempts to control

international markets. It is equally important to realize that movements of ca

pital...are a reflection of a country's economic fundamentals.

In the event of

an economic upswing the amount of capital inflow

automatically increases, taki

ng advantage of a favorable 'money making'

environment. Naturally, in a downt

urn the movement of capital travels

reverse. Therefore, it would make more sen

se to overhaul the problems in a

country's fundamentals rather than go through

the pains of curbing the flow

of capital."

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MALAYSIA: "Malaysia's Earlier Call Gaining Consensus"

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The government influenced, English language New Straits Times had this editorial

(10/5): "Precious time has been wasted during the denial phase of

the West wh

en it refused to recognize that the East Asian financial turmoil

is partly due

to fundamental flaws in the international monetary system....

Clearly, the ur

gency for U.S. action in mounting reforms to the international

monetary system

is in the interest of its economy and that of other

economies. Such reforms sh

ould include mechanisms to handle international

capital flows...an efficient ex

change regime and regulated currency trading.

A restructuring of the World Ban

k and IMF is crucial to ensure their global

capitalism. The IMF, provided it i

s transparent, has a valuable role to play

in the global financial system. But

its secretive workings, including the

fact that the amount supplied to Mexico

during the peso crisis far exceeded

the amounts slowly made to East Asian count

ries, indicate its lack of

accountability. That its coffers has not not been

replenished shows how it

is very much subject to the whims and fancies of the donor countries. The reforms needed should not be indicated by the interests of the mighty few."

X' hp x (# "Urgent Need For Reforms"

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The government-influenced Business Times urged (9/23): "The major economic powers should lend more than their ears to British Prime Minister Tony Blair's call for a 12-month deadline on global financial reforms.... The longer [the rich nations] take to agree upon a way to overhaul the Bretton Woods' agreement, the harder the impact of the financial crisis will be upon businesses and economies in the West."

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X' hp x (# SINGAPORE: "Clinton's Flash Of Inspiration"

The pro-government Business Times' editorial observed (10/6): "The new U.S. proposal for a mechanism to provide emergency finance to help vulnerable nations ward off global financial contagion won predictable support from the Group of Seven (G7) leading industrialized countries. But the hard truth is that, apart from Japan's proposal for a \$30-billion fund to help Asian countries in crisis, there is really little on offer. In fact, the Japanese officials have every right to complain that America's latest flash of inspiration is similar to their own proposal a year ago which was rejected by Washington then....

"Certainly, Mr. Clinton's proposal should be given due consideration. But much water has flowed under the bridge since last September.... It is a pity the Clinton administration could not see beyond its nose 12 months ago when there was a better chance of averting a global recession."

"Japan Acts Like A Leader"

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According to the pro-government Straits Times (10/2): "Japan's plan to extend about \$30 billion in aid, mainly to Southeast Asian nations, is a reminder of the economic role which it can play to pull the region out of its crisis.... Finally

nance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's aid plan...should do much to
assuage regional
concerns.... That said, Japan must follow up on its
initiative by tackling its
domestic problems. A stricken economy prevents it
from absorbing the exports
which Asian countries desperately need to make to
sell their way out of the cri
sis. And Japan cannot grow unless it goes
ahead, among other things, with bank
ing reforms that have been hobbled by
differences between its political parties
."

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SOUTH KOREA: "Homework For G7"

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Reporter Lee Sangwon observed in moderate Hankook Ilbo (10/2): "The world
is
facing an urgent need to reorganize the global financial system currently
in pl
ace and also to restrict the flow of hedge funds.... On the issue of
hedge fun
ds...the cry for change is increasingly persuasive because many have
come to re
alize that hedge funds have to be restricted.... The United States
has been la
rgely passive in addressing this issue, understandably so because
Wall Street c
ontinues to be the home to most of these funds, and 95 percent
of their profit
s flow into the United States. It now seems Washington
understands how damagin
g these funds have been.... Will the United States
really stop being selfish a
nd rein in these hedge funds?"

X` hp x (# "U.S. Cuts Interest Rates Less Than Expected"

According to an editorial in independent DongA Ilbo (10/1): "The action
comes
across as a signal of U.S. determination that it will no longer ignore
the eco
nomic crisis facing the world, though its primary goal seems to be the
preventi
on of an economic recession in the United States. Unfortunately,
the cut was.
..probably too small to produce any real effect on the world....
A further cut
seems to be required, and it would be much better for
Washington to do so as f
ast as possible.... While the cut obviously fell
short of our expectations, it
will give us an opportunity to increase exports
and to stabilize our foreign e

xchange market."

"U.S. Rate Cut And South Korea's Reaction"

Independent Hankyoreh Shinmun told its readers (10/1): "While the U.S. rate cut is unlikely to have an enormous impact because of the meagerness of the cut, it does have significance because it signals that the United States has finally begun to address the economic issue. Its psychological impact...will not be insignificant."

THAILAND: "Only Meager Resolution In Washington Meetings"

Thongtam Natchamnong commented in popular Siam Rath (10/5), "The Washington meetings of the World Bank and IMF produced only a meager resolution. In order to solve the current economic crisis, the resolution goes, every country must stimulate its growth and create a proper financial environment. Translation: The G7 member countries need to rebuild their economic strength. In the meantime, gasping developing countries will have to find some way on their own to survive. Once the G7 have injected enough money into their economies and regained their former strength, certain benefits will then trickle down to these poorer nations."

"No Enthusiasm For Brake On Hedge Funds"

Pichian Kurathong commented in elite Matichon (10/3), "Apparently, the G7 does not seem very enthusiastic about putting the brake on hedge funds. Instead, the G7 is likely to stick to its liberalization doctrine and continue to give a free hand to these Western hedge funds to operate in and dominate emerging economies infatuated by the lure of foreign capital inflow."

"Time To Draw Up New Financial Blueprint"

The lead editorial of independent, Englishlanguage Nation maintained (10/2): "[The United States] has been forced to eat its words about transparency, govern

nance and nonstate intervention as a result of the rescue of a big hedge fund on Wall Street which has an investment exposure of more than 200 billion, larger than many Asian economies combined. The rescue was necessary because of a threat of systematic risk, the very thing that Thailand and other Asian nations have been worried about in the past 12 months. The best thing that the G7 or G22 countries...[and] members of the IMF and the World Bank can do now is to put the squeeze on Wall Street...and draw up a new blueprint for the world financial system based on the economics of trade, investment and employment."

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INDIA: "Economic Storm Watch"

The centrist Times of India told its readers in an editorial (10/5): "The U.S

. Federal Reserve's reduction of the interest rate last week has not yielded po

sitive results, and the G7 countries met last weekend to consider the steps to

stabilize the present situation.... The world has to wait for the collective w

isdom of the G7.... One hopes that in addressing the systemic problems underly

ing the current crisis, they will give due

consideration to the financial specu

lators who play havoc with national

economies based on vulnerable currencies...

. Thanks to the fact that India

did not globalize as fast as some advocated, i

t has to an extent been

protected so far from the global economic turmoil affec

ting other Asian and

Latin American countries. That might not be for long, thou

gh; the spillover

is bound to affect the Indian economy."

PAKISTAN: "Pakistan Caught In Double Bind With IMF"

The centrist News featured this oped column by Imtiaz Aziz (10/2): "The packa

ge Pakistan is currently negotiating with the IMF will not be enough to meet th

e balance of payments crisis. Even if it gets a sufficient financial cushion i

n exchange for major concessions on its nuclear program, it will be a shortterm

measure. But it will also be not a free lunch as [is] desired by the Sharif administration. It will accompany tough conditionalities. Mr Sharif [would] like to postpone the economic crisis without paying the political cost for a tough package. He may be ready to concede much on the nonproliferation agenda in the hope of...a package that will not ask for much belt-tightening by a cronycapitalism. But the possibility of such a quid pro quo was lost on May 28 when he decided to detonate. Even if it happens, what about next year?"

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

BRAZIL: "Diverging Views"

X`hp x (#Independent Jornal da Tarde's economic columnist Celso Ming emphasized (10/6): "There is a clear willingness among the great powers to help the emerging nations, especially Brazil.... But they do not know how to act. In the G7 such support is so far stuck in rhetoric. The U.S. government is clearly moving to strengthen the IMF and enlarge its functions.

"But...officials both in France and England are maneuvering to transform the EU into an alternative hegemonic nucleus. Instead of supporting the IMF, they have insisted on the need of deepening the mechanisms of bank supervision."

"Power Scheme Will Remain Unchanged"

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"Complete Irrationality"

Centerright O Estado de Sao Paulo's lead editorial said (10/2): "The financial world has yielded to the most complete irrationality. The only consensus is regarding the need to reform the system. The way it is now, the international financial system is no good. The problem is how to reform it.... The IMF has an important role to play while supervising the whole system. The best thing to do is provide the institution with tools capable of predicting crises and acting so as to prevent them from occurring."

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Centerright O Estado de Sao Paulo (9/28) said: "Just a few days before the IMF annual meeting, the major international leaders begin to realize that the industrialized economies are not immune to disasters. U.S. financial institutions have begun to suffer the same evils which up to now have been reserved for the group of the so-called emerging economies in need of emergency assistance.

If the Russian disaster produced turbulent waves, the fall of Brazil would affect even more the international economy, making irresistible the contagion of those who up to now were kept relatively immune. The Brazilian government moves with caution, but with signs of determination. It is understood that if it manages to pass this phase of difficulties, even with sacrifices, the country's international image in the international economic and political scene will be reinforced, opening the way to a new phase of growth in the future."

"Crisis Has Exploded In The U.S."

The lead editorial in independent Jornal da Tarde (9/27) said: "In addition to exploding the crisis in the very heart of the world's financial center, in Wall Street, the spectacular blast of the LTCM...has buried for ever the credibility of the ongoing systems of financial control. If it was possible for such a blast to occur under the eyes of no one less than Alan Greenspan,

without a
nyone suspecting anything before it was too late, it is because no
one is safe
under the current 'norms of financial security.' This episode
will certainly
determine the beginning of an immediate review of all rules
guiding the syste
m of international finance and a revocation of the practices
sustained by mathe
matic abstractions, which have prevailed over the more
orthodox formulas of the
recent past."

"Getting Used To The Crisis"

Independent Jornal da Tarde's economic analyst stressed (9/23): "After three
weeks of panic, there is a worrisome feeling that Brazil and the opinion
maker
s are much too accustomed to the crisis.... The responsibility to find
a solut
ion is being gradually transferred to the G7...the IMF...and the
central banks
of the superpowers.... The risk is that the federal government
[of Brazil] and
the politicians will cross their arms and put aside the tough
and inevitable d
istribution of bills to be paid."

ARGENTINA: "Swings And Roundabouts"

An editorial in the liberal, Englishlanguage Buenos Aires Herald stressed
(10/3
): The main reason for the gloom is the increasing certainty of a world
recess
ionquite apart from such major trouble spots as Japan, Russia and
Brazil, the
crisis has now reached Europe.... The figures involved are
truly terrifyingth
e crisis has cost the world some \$600 billion dollars so
far this year and the
exposure of the LTCM hedge fund now in trouble is \$200
billion, there are no le
ss than 4,000 hedge funds.... Stock exchanges seem
to have become an end in th
emselves and a veritable casino for the likes of
derivatives. Yet while such pr
oblems seem beyond the IMF or even the Federal
Reserve, imaginative solutions m
ust be available for each country's problems
on the basis of such assets as Rus
sian gold; Japanese capacity or Brazilian
privatizations."

MEXICO: "Swift Action Needed"

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"It is regrettable that industrialized nations fail to react as swiftly as necessary to the international financial situation, and also to fail to realize that a collapse in their clients would bring about market stagnation. President Clinton has realized the serious consequences of such stagnation and has demanded concrete actions. However, he is at a disadvantage because he faces an adversarial Congress that is carrying out a dirty war against the U.S. executive."

CHILE: "U.S. Role In Solving Global Crisis"

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Financial El Diario concluded (9/22): "The decisions the United States makes in the remaining months of the year will be decisive for the recovery of the global economy.... A wise, and at the same time pragmatic, decision indicates that at the Federal Reserve will have to gradually begin lowering interest rates in

November to decrease the costs of financing leading businesses in developed nations. But the role of the United States in reinvigorating and balancing the world economy does not end there. The support that the United States can provide through the IMF is also important.... The U.S. Congress must be aware that the conquest of new markets is directly linked to the healing of the most affected economies. The IMF urgently needs the resources that Washington can provide to save delicate situations such as that of Brazil."

EL SALVADOR: "Premises For Investment In Latin America"

Leading, extremely conservative El Mundo put forth this view (9/16): "Right now Latin America is experiencing a shortage of (investment) capital, and investors are demanding greater rates of return for investment in our region, due to the (possible) return of the chronic ills of our economies. This attitude is evident when investors demand of Latin American countries (rates) around 14 points above U.S. Treasury rates."

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