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Retiring State Department Spokesman Jamie Rubin

Discusses Foreign, and Family, Policy

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JAMES RUBIN, STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN: And as much as

some

days it may have not looked like it, it was a privilege

to exchange with you

difficult questions, hopefully decent answers.

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BILL PRESS, CO-HOST: He may have given his last

briefing, but he's not done

answering questions yet. Tonight, retiring State

Department Spokesman James

Rubin on Elian Gonzalez, that missing laptop and more.

ANNOUNCER: From Washington, CROSSFIRE. On the left, Bill Press. On the

right, Mary Matalin. In the CROSSFIRE, James Rubin, assistant secretary of state and state department spokesman.

PRESS: Good evening, and welcome to CROSSFIRE. The first round of friends

of Elian Gonzalez have arrived in the United States, but don't expect any thaw in

U.S. relations with Cuba. Peter Romero, acting assistant secretary of state for

Western Hemisphere affairs, said there was no interest in changing policy

towards Castro's Cuba. That's just one of the thorny policy issues James Rubin

leaves on the table as he prepares to end three-year-plus stint as public voice of

the State Department. On other fronts, the Middle East peace process is stalled,

permanent trading status for China, looks like it's Dead on arrival, violence is

erupting in Zimbabwe, and the State Department's own security is leaking like a

sieve.

And what we want to know is, why didn't he fix all those problems before

jumping ship? We're going to find out.

In the CROSSFIRE tonight, Assistant Secretary of State James Rubin.

Jamie, welcome back.

RUBIN: Thank you.

PRESS: Congratulations.

RUBIN: Thank you very much. MARY MATALIN, CO-HOST: Thank you so

much for joining us en route to your new cause, which after a month of the new

baby I think you're going to find all those crises stress release. You'll go back

and say that was a lot easier.

Well, let's take Cuba. This is still in your bailiwick, the visa issue, granted already

are six for Juan Miguel and his family, granted -- suggested that will be granted

are four more for playmates and adults. But Havana has asked for a little people's

Cuba right on the eastern shore. They want to send upwards of 20, including

psychologists, psychiatrists, a whole team of Cuban support. Is that likely to happen?

RUBIN: Well, we're handling this as responsibly as we can in this situation.

Originally, they did ask for nearly 30 visas. We thought that was excessive. We

reviewed and still are under review more than 20 of those, but we did provide

the original six. Only three of those were used, so they may use the other three.

That's who's coming to the United States now. But we're going to handle this

using our best judgment of what is a legitimate request by the lawyer and the

father for someone to spend time with. After all, they are staying in the United

States during the court proceedings.

MATALIN: And would your deliberations include consideration of Cuban

psychologist and psychiatrist, which concern Miami-Cuban

community? Their

thinking that there is reprogramming under way, and they would think, of

course, if there are Cuban psychiatrists there, that would be the point of this support system,

RUBIN: Well, we're not going to do anything that we think will allow something

like that to happen. Obviously there are a big number of visas with political

figures requested in the original tranche, and we did not approve those. They are

under review and, we're going take these visa by visa and make sure we're doing the right thing.

MATALIN: Doctors are out and political officials are out.

Now let's just ask your personal opinion, since you're almost a free bird here.

Even the vice president said he would have handled this differently. He would

have left it to the courts. He would have had the families reunite. Political opinion

-- OK, take off your diplomatic hat for a moment. Was it

necessary to provide all

of those horrific images for the country, and the Cuban community and for the world at large?

RUBIN: Well, if it wasn't necessary, it was the fault of those who wouldn't

voluntarily give him up. I mean, I watched this go on for weeks and weeks, and

I know that our officials at the highest levels wanted to avoid this, but there were

those in Miami who refused to comply with the request to give him back

voluntarily, and they put the administration in this position, and I think politically,

if I may say so, I have one more day at the State Department, so I'll make this

just a little political point, I think the overwhelming majority of the American

people understood that he needed to be with his father.

PRESS: Mr. Secretary, you're not out the door yet. You have two more days.

But still, as Mary indicated, you're freer to say what you think tonight.

I want to ask you the truth. I mean, do you agree with

Peter Romero that there

is zero interest in improving U.S. relations with Cuba?

RUBIN: The question really is what the current situation, and the current

situation is that the law of the land is the embargo, and so any real change

between the United States and Cuban would require a new law, passed by a

majority of the members of Congress and signed by the president. That's not going to happen.

PRESS: Well, isn't this though an opportunity. Wayne Smith, who used to be our

interests -- chief of the Interests Section in Havana, was quoted in "The New

York Times" yesterday morning, referring to, of course, the Elian Gonzalez

matter, saying quote: "It's the first time these two governments find themselves

on the same side of an issue. The more Cubans are seen as normal human

beings, that the father is a decent guy, public opinion will swing."

Isn't this, though, an opportunity for taking another

look and maybe changing

U.S. relations towards Cuba?

RUBIN: Well again, the reality is to change U.S.

relations toward Cuba, a new

law needs to be passed by the Congress of the United

States and signed by the

president. That's the fact situation.

PRESS: Right, right.

RUBIN: I do know that in the early part of the

administration, there was a time

when people were trying to pursue the second track of

the original Cuban

Democracy Act, but that was blown out of the water when

Castro shot down

American citizens in those planes in 1996. So I don't

see that happening.

PRESS: Well, first of all, Congress wouldn't have to act

if President Clinton had

not signed the Helms-Burton Act.

(CROSSTALK)

RUBIN: I know. That is the current situation. I just

want to point out, President

Clinton put himself in this box of needing a vote by Congress, but you mentioned

shooting down those plane, which was a horrific act.

Remember Tiananmen

Square? And we're doing deals with China. In fact, you're pushing the permanent

trading status with China. We're doing business deals with North Vietnam, with

Korea. I mean, why not Cuba, 90 miles off the coast.

Even the U.S. Chamber of

Commerce supports that. So don't you think the president and secretary of state,

Mr. Secretary, your advice to them may be, ask Congress to lift sanctions?

RUBIN: Well, I think we can all agree that Congress is not going to do that in an

election year, so I think it's really not a serious possibility. But with respect to

your question, the fact is that China and Cuba are not the same place. There is a

free market and free economic enterprises in China.

There is no such thing in

Cuba. China is a large country with a billion people.

They have an ability to

influence the sale of weaponry and the provision of

dangerous technology to

countries around the world. It's in our national

security interest to deal with

China so that they stop doing some of the things that

we've been able to stop

them doing. So that's the calculation. China is not

Cuba, as much as people want

to make it that in this argument.

MATALIN: And, Mr. Secretary, thank you for reminding

Bill what socialism and

dictatorship is.

Let's move to a crisis in your backyard. The

disappearance of a laptop computer

from the State Department with the codeword

classification, which is higher

than top secret, about which the secretary has said, "It

put our nation's secrets at

risk," and you said, "We are talking about extremely

sensitive information here."

There was a staff shake-up. Can you give us the status

of that investigation, and

the nature of the information? How much jeopardy is our

nation's secrets in?

RUBIN: Well, the short answer, Mary. is we don't know.

The investigation is going to have to determine that, but the Intelligence and Research Bureau of the State Department does deal with our most sensitive information on very sensitive subjects, and the computer that is missing from that bureau's area could, therefore, contain very, very significant information.

Right now, we are working with all the relevant agencies in the government to try to understand what the implications would be if that did fall into the wrong hands.

The investigation, as far as I know, hasn't led to one conclusion or another, whether it was stolen for the hardware, stolen for the material in the computer, or has just been missing, and so that investigation is ongoing. But Secretary Albright is, frankly, quite furious about this, and took some very stiff measures earlier in this week to make sure this kind of thing doesn't happen again.

MATALIN: And this comes on the heels of eavesdropping

device found in the

state department, the man in the tweed jacket strolling

in and taking sheaths of

classified documents six stories down from the

secretary, strolling out with

them. How does this happen in the most sensitive and

secure, ostensibly secure,

areas of our State Department?

RUBIN: Well, there is no excuse for it happening, so I

don't really want to go

into the details of each of these cases, because they're

still being investigated, but

suffice it to say that it's inexcusable, and what the

secretary's message on

Monday was that 99 percent isn't good enough when it

comes to security; 99

percent is a failing grade if 1 percent of the time

there these kinds of problems.

So she has really taken some stiff measures, shifted

responsibility from one

bureau to another, and sought to develop a new policy in

the State Department

where we're resensitizing a lot of people to the urgency

of dealing with these

issues and making sure that this kind of thing doesn't

happen again, but it's

inexcusable.

MATALIN: One final question on this, because the former assistant secretary of

the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, who was in charge of this, says that the

reason they couldn't do their job as well as they could have is because of neglect

and the secretary and her top aides ignoring that office.

RUBIN: Right. That's a very specious argument. What she said was that we

didn't care enough about filling the bureau with more intelligence analysts. But

whether the bureau has three analysts or 300 analysts, the security for that work

has to be the same. So whether it's a small bureau of intelligence and research, it

needs to have proper security. Whether it's a big bureau, it needs to have proper security.

PRESS: Mr. Secretary, I don't want to beat Cuba to death, but I just wanted to

point out to you, having visited there, that Germans, Canadians, Spain, Mexico,

they're all doing business deals in Cuba. The United States is about the only nation other than Israel that's not.

RUBIN: But Secretary Albright has, within the bounds of the law, taken a number of steps over the last several years and worked with the president to allow increased remittances, increased travel through air travel, allowed different cities in the United States to travel back and forth.

So within the confines of the embargo, we've encouraged people- to-people exchanges because we want the people in Cuba to be separated from the government that has done so much damage.

PRESS: Let's move on quickly, if I can, to the Middle East.

RUBIN: Yes.

PRESS: President Arafat was here last week meeting with President Clinton.

This situation where the talks with Syria collapsed, the talks between Israel and

Palestine seem to be stalled again -- the deadline is coming up, September 13 for these two sides getting together -- realistically there's no way they're going to meet that deadline, is there?

RUBIN: Well, let me say this: One of the regrets I have in leaving government is that I won't be here if that event happens, and I bet it does happen. If I had to bet, I will bet that something does happen on the Palestinian track during this administration.

I'll tell you why: Having left Washington, Prime Minister Barak and Chairman Arafat talked to the president and the secretary in a new and invigorated way, not only about what they need for an agreement, but also about what they understand the other guy needs for an agreement. And when you get to that stage where the leaders are starting to work on the other guy's needs is when you begin to get optimistic.

In the next six to eight weeks is going to be a decisive

period. Secretary Albright

will probably be traveling there very, very soon, and
will make a judgment as to
whether she recommends a summit with the president.

PRESS: Last year,

Chairman Arafat delayed for one year announcing --
unilaterally announcing a

Palestinian state because the talks had not -- had not
succeeded. If things aren't
in place by September 13, wouldn't you agree he has no
other option but to
declare unilaterally a Palestinian state?

RUBIN: Well, it's not very useful for me to predict
failure. I'm telling you that we
are going to do our best to try to make this happen from
now and until
September, and we're not going to speculate on what
would happen after that.

We have many months to do so. I know Secretary Albright
and I know the
president are determined to do everything they can. And
the next six to eight
weeks should be decisive on this subject.

MATALIN: Well, all right. Few secretaries of state have

been as close to their

top aides as our current one has with our guest tonight.

When we come back,

we'll ask him what he thinks her legacy will be.

Stay with us on CROSSFIRE.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

MATALIN: Welcome back to CROSSFIRE. Secretary of State

Madeleine

Albright loses her longtime confidant and chief

articulator as crises brew around

the world and in her own shop. As the Clinton

administration winds down, what

challenges lie ahead and what mark did his boss leave

behind in the foreign policy

arena?

We ask departing but surely not soon-forgotten

globe-trotting new father, Jamie

Rubin -- Bill.

PRESS: Mr. Secretary, the White House says that the No.

1 foreign policy goal

right now is permanent normal trading status for China:

47 out of 50 governors

support it. The president can't even get the support of the members of his own party in the Congress. Isn't that a humiliation for the White House?

RUBIN: No. The fact is the question is whether the Congress will approve this legislation, not whether all Democrats agree with the president. The president has taken a leadership role in recognizing that this is good trade economics for the United States, and more importantly, this is a national security issue. If we lose this vote and we turn our backs on the Chinese, we face an increased danger in the future.

PRESS: Another hot spot: You said today that the greatest challenge of your time in the State Department was dealing in Kosovo. Now, we have a situation where Serbs aren't killing Albanians, Albanians are killing Serbs. Looking back, was it worth it? Is it going to work?

RUBIN: Absolutely. If the United States had not taken the decisions that we had

taken, you would have seen a million people kicked out of their homes in refugee camp, hundreds of thousands potentially killed over the years.

Right now, we're talking about low-level violence. We're talking about a situation where Kosovo is secure, where institutions are starting to build.

We didn't think -- at least the administration didn't think -- that overnight Kosovo was going to turn into Switzerland. This is a difficult place, it's a difficult part of the world, and we have to have the patience to stick it through. And that's what we're going to do.

MATALIN: All right. As you're leaving, the administration winds down, there was just one of those long thumb-sucking pieces in The Washington Post, where many shots, some of them cheap, I thought, were taken at your boss. The text of the piece was that maybe she hadn't measured up to what our perhaps excessive expectations for the first female secretary of

state.

One of her previous employers, the former dean of the Georgetown School of

Foreign Policy, said, for instance -- this is Dean Krogh -- "I don't think she's

been very effective. I began to lose my way with her when she began to lecture the world."

This is a thing I like about Mr. Clinton's secretary of state, that she believes in

the supremacy of the United States and that our values are transcendent. So

would you please respond to the dean, tell him he's wrong on that one?

RUBIN: Yes, absolutely. That was one of the more silly statements I've ever

heard. The United States is a unique country in the world. We do have unique

values and unique power, and we use that power to the good.

And when the secretary of state goes to Central Asia, as she did last week, and

stands up for democracy -- she told me in one of the

meetings she was with the

democratic activists, they said her coming to visit them

in a private meeting in

the former Soviet Union was like a visit from the pope,

because they recognize

that her speaking out for human rights and democracy is

something they believe

in very, very strongly, whether Mr. Krogh has the sense

to understand that or

not.

MATALIN: What about another former employee of the

secretary's, Carter's

national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, said

that he senses there's no clear

foreign policy vision in this administration in which

she is the head of?

RUBIN: Well, I think there is a clear vision, and that

is that we are working to try

to increase the acceptance around the world of the basic

values we believe in:

nonproliferation, preventing dangerous weapons, stopping

terrorism, getting free

markets and getting democratic values spread around the

world. And with each

year that the Clinton administration has been in office,

there are more countries

that are in that fold. That's the vision. That's the

success.

And Dr. Brzezinski, who was a professor of mine, gets a

failing grade on that

comment.

(LAUGHTER)

PRESS: Now this is building up to the big issue now. The

really big issue, as we

get down to the end of this show, is that Prime Minister

Tony Blair is under fire

from his wife, who's asking him that -- almost demanding

-- that he take paternal

leave when their next baby is born, to be there with the

baby. Do you have any

advise for Tony Blair?

RUBIN: Well, you know, I'm going to be a citizen of Tony

Blair's England...

PRESS: That's why I'm asking.

RUBIN: ... very, very soon.

PRESS: And a new father.

RUBIN: So let me say this: In my family, the right choice was to help my wife be able to return to work quicker by going and living with her in London. That's what I've chosen to do.

MATALIN: Well, and Mr. Secretary, today you held your last conference, and you waffled miserably on one question, a critical question. We're going to give you one more chance to answer it right. Let's look at the question now.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR, CNN CORRESPONDENT/WIFE OF JAMES

RUBIN: Much has been made, Mr. Rubin, of you leaving in order to spend more time with your wife and child, and indeed to become Mr. Mom. So what I want to know is how you can assure an understandably skeptical son about your commitment to one day change a diaper?

(LAUGHTER)

(END VIDEO CLIP)

PRESS: I recognize that voice. It's too bad that...

MATALIN: Could you identify that reporter, please, and

your answer?

RUBIN: Well, that was the first time my wife has ever

entered the State

Department briefing room. That was my wife, CNN's very

own Christiane

Amanpour. And my answer was true State Department style:

When necessary

and appropriate, I will do so.

(LAUGHTER)

PRESS: And you think you're going to get away with that

answer?

RUBIN: Well, we'll see.

PRESS: How old is your son?

RUBIN: One month this week.

PRESS: You haven't changed a diaper yet?

RUBIN: Do you have any more foreign policy questions for

me?

(LAUGHTER)

PRESS: No, but I have two sons and I've changed a lot of

diapers.

(LAUGHTER)

Jamie, it's not as hard as it looks, OK. You want me to

give you a little lesson in

it?

Good to be with you, Mr. Secretary.

RUBIN: Thank you very much.

PRESS: Thanks for a good...

RUBIN: Really appreciate it.

PRESS: ... tenure there at the State Department. We're

going to look forward to

having you back with your new hat on.

RUBIN: Terrific. Thank you.

MATALIN: Good luck, dad.

RUBIN: Thank you, Mary.

MATALIN: Appreciate it as always.

PRESS: And Mary and I will have some choice closing

comments on the

secretary coming up.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

PRESS: Mary, I have to say I think Jamie Rubin has done

a great job, but this

administration is so dead wrong about sanctions in Cuba.

This is an open

economy down there. People are now spending dollars down

there, everybody

but U.S. businessmen. We're just hurting ourselves. It's

crazy.

MATALIN: They're socialists. I could not agree more with

Jamie. He has done a

great job. You are so wrong. But despite his doing a

great job, and what I love

about Madeleine Albright -- understanding supremacy of
the United States

values, and speaking out loudly, proudly and often about
them -- is why the

foreign policy power has shifted back to this White
House, and really under

Sandy Berger: because this administration doesn't share
those values.

PRESS: I think this administration has done a good job
on foreign policy, and

foreign policy, being so important, by the way, is why
we don't need somebody

as president who needs on-the-job training when it comes
to foreign policy.

Mary, going to Mexico for a couple of burritos and a
beer is not foreign policy.

MATALIN: That is so cheap.

PRESS: That's all George Bush has.

MATALIN: And if you think this whole campaign is going
to be about tearing

him down, have at it, because you're going to lose.

That's not what people want.

PRESS: It's going to be about pointing out the facts...

MATALIN: It's not what they want.

PRESS: ... and the lack of experience.

MATALIN: He's building people up, you're tearing people
down. Let me build

you up and congratulate you for changing diapers, Bill

Press, the only good thing

I would say about you.

PRESS: All right. From the left -- I've changed enough
in my lifetime -- I'm Bill

Press. Good night for CROSSFIRE.

MATALIN: And from the right, I'm Mary Matalin. Join us
again for more

editions of CROSSFIRE.

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Tenors 3, Music 2

The Three Tenors, a very popular form of stadium entertainment involving the amplification of the male voice, came to MCI Center last night, the second stop on their 10th-anniversary world-saturation tour. If ticket sales didn't completely tank--the house looked about two-thirds full--they certainly dipped, and the big news of the Washington performance is that perhaps this franchise is no longer golden.

The tenors themselves, Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras, sounded just about as good as one can expect from men their age. Domingo was in very fine voice; Pavarotti was a bit pinched but marshaled

his resources carefully and brought down the house with his signature aria, Puccini's "Nessun dorma"; and Carreras, whose voice never completely came back after his bout with leukemia in the 1980s, sang several popular songs with more than a hint of the golden tone he once had. And, except for one peevish man who shouted something about the lights, everything ran smoothly--amplification, illumination, entrances and exits--all of it orchestrated down to the last detail.

But it was an act of mercy to darken the house before the tenors took the stage. No point in making the audience realize what the show's mercenary impresario, Tibor Rudas, must be wondering right now: Why don't more Washingtonians love the Three Tenors at the \$600 price point?

Thousands of seats remained empty, especially in the expensive rows closest to the stage, and the most crowded part of the stadium was behind the singers, where people who could afford only 50 bucks a pop sat and watched the tenors' bald spots glisten in the dazzling light.

When Pavarotti, Domingo and Carreras first sang together in Rome in 1990, they sang for charity. They sang to welcome Carreras back after his illness and to raise money for good causes. Today they sing for money, big stinking pots of it. Nothing wrong with that, except that the unscripted good fun of the original concert has been replaced by the well-oiled-machine approach, and a lot of the charm of the Three Tenors has fizzled away.

Paradoxically, given that the Three Tenors sing in stadiums, their magic

has always been the illusion of intimacy. In the first concert, one saw three exotic beasts of the operatic jungle, three men who presumably had healthy rivalries and perhaps some real antagonisms, laugh and yuk it up onstage just like regular folks. There was, in fact, some rapprochement between Pavarotti and Domingo going on that first time around; but that drama has disappeared, and the illusion of intimacy has been replaced by the reality of cool professionalism. Today when they sing, they just stand there with smiles on their faces, interacting only minimally.

The Three Tenors formula is rigid. The singers sing in ascending order of name recognition: first Carreras, who is tolerated like a warm-up act; then Domingo, who actually delivers the artistic goods; and last Pavarotti, who walks off with all the applause. The music is carefully chosen for each of their voices, never anything too long or taxing, and, perhaps because of the acoustics, nothing that moves very quickly. There was not one good rousing cabaletta on last night's program.

Amplification is essential to the artistic product, and it reverses the usual dynamic in the reproduction of classical music. In that world, engineers try to make recordings sound like live performances; here, however, the engineers are trying to make the live performance sound more like a Three Tenors CD in your living room. The voices are boosted above the orchestra, where they float with surreal strength and clarity. Tenors and orchestras never really sound this way, but that's not the point; nobody pays to hear the orchestra (conducted last night by James Levine, and not even credited in the program).

In the first five years after the original Three Tenors concert, there were only two attempts to repeat the event, one in Monte Carlo and one in Los Angeles. Since 1996, however, there have been 19 follow-up concerts, not including last night's. The current tour will take the act to Cleveland and finally Albany, N.Y.

If they're playing Albany, Woonsocket can't be far behind. As this cultural phenomenon draws into its twilight years, it's worth looking at its long-term effects.

First, the Three Tenors sucked the life out of the classical recording industry. The financial expectations they created with their multi-million-selling discs created a black hole that finally killed off the last vestiges of socialism in the business. Before the Three Tenors, major record labels looked at profitable recordings as a way of bankrolling more adventurous fare; today, they don't record without the prospect of big profits.

Second, although their concerts may have sparked greater interest in opera, they've been anything but a force for populism in music. Ask the folks who bought the \$50 seats in the rafters. Or better yet, try to go to an opera sometime. The problem isn't a lack of audience, it's the cost and limited availability of seats. And the Three Tenors have been in the forefront of rising ticket costs.

But they do entertain people, despite the grand silliness of singing opera in an airplane hangar. Domingo was in his element last night, singing to

his part-time adopted home town with evident relish. He gave the audience a silvery and muscular account of Puccini's "E lucevan le stelle," and he alone among the three got the English diction right in the concluding medley of American show tunes.

Carreras works very hard to sound good, and he sounded more robust last night than he has in years. The top voice isn't as pretty as it once was, and he doesn't assay the repertoire he once did. But he never produced a certifiably harsh sound, despite some flagging of energy in the second half.

And then there's Pavarotti, the man who pioneered the huge outdoor singer spectacular (with Rudas's guidance). The voice is still there, a remarkable feat of preservation given his years on the operatic stage. But the wind seems to be out of his sails. Despite the rapturous audience response, despite a still glorious account of "Nessun dorma," the final telling image of the Three Tenors was Pavarotti in the concluding trio: He looked like he wanted to go home. Perhaps the man who started tenor mania has finally had enough.

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THE OPPENHEIMER REPORT

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Peru joins Cuba as one of top foes of the press

A report on freedom of the press scheduled to be unveiled today by a special

rapporteur of the 34-nation Organization of American States singles out two countries -- Cuba and Peru -- as the hemisphere's worst enemies of free expression.

Cuba's ranking as the No. 1 enemy of free speech comes as no surprise.

The Cuban Constitution says the media are property of the state and cannot be used ``against the Cuban people's decision to build socialism and communism." Criticism of Cuba's president is punished with long prison sentences.

But Peru's status as the hemisphere's No. 2 repressor of free speech is a relatively new phenomenon. Unlike Cuba, Peru is a democracy where opposition parties are legal.

The OAS special rapporteur for freedom of expression is Santiago A. Canton, and his semi-independent office is proving to have more stamina than the often sleepy organization to which it belongs. In his annual report to be

presented today, he lists Peru as a country where ``freedom of expression is seriously limited."

``The special rapporteur finds that, in Peru, there are no basic guarantees for the full exercise of freedom of expression," the report says. ``There is a systematic plan of harassment on the part of [government] intelligence services and security forces, which has gone from threats and smear campaigns to acts that amount to serious violations of human rights. To this

systematic plan, one must add the passive attitude of the justice system, which does not investigate in a serious and effective manner the abuses and crimes against journalists."

It cites cases such as the daily La Republica, whose publisher, Gustavo Mohme, died of a heart attack last month. The report says he had received repeated death threats and had been the target of smear campaigns by pro-government media. It also cites the case of Baruch Ivcher, the former owner of Channel 2, who was stripped of his TV station in a highly suspicious business maneuver.

The report also cites concern about the deaths of half a dozen journalists in Colombia, an obsolete state security law in Chile and a law that requires

journalists to have professional registration cards in the Dominican Republic. In addition, it raises questions about Venezuela's new constitution, which proclaims the right to ``truthful and impartial information," a potential license to censor for the country's rulers.

On the positive side, it mentions progress in Panama, where the government scrapped defamation ``gag" laws, and in Argentina, where Congress is

considering changing an outdated libel law.

Is the report fair? Its findings generally coincide with those of nongovernmental groups like the Inter-American Press Association and the Committee to Protect Journalists. The CPJ put out a list this month of the world's 10 worst enemies of the press, which included Cuba's Fidel Castro and Peru's Alberto Fujimori.

If it had covered the first months of this year, the OAS report might have paid a little more attention to Venezuela, where two prominent journalists -- Teodoro Petkoff, former publisher of El Mundo, and Napoleon Bravo, of the 24 Horas TV news show -- have accused President Hugo Chavez of pressuring their bosses to fire them.

But the consensus among U.S.-based press watchdog groups is that the OAS report is on target. Considering that it comes from a multinational organization where governments often block critical reports, its findings are pretty candid.

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I am tired of the main stream media protecting you from your real agenda which you and I know, is leading America into socialism. America will never be the same as long as you and that village loving wife of yours are in politics. If there is a god in heaven the both of you will leave government and never be heard from again. Quit trying to get the government involved in the private lives of the American people. You and I both know that guns don't kill 'People Do' and that it is our society that is endangering the lives of humanity! not guns, and what makes you think your way is the right way. Having sex with a child is not my view of a man with morals or standards that one can be proud of. Mister--- you are a PIG and your wife is a swine bastard loving criminal. Jail is to good for you both, but as life goes in America, criminals don't go to jail they just keep on, keeping on. Someday, more

than likely after your dead the truth will come out about you both, and your so called legacy will be striped from the American history books. But until then, would you please get out of the lives of the American people.

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AFRICA AND UN PEACEKEEPING: ANNAN PLEADS, 'DON'T ABANDON AFRICA'

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's plea to UN Security Council members to help prevent a failure in Sierra Leone and in Africa in general, and his

New York Times interview criticizing the United States for its alleged lack of commitment in Africa prompted fresh assessments of how to end Africa's "eternal tale of woe."

Many in Europe and Asia concluded that the UN is now routinely "disregarded by the biggest powers," and has become "increasingly helpless, ineffective, and marginalized...making it an object of ridicule and mockery."

A consensus view was that "Kofi Annan is right on one point. The delays in Africa are the fault of the governments that fail to give instructions and power to the UN."

But while most maintained that "the West has an obligation to take care of Africa," they also stressed the Africans' responsibility to end "the tolerance for the dictators and kleptocracies that are at the root of the immense suffering."

\plain\b\fs22\cf0 An Italian paper judged that Mr. Annan "promoted Great Britain...and rejected America" as "protagonists of the African drama," raising "a storm in Washington."

\plain\fs22\cf0 In Britain, while Foreign Secretary Robin Cook explained in a tabloid byliner why British forces had to go to Sierra Leone to "make a difference," London's centrist

\plain\ul\fs22\cf0 Independent

\plain\fs22\cf0 asked for more "candor" from Whitehall.

\plain\b\fs22\cf0 Pretoria's

\plain\ul\b\fs22\cf0 Sunday Independent

\plain\b\fs22\cf0 noted President Thabo's "reticence" on foreign policy and judged that he is visiting the U.S. and Britain just as his "African Renaissance" is being "severely challenged"

\plain\fs22\cf0 by "anarchy...famine and war" throughout the continent.

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\par\pard\li720\fi0\ri0\sl240\sb0\sa0\par\pard\li720\fi0\ri0\sl240\sb0\sa0\plain\b\fs22\cf0 A handful of editorialists from East Asia and Germany cautiously applauded Friday's cease-fire agreement between the Indonesian government and Aceh separatist rebels

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\plain\fs22\cf0 The top-circulation

\plain\ul\fs22\cf0 Bangkok Post

\plain\fs22\cf0 observed optimistically that "the fact that they are talking constructively, have been able to reach one agreement and have set excellent guidelines to retain the truce augurs well for the future." Nevertheless, several papers were quick to argue that "the foundation for dialogue between Jakarta and the rebels is still fragile" and that "politically, the government and the Free Aceh movement remain as far apart as ever."

\plain\b\fs22\cf0 Indonesian media offered mixed views on the accord. Leading, independent

\plain\ul\b\fs22\cf0 Kompas

\plain\b\fs22\cf0 found it "worrisome" on two counts: the deal "could be perceived as Indonesian recognition of a Free Aceh (GAM) administration in exile" and "could pave the way for international interference."

\plain\fs22\cf0 Independent

\plain\ul\fs22\cf0 Berita Buana

\plain\fs22\cf0 also voiced some reservations, holding that "the agreement is not a guarantee to end bloodshed" since "the guerrillas...still insist on freedom."

\plain\b\fs22\cf0 Independent

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\plain\ul\b\fs22\cf0 Tempo

\plain\b\fs22\cf0 was more upbeat, declaring that "an internationally monitored cease-fire would make it more difficult for adventurers in both GAM and the Indonesian government to shed blood."

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SOUTH AFRICA: "Mbeki To Washington Under Shadow Of Failed 'African Renaissance'"

The independent

Sunday Independent

held (5/14), "Thabo Mbeki finally came out of the closet of inner-circle advisers in which he has taken refuge for much of his first year in office and started to interact with the population at large. His address to the nation on Zimbabwe...came as a huge relief--even if it was too late to reverse sliding currency markets.... As Mbeki sets off for a crucially important visit to Britain and the United States on Tuesday, there is no doubt that he is largely self-created crisis around HIV/AIDS policy and his reticence to reaffirm the vital political principles that Robert Mugabe has so cynically flouted, have damaged his image in the West. It is true that Strobe Talbott, the U.S. deputy secretary of state, gave the Clinton administration's full backing to Mbeki's quiet diplomacy in Zimbabwe and reaffirmed the healthy state of bilateral relations. South Africa under Mbeki remains the pivot of America's Africa policy and the revived interest that the continent is enjoying in the U.S. But the backdrop is not very promising. Mbeki's African renaissance, the philosophical underpinning of his administration, is severely challenged by the lawless situation in Zimbabwe, threatening anarchy in Sierra Leone, a dangerous and escalating conflict in the Great Lakes and famine and war in the Horn of Africa."

BRITAIN: "No Need For Such Lack Of Candor"

The centrist

Independent

said in its lead editorial (5/15): "What has happened over the past week is not mission creep, but a change in policy. It is not a case of Britain being sucked inexorably into the conflict without meaning to be... but of the government's policy shifting, without any change being announced. There is absolutely no need for such lack of candor. The government is doing the right thing and should be open and honest about its objectives, as well as about the limitations of British engagement and the risks to British forces.... The government should say, therefore, that Britain has an obligation to do what it can, but that it cannot do everything. We cannot fight the civil war on behalf of the democratic forces in Sierra Leone."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Sun

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 had this op-ed byliner (5/15) by British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook: "It has never been the British way to regard the world as none of our business. It is in Britain's interests to work for peace and stability wherever we can. Instability on the other side of the world can lead to fewer jobs in our factories, more drugs on our streets and more asylum seekers at our door. It is in our long-term interest to tackle instability and stand up for order where we can. We cannot solve all the world's problems, but we will do what we can to make a difference. We should all be proud of the difference British troops are making in Sierra Leone."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Frankfurter Rundschau

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/15) opined: "Again, the United Nations turned out to be too hesitant. The warriors at the Horn of Africa continued their arms build-up in the shadow of the peace efforts of the OAU and the UN, and now--on time for the elections in Ethiopia--Addis Ababa again gave the order to shoot in the absurd border conflict with Eritrea. And what does the brave Security Council do in view of this brazenness in a region in which millions of people are starving? It is threatening an arms embargo instead of imposing it right from the onset without any early warning. A resolution on arms shipments that is as soft as wax already exists. But it was undermined by those who also sit at the table of the Security Council: Russia and

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. But not only these two honorable co-guardians of global security have profited from war businesses at the Horn of Africa. Ukraine, Bulgaria, and Israel were also involved in this bonanza. The United States, in turn, allowed its trouble shooter Richard Holbrooke to condemn this nonsense and the stupidity of this African war. But Washington--and this is cynical realpolitik--still considers Ethiopia's Premier Meles Zenawi a 'factor of stability' in the region. "Does a bad belligerent Africa exist? Yes, it does. But there are also hypocrites and even war profiteers outside of Africa. No wonder that the United Nations does not enjoy any respect. It is not only the UN Blue Helmets who fail due to their miserable morale and poor equipment in Sierra Leone. It is mainly the politicians of the UN member states who fail but who alone could give the global organization something like a backbone."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Die Welt \plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 of Berlin (5/15): "The United Nations declared this year of all years the 'Year of Africa.' This is really a sad joke. In addition to the main problems that dominate the headlines, there are still a number of permanent wars in Africa.... In the long run, only the Africans themselves can settle African conflicts and African crises. In no other continent, is AIDS ravaging to such a degree as in Africa. But instead of teaching its peoples, i.e., its male population, to change radically their sexual behavior, South Africa finances conferences where experts from all over the world are discussing whether AIDS really has to do with the HIV virus. Instead of telling their Nomads that the times are over when they were allowed to roam freely the region and that they should cultivate vegetables and grain to prevent hunger in periods of drought, the Ethiopian government is accusing the (Western) helpers of having reacted too late to the looming crises, while, at the same time, its trucks loaded with guns, are rolling north. It is not only presidents like Zimbabwean Mugabe and Congolese leader Kabila or rebel leaders like Sierra Leone's militia leader Sankoh and Angolan Savimbi who allow their countries to go to wreck and ruin. ... But Africa is also poor and underdeveloped, because its elites continue to enrich themselves recklessly...[and] do not cooperate effectively on the regional level, but continue to stick to a nationalistic thinking, and because universally valid, democratic fundamental principles are still ignored in the majority of [African] countries. There is a common voice of outraged African countries that reject any teachings from the West saying that they are searching for African solutions to achieve an 'African renaissance.' This sounds nice, but it is nowhere in sight at the moment."

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Absent In Africa'

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Caretto said centrist, top-circulation

\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Corriere della Sera

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/14): "Kofi Annan gave political

\par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \tx0 \tx720 \tx1440 \tx2160 \tx2880 \tx3600 \tx4320 \tx5040 \plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 votes to the protagonists of the African drama in an interview with the

\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 New York Times

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 . Very frankly, he promoted Great Britain...and rejected America.... The interview raised a storm in Washington: The State Department replied that the United States 'is discussing how best to help the United Nations.'"

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 La Stampa

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/14): "Kofi Annan is right on one point. The delays in Africa are the fault of the governments that fail to give instructions and power to the United Nations.... The West is becoming the scapegoat in Africa because it does not have the courage to tell the Black Continent a truth that the latter does not want to hear.... The West has an obligation to take care of Africa, erasing debts and aiding those in need, but it is the African countries that have to learn how to deal with the emergencies and draw a lesson from them... .. It is necessary to stop the endless colonialism that has turned the Africans into the eternal creditors claiming rights.... Ethiopia is one of the poorest nations in the world, but also the nation that possesses weapons that are among the most modern and sophisticated--weapons that it buys from Russia with the money coming from humanitarian aid, as happened during the Menghistu dictatorship. The twilight of Communist revolutions gives birth to monsters, as can be seen in the Balkans and in Russia. In Africa it gives birth to hunger, poverty and Chechnya-style wars."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Trybuna

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/15): "An unprecedented thing happened: some 500 UN officials in Sierra Leone, most of them peacekeepers, were captured by rebels there.... UN Secretary General Kofi Annan proved helpless, only reiterating his appeals for international assistance i.e. sending fast reaction forces to Sierra Leone.... The whole matter, which has continued for more than a week before the eyes of the world, compromises the United Nations--but most of all, it compromises its strongest and most affluent members.... Since the NATO operation in Y

ugoslavia, conducted without a UN mandate, we have been witnessing the increasing incapacity of this biggest international agency. Disregarded by the biggest powers, the UN faces the increasingly deep financial crisis resulting not only from fund squandering practices but also from the fact that many members--including the United States, the biggest debtor--do not pay fees due. The United Nations is becoming increasingly helpless, ineffective, and marginalized, with its recent powerless behavior making it an object of ridicule and mockery."

PORTUGAL: "Don't Abandon Africa"

Editor-in-chief Mario Bettencourt Resendes contended in center-left

Diário de Notícias

(5/15): "The dramatic appeal made this week by Kofi Annan at the United Nations--'Don't abandon Sierra Leone'--could well serve for the whole African continent.... Africa is more and more becoming a special reserve of suffering humanity. And this is so much more dramatic as public opinion in developed societies tend to banalize the cataract of images that arrive, every day, from these stages of pain.... The developed world cannot turn away from the obligations it has to the Africans, which derive from historic responsibilities. But there should be no illusions: There are no assistance and cooperation programs, no matter how many millions involved, capable of turning around the African tragedy while corrupt and unscrupulous cliques plunder the immense riches of the Dark Continent for their own private gain. The key to the problem, therefore, lies in ending the tolerance for the dictators and kleptocracies that are at the root of the immense suffering of many millions of Africans."

TURKEY: "A Very Bad Fate"

Zafer Atay wrote in economical/political

Dunya

(5/15): "The African continent became a news story for the world only because there are massacres and people dying of hunger.... The clashes in Sierra Leone do not stem from demands for democracy or from ideological differences. The leaders of Sierra Leone are fighting for a share of the diamond mines. Rebellion leader Sankoh now controls the mines, and the other side is only after them.... Who is to blame? Firstly, it would be the United Kingdom, which exploited the country's richness for centuries. Secondly, the United Nations, which failed to establish a system to ensure any protection of world peace. And of course, the Islamic Conference Organization, which does absolutely nothing for Sierra Leone--a country with a 60 percent Muslim population."

HONG KONG

NG KONG: "Mission Impossible"

The independent

South China Morning Post

noted in its editorial (5/14): "Exasperated UN Secretary General Kofi Annan can do little more than demand the immediate and unconditional release of the, mainly Zambian, peacekeepers. His words are unlikely to be heeded. Mr. Annan has already made it clear that more UN forces are needed and he concedes that a strengthened force probably needs to play a more offensive role. What is also clear is that the UN troops sent into Sierra Leone were not only too few but also ill-prepared and ill-equipped. Troops from undeveloped nations are simply not able to mount a sufficient deterrent. More UN troops are now on the way. But without the financial support of the richer nations, particularly the U.S., which refuses to meet its UN financial commitments, the international body appears to be taking part in mission impossible."

BANGLADESH: "The Sierra Leone Situation"

Conservative Bangla-language

Ittefaq

editorially comments (5/12): "the world community cannot afford to sit idle over the prevailing situation in Sierra Leone. The conflicts and bloodletting have been going on for the last eight years. What is happening there in the name of rebellion and revolution is devoid of civility.... One-party rule, military misrule, and the eight-year long civil war have ruined the country's economy. There is no sign of life in the economy or society. The UN has failed to make any progress with its peace initiative. However, it is a matter for hope that the United States has launched an initiative. Sierra Leone's neighboring nations have also launched their campaign to restore peace in the capital, Freetown. Hopefully, these moves will bring results. Let peace return to this country."

INDONESIA: 'HIGH HOPES FOR HUMANITARIAN PAUSE' IN ACEH

INDONESIA: "High Hopes For Humanitarian Pause"

Leading, independent

Kompas

held (5/15): "It is worrisome that the deal could be perceived as Indonesian recognition of a Free Aceh (GAM) administration in exile.

One must also worry that the accord could pave the way for international interference. The fact that Foreign Minister Shihab canceled plans to attend the signing indicates the government's attention to warnings and objections from numerous parties.... The continuation of the Aceh issue would not only drain the government's attention and energy, but would also create...consequences in other regions.... We are lucky the international community tends to support Indonesia's integrity."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Berita Buana

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 maintained (5/13): "The agreement is not a guarantee to end bloodshed in Aceh, at least with reference to the voice of the guerrillas.

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Tempo

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 observed (5/12): "Gus Dur's administration is right to take this question from the realm of bloody arms to the negotiating table. An internationally monitored cease-fire would make it difficult for adventurers in both GAM and the Indonesian government to shed blood in the name of Aceh nationalism or Indonesia. The cease-fire would also give both sides time to coolly ponder what they wish for the future, including new compromises between the extreme options of becoming independent or remaining an Indonesian province. Nothing is final--or eternal--in this world."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Nihon Keizai

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 argued (5/15): "Representatives of the Indonesian government and Aceh rebels have signed an agreement that will lead to their first formal cease-fire after decades of animosity and fighting in the province. Hopefully, the agreement will lead to a political settlement of the Aceh separatist and independence movement. But the foundation for dialogue between Jakarta and the rebels is still fragile. Both sides must be more prudent and conciliatory in getting the dialogue on track. First and foremost, Indonesian President Wahid must implement decentralization to dissolve the basis of animosity."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Hankook Ilbo

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/14): "A historic cease-fire agreement has been reached between the Indonesian government and Aceh rebel representatives ending, at least temporarily, 25 years of conflict. The Indonesian government has also agreed to a dialogue to determine the status of the island.... From early on, both sides expressed a strong will to come to agreement on the cease-fire.... While the first step for peace has now been taken by reaching an agreement, the fact is that both sides are still far apart over how to resolve the whole issue of independence. Indonesia is not quite ready to let go of the island, because doing that would provoke other islands."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Bangkok Post

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 commented (5/15): "Politically, the (Indonesian) government and the Free Aceh Movement remain as far apart as ever but the fact they are talking constructively, have been able to reach one agreement and have set excellent guidelines to retain the truce, augurs well for the future. Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid is giving the provinces more autonomy and a greater share of their own wealth.... Jakarta now needs to take the lead and continue the dialogue begun in Geneva to ensure a lasting peace."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Frankfurter Allgemeine

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/15): "After 30 years of dictatorship, Indonesia's immediate task is to prevent a fragmentation of the republic, which consists of more than 10,000 islands. This is how Foreign Minister Alwi Shihab put it this week.... It is now important that President Wahid--who was able to convince several Muslim countries on his many trips not to support the independence movement in Aceh--continues to

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\par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \par \pard \qc \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \plain \b \f5 \fs22 \cf0 MIDEAST PEACE: BARAK'S 'COALITION PROBLEMS' SLOW PEACE PROCESS

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\par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \plain \b \f5 \fs22 \cf0 ISRAEL: "Barak's Map, Arafat's Territory"

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Haaretz
\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/15): "Barak's interests map is still far away from Arafat's minimum demands, but ultimately, it provides a basis from which to work.

If the prime Minister is prepared for Clinton to invite him now to Camp David with Arafat, the Americans can use this map as the Israeli opening bid and construct a compromise map from it. Barak insists on continuing the bilateral negotiations and claims that it is the Arabs' turn to respond to the Israeli proposal. As far as Arafat is concerned, for him to concede one square meter in the eastern side of the Green Line is the same as Barak conceding a square meter on the western side of the Green Line. Barak can wait till he is blue in the face for a Palestinian map that will give Israel even one percent of the West Bank without receiving any compensation in Jerusalem or a political gesture toward the refugees of 1948."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Yediot

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/15): "If Barak wants to curb a decline in the diplomatic arena, he will have to demonstrate resolute...leadership on the domestic turf. In plain words, before he sits down for vital negotiations with toughened forces such as Assad and Arafat, he must make clear to Shas that were the negotiations to flounder, Shas would be held responsible for the consequences."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Hatzofe

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 : "[Barak] has turned out to be a prisoner of his own promise of a 'gratuitous pullout'--from Abu Dis.... Arafat, too, is frustrated, mainly because the Americans have been attentive to Barak's feelings and to his

coalition promises."

WEST BANK: "Palestinian Refugees Still Suffering"
Independent, moderate

Al-Quds

opined (5/15): "Today, after decades of suffering and after a long process of struggle in which our people offered many sacrifices in terms of martyrs, wounded, disabled and prisoners, the Palestinian tragedy continues while millions of Palestinian refugees are still living under very harsh conditions in the various refugee camps and the Diaspora. The solution for the Palestinian cause seems far away. Even the window of hope which was opened during the current peace process is now closing gradually because Israel continues to deny any responsibility regarding this tragedy and insists on sharing with the Palestinian people that small part of historical Palestine left after the Nakba."

EGYPT: "Barak's Coalition Problems Not Arabs' Concern"

Editor-in-chief Ibrahim Nafie declared in pro-government

Al Ahram

(5/11): "There is no longer any doubt that Israel is evading a comprehensive peace. All signs prove that the Israeli government is not in any way serious about the talks with Palestinians, with Syrians through the American mediator, or with the Lebanese through the UN. All Barak's promises about

...have vanished.... Barak's constant pretext, and those who support him outside the region, is the weakness of his coalition government.... All governments can face their domestic problems with decisiveness and clarity, not by exploiting their neighbors.... Barak's problem is not any of the Arabs' concern, and using such pretexts to obtain concessions from Syrians or Palestinians is unacceptable blackmail."

CHINA-TAIWAN: 'TURNABOUT' OR BUSINESS AS USUAL OVER TAIWAN?

CHINA: "One-China Principle Allows No Dodge"

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 People's Daily
\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (
\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Renmin Ribao
\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0) had this commentary (5/15): "China has noticed that the newly elected Taiwan leader has yet to give a comprehensive and complete response to the one-China principle which was put forth by mainland China. This indicates that he has chosen to dodge and resist the most important and crucial question of the cross-Straits relationship. The Chinese government will never make any concessions or compromise on the issue of national sovereignty and territorial integrity, and will never allow Taiwan to be separated from China."
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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 China Daily
\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 quoted an article of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), which said (5/13): "Hegemonists will not abandon their efforts to topple China's socialism. On the contrary, they try to westernize China with neo-interventionism, neo-gunboat policies and containment strategies. Separatists who seek Taiwan independence try in vain to split from the motherland by resorting to foreign support. The best way for the PLA to avert war is to be prepared for it by stressing military training and the application of high-tech in the construction of a modern army."
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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Taiwan News
\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/15): "Last Monday, the President of the United States, Bill Clinton, warned that if the American Congress did not give China permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) in the vote later this month, then tensions between China and Taiwan would escalate 'exponentially.'... It is logically ridiculous for Clinton to take Taiwan and tensions in the Taiwan Strait as an excuse in this polemic, and it is morally reprehensible as well.... Clinton's statement shows that he has little understanding of China. The White House seems to be trying to assure itself that if only it gives sufficient latitude to the despots in Beijing, then peace will be achieved in return--just as the British prime minister, Chamberlain, gave concessions to the Nazis at the Munich conference on the eve of World War II.... Using Taiwan and tensions in the Taiwan Strait as a scapegoat can at most only demonstrate that the leadership of the Clinton administration is inadequate; it will not cover up the weakness in its policy, nor deflect criticism of its shortcomings."
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LGIUM: "Turnabout Over Taiwan"

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affairs writer Francis Vanden Berghe averred in independent, Catholic
\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 De Standaard

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/15): "Last weekend, Taiwan and China astonished the world. For the first time, they asked the United States to help them improve their relations. For Beijing, that is a turnabout. It has always maintained that there is only one China: although the nationalists have built a regime of their own in Taiwan, that island is part of China. Consequently, the relations with Taipei are an internal issue in which no foreigner must intervene.... Now, however, the issue appears to be no longer so internal for Beijing--which is demonstrated by the Chinese request to the United States to play a 'helpful role'.... The turnabout may convince the Congress to give China lasting

\par \pard \li720 \fi0 \ri0 \sl240 \sb0 \sa0 \tx0 \tx720 \tx1440 \tx2160 \tx2880 \tx3600 \tx4320 \tx5040 \plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 and easier access to the American market.... Will the United States stick to its 18-year-long refusal to mediate between the two parties with both of which it wants to stay on good terms?"

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\plain \b \f5 \fs22 \cf0 "A Challenging Debate"

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Le Figaro

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (05/15): "The real question now, is what happens after the march? The United States has paid a heavy price for the freedom to bear arms. The debate is now a major political challenge, which none of the presidential candidates can afford to ignore.... But the hopes of getting tough gun legislation is very remote. In spite of what happened in Columbine, a modest bill is already facing opposition in Congress."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Frankfurter Rundschau

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 underscored (5/15): "There is some indication that the United States will realize in the 21st century that private arms build-up will

not mean greater security and that an arms register does not mean the end to freedom. At the 'Million Mom March' in Washington, the silent majority made itself heard, and it was not led by frustrated women. The bitter cultural fight for the anachronism from the founding years has now reached the mainstream--and the presidential election campaign. But this does not mean that anything will change soon. Democrat Al Gore...unlike the moms...only advocates the registration of hand guns. He does not have the courage for a political frontal attack.

Republican candidate George W. Bush, in turn, the darling and recipient of money from the gun lobby, even rejects this, but he announced to distribute gun locks for free in Texas. And in Congress, even moderate gun amendment laws have been frozen. But until this changes, the United States continues to remain the country of High Tech and High Noon."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Corriere della Sera

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/14): "Unlike other marches, this is not a show-march, a multimedia event that consumes itself. This is the beginning of a movement that some have already compared to the civil rights movement: a disarmament movement inside America, where the Constitution allows citizens to freely carry weapons, and where the victims of violence number over 20,000 per year."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 La Stampa

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/15): "The moms who came to Washington yesterday to say 'enough' and to flex muscles vis-\e0-vis the powerful National Rifle Association were certainly two hundred thousand and perhaps even half a million.... It is too early to say whether the Million Mom March will really mark a turning point in the culture of guns in America. The real impact of this event will be felt only in the November elections. But certainly a display of strength of these dimensions against guns is unprecedented."

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Thank you Walter,
Gerry Levin, and all the people at Time. Tonight, Time has paid
tribute to the time it not only observed but helped to create -- the

stunning years your founder, Henry Luce, so unforgettably called the American Century.

To me, one man above all others is the personification of our American century: Franklin Delano Roosevelt. (Applause.) Now, that choice might have pained Henry Luce, but surely he would not be surprised. The story of this century we're about to leave is really many stories -- of the ascendance of science and technology; the rise of big government and mass media; the movements for equality for women and racial minorities; the dynamic growth and disruptive force of the Industrial Age.

But when our children's children look back, they will see that above all else, the story of the 20th century is the story of the triumph of freedom. Freedom, the victory of democracy over totalitarianism, of free enterprise over state socialism, of tolerance over bigotry and ignorance. The advance of freedom has made this the American century; for in this century, America has made freedom ring. The embodiment of the triumph, the driving force behind it, was Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Today, with the happy outcome known to all, it is tempting to look back and say the victory was assured, inevitable -- but it wasn't. In the face of the 20th century's greatest crisis, decisively, irrevocably, President Roosevelt committed America to freedom's fight. Because of that commitment and its embrace by every American leader since, today we can say, for the very first time in all of human

history, a majority of the world's people live under governments of their own choosing in freedom.

Winston Churchill said that Franklin Roosevelt's life was "one of the commanding events in human history." He was born to privilege, but he understood the aspirations of farmers and factory workers and forgotten Americans. My grandfather came from a little town of about 50 people. He had a 4th grade education. He believed Franklin Roosevelt was his friend, a man who cared about him and his family and his child's future. Polio put him in a wheelchair, but he lifted our troubled nation to its feet and he got us moving again.

He was a patrician who happily addressed the Daughters of the American Revolution as, "my fellow immigrants." He was a master politician, a magnificent Commander-in-Chief. Yes, his life had its fair share of disappointments and failures, but they never broke his spirit or his faith in God or his people. Because he always rose to the occasion, so did we. FDR was guided not by the iron dictates of ideology, but by the pragmatism by what he called bold persistent experimentation. If one thing doesn't work, he said, try another thing; but above all, try something. It drove his critics crazy, but it worked.

He brought joy and nobility to public service as he completed the mission of his kinsman, Theodore Roosevelt, forging a progressive government for the Industrial Age, taming the savage cycle of boom and bust, giving our citizens the economic security and the skills they

needed to build the great American middle class.

In our century's struggle for freedom, President Roosevelt won two great victories.

By confronting the gravest threat capitalism had ever faced -- the Great Depression -- he strengthened economic liberty for all time, teaching us that free markets require effective government, one in which individual initiative and the call of community are not at odds, but instead are woven together in one seamless social fabric.

By confronting and defeating the gravest threat to personal and political liberty the world has ever faced, he forever committed America to the front lines of the struggle for freedom. He taught us that even the expanses of two great oceans could not shield America from danger or absolve America from responsibility. He taught us that our destiny, forever, is linked to the destiny of the world, that our freedom requires us to support freedom for all others, that humanity's cause must be America's cause.

Now we know what came of Roosevelt and his generation's "rendezvous with destiny." What will come of ours? To this generation of the millennium, in President Roosevelt's words, "much has been given" and "much is asked."

When Roosevelt ran for President in 1932, he said, "new times demand new responses from government." He saved capitalism from its

own excesses, so it could again be a force for progress and freedom.

Now we work to modernize government, saving it from its excess of debt, so that again it is a force for progress and freedom in a new era.

As Roosevelt gave Americans security in the Industrial Age, now we work to give Americans opportunity in the Information Age. As Roosevelt asked us to meet the crushing burden of the Depression with bold persistent experimentation, now we must bring the same attitude to the challenges and unrivaled opportunities of this era to our schools, our streets, our poorest neighborhoods, to the fight against disease, the exploration of space, the preservation of the environment.

As Roosevelt established that security and opportunity for ordinary Americans required our leadership and cooperation with like-minded people throughout the world, now we must commit ourselves to the common struggle against new threats to the security and prosperity of ordinary people everywhere. For even more than in President Roosevelt's time, our prospects are bound to the world's progress.

Like FDR, we look around us and see a world that is not yet fully free. The advance of democracy has been steady, but it isn't irreversible.

For our generation, what does freedom mean? Well, at least the

long, delayed achievement of President Roosevelt's dream of a Europe undivided, democratic and at peace for the first time in history.

What does "freedom from fear" mean? Well, at least, freedom for our children from the worry of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

What does "freedom from fear" or "freedom from want" mean? Well, at least, for the world, a fair chance for people in every land to develop their minds, find reward in honest labor, and raise their children in peace according to the dictates of their conscience.

America must work to secure this kind of freedom with our allies and friends whenever possible, alone if absolutely necessary. We work today through the United Nations, which FDR helped to create and which he named. I salute Secretary General Kofi Annan tonight for what he has done. (Applause). Bearing an unequivocal message from the international community, backed by the credible threat of force, the Secretary General obtained Iraq's commitment to honor United Nations' resolutions on weapons inspection. Now the Security Council clearly and unanimously has supported the agreement. Iraq must match its words and its deeds, its commitment with compliance.

In the tradition of FDR, America and its partners must make sure that happens. And in the tradition of FDR, America must support the United Nations and other institutions for global security and prosperity, and that means we ought to pay our fair share. (Applause).

In the darkest hours of the Second World War, Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed, "We have faith that future generations will know that here

in the middle of the 20th century, there came a time when men of goodwill found a way to unite and produce and fight to destroy the forces of ignorance and intolerance and slavery and war."

More than any other 20th century American, Franklin Roosevelt fulfilled the mandate of America's founders. When everything was on the line, he pledged our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honor to the preservation of liberty, the pursuit of happiness, the creation of a more perfect union.

The next century is now barely 700 days away. It will be many things new: a time of stunning leaps of science; a century of dizzying technology; a digital century; an era in which the very face of our nation will change.

Yet in all the newness, what is required of us still is to follow President Roosevelt's lead, to strengthen the bonds of our union, widen the circle of opportunity, and deepen the reach of freedom. That is the tribute we ought to pay to him. God willing, we will. And if we do, we will make the 21st century the next American century -- and the happy warrior will be smiling down on us.

Thank you and God Bless you. (Applause.)

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William F. Buckley Jr. Discusses N.Y. Senate Race and
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ROBERT NOVAK, CO-HOST: Tonight, "National Review"

founder William F.

Buckley Jr., a pioneer of the modern conservative
movement, gives his take on

the heated New York Senate race, the road to the White
House, his new book,
and more.

ANNOUNCER: From Washington, CROSSFIRE. On the left, Bill
Press; on the

right, Robert Novak. In the CROSSFIRE, syndicated
columnist William F.

Buckley Jr., founder of "The National Review" and author
of "Let Us Talk Of
Many Things."

NOVAK: Good evening, welcome to CROSSFIRE.

It was 1950 when William F. Buckley Jr. graduated with
honors from Yale. Not

your ordinary graduate. The next year he published "God
and Man at Yale," then

set about transforming a conservative remnant into a
vibrant conservative

movement, founding "The National Review" in 1955. Bill
Buckley even ran for

office once, for mayor of New York City, no less, but
mostly he needed

politicians, sometimes even the politician he liked the
most.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, "FIRING LINE")

RONALD REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: The first
time

that it was expressed was in 1932, in the charter of the
new Communist Party of

Panama that they put as one of their top objectives, the taking over of the canal.

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR., HOST: Are you saying the communists invented patriotism in Panama?

REAGAN: No, no.

BUCKLEY: Yes -- well, you really tried to say that, though.

(LAUGHTER)

(END VIDEO CLIP)

NOVAK: That exchange was from his TV program "Firing Line," on which he regrettably pulled down the curtain in December after a run of 33 years. Mr.

Buckley also announced last month that he is ending his 50-year career as a public speaker. But do not despair, Buckley's nationally syndicated column

continues, and now we have his 46th book, "Let Us Talk Of Many Things," a wonderful collection of his consistently delightful

speeches since 1950. We'll talk
about the book later.

But first, we interrogate Bill Buckley on how his fellow
Republicans are doing,
George W. Bush against Al Gore, and Rudy Giuliani
against, well, all sorts of
problems -- Bill.

BILL PRESS, CO-HOST: Mr. Buckley, welcome back to
CROSSFIRE.

BUCKLEY: Thank you, nice to see you.

PRESS: Excellent collection of speeches, encyclopedic, I
might add, as well.

BUCKLEY: I'll recite from them, if you like.

(LAUGHTER)

PRESS: I'm sure you're ready to.

Before we get into the meat of this, I'd like to ask you
to chew on something a
little more mundane.

BUCKLEY: Sure.

PRESS: As Bob mentioned, you did run for mayor of New York City, your brother was senator from New York, you know the scene better than anyone else.

Is -- wouldn't the best thing for Rudy Giuliani himself and for his party would be for Giuliani to get out of the race, like now?

BUCKLEY: Yes, I think he should get out. What is now called into question in my judgment is his judgment, is the protracted delay. The way in which he initiated the exchange with his wife has caused people to say, this guy isn't all that impressive. That's the judgment I get, and the longer he goes without doing something the likelier it is that his -- that Hillary Clinton will profit from it. So I think what he held out reputation of a decisive man who acts with a pretty sound judgment most of the time is pretty well gone now.

PRESS: Is there a lesson here on top of another scandal

that all of us can

remember not so long ago that when we are judging public officials we have to

distinguish public behavior from private behavior and consider one and not the other?

BUCKLEY: That question, of course, always comes up. One likes to think that

there is a residual anxiety by people if their leaders behave promiscuously. About

10 years ago, there was a poll and the poll said that 20 percent of Democrats

would not vote for somebody if they knew that he had, in fact, been guilty of

adultery. This came up at the time that Clinton was accused, you remember,

during the primary in New Hampshire.

Now, I think that -- I think they've become jaded on that point. But in the matter

of Giuliani, what they're staring at, I think, is less that he did it, or allegedly did

it, than that he was so insensitive as to drop news of it when his wife was

completely unprepared for it. So, that coming on top of various mistakes that he

made involving the police the last few years, and one of them he dropped, his popularity, by 11 percent. So, he's not -- he simply isn't the figure that he was a few months ago.

NOVAK: Quite apart, Mr. Buckley, from his personal peccadillos, I was present at the creation as you were in a much more intimate way in 1962 when the New York Conservative Party was formed, and it came up from just a despised little band of renegades to an active partnership with the Republican Party.

No Republican since Jacob Javitz in 1974 has been elected statewide in New York without the Conservative nomination, and the Republicans were ready to drop that partnership for a candidate who is pro-choice, pro-gay rights, on social issues indistinguishable from Mrs. Clinton. What do you make of that?

BUCKLEY: Well, I think that if in fact they went along with Giuliani under the circumstances they would really have destroy the

(UNINTELLIGIBLE), the

reason the Conservative Party was to offer some sort of
an alternative. Now,

even if it's sort of symbolic, my recommendation to
Michael Long was...

NOVAK: The chairman of the Conservative Party.

BUCKLEY: Sorry, yes -- was to find some sort of
invisible professor who is
busy with his black board and just stick his name on the
ballot so that at least the

gesture will have been made. You don't have to have
somebody who can go out

and campaign for it, because if you do that, you run the
risk of alienating the

larger constituency by being effectively pro-Hillary.

But they should have some

-- and I think they probably will, by the way.

NOVAK: But the Republicans are ready to abandon the
conservatives for Rudy

Giuliani, because they thought he was the best candidate
against Hillary. Isn't that
the truth of it?

BUCKLEY: Yes, the Conservative Party is not anxious to

do less well than it has

in the last two rather illustrious showings, so there's
a temptation that all of us

are familiar with. The same thing happened in the
Liberal Party in a different

context. But the Conservative Party, I think, will
survive the episode so long as

they say, beyond this point, we refuse to go, in this
case, partial-birth abortion.

PRESS: Let's jump to the national scene for just a
minute. These political

definitions, of course, are always relative. But during
the primary, there were

those who said that George Bush was not a true
conservative, was not

conservative enough. We heard it many times on this
program, some who feel

perhaps today that there is still no true conservative
running for president.

Is George -- does George Bush qualify in your judgment
to carry the
conservative torch?

BUCKLEY: Do you mind if I repeat the distinction I think
I made maybe on this

program?

PRESS: Please.

BUCKLEY: George Bush is conservative, but he's not a conservative. There's

that distinction. Ronald Reagan was a conservative. Jack Kemp was a

conservative, i.e. people -- Goldwater was a conservative, somebody who

fashioned their entire political career on the need to project and activate.

But the -- somebody who's just plain conservative means that he lists in the

conservative direction and I think that's true of -- not only of George W., but it's

true of the overwhelming majority of people who are in, quote, "conservative --

in the movement."

PRESS: Well, why is it, then, that he, do you believe, he seems to feel the need

to distinguish himself? You know, he's the compassionate conservative. I mean,

does he believe, does the party believe that the conservative label is no longer

politically viable in a national election?

BUCKLEY: I found it distressing when he did that,

because on the principle that

you are identifying your own singularity against of that

other Republicans, it

suggests that among other things his father wasn't

compassionate and then of

course you ask yourself, what is compassionate? I said

in my farewell speech

that the Democrats are mostly engaged in having pleasant

thoughts, and having

had a pleasant thought they want to activate it into a

political program.

Now, all of us have pleasant thoughts, but the notion

that a pleasant thought

should immediately become legislation is something that

has to be avoided and

Mr. Bush, I think, needs to take that precaution when he

reiterates, I'm a

compassionate conservative, inviting the question, you

mean Reagan was not?

Your father was not? Barry Goldwater was not? So, it

really ends up as being a

rhetoical flourish. But I think you're right to press

for meaning in it.

NOVAK: What alternative does the conservative voter have? Does he really have an alternative in our former colleague Pat Buchanan?

BUCKLEY: Well, the conservative voter, as you point out in one of your columns months ago, is distinguished by the intensity of his desire for something. I don't think that Mr. Bush, by being a, quote, "compassionate conservative," is risking defection in the sense of people who are going to vote for the Democrat.

But what you lose is the vitality factor, the enthusiasm, and that enthusiasm is I think, necessary to generate the kind of potential which he would have if he sharply, persuasively distinguished himself from the -- let me say this about him, I don't know him -- I know his father, but I don't know him. I think there's a communicable affability there. I spent a long time saying is that a grin or is that a smirk.

(LAUGHTER)

BUCKLEY: I think it's more of a grin. NOVAK: I do too?

BUCKLEY: You agree?

NOVAK: Yes, I do.

BUCKLEY: And when he says thing, you end up kind of liking him, at least I do.

I think that's a terrific asset. And up against that kind of solidity of his opponent, it's especially been transparent in the last few weeks, there has been a movement in the polls -- I hate talking about polls -- but I think that is a tremendous asset of George W. -- people like him.

NOVAK: You take Pat Buchanan seriously at all?

BUCKLEY: Well, I think it's conceivable he could affect the election. I'm told by people who study these matters that if this China vote goes in a particular way, what you might end up doing is mobilizing the Democratic dissenters who will be attracted to Pat.

NOVAK: Ralph Nader is another alternative.

BUCKLEY: Nader, yes, sure, sure. So in that sense, I think he's serious. I don't think he's any longer serious as good as (UNINTELLIGIBLE), because there's too much of a mix, too much confusion there in my judgment.

PRESS: You used the word "risk," just before we take a break, in speaking of George W. Bush. His proposal to at least partially privatize the Social Security system, is it bold, or is it risky, in your judgment, politically?

BUCKLEY: If you mentioned, Social Security, it's risky. I remember writing that Goldwater shouldn't mention the word "nuclear" except in the context of the sense that we must reject it, we must bury it. So you couldn't use the word "nuclear" in any -- Social Security has that. In that sense, it's risky.

On the other hand, it's, I think, disreputable not to recognize that as things are

now going, we, in the -- what is it? -- 2035, we
wouldn't have enough money.

One thing we do know, we can't -- we don't know how to
project consequences

and tax laws, never succeeded. We do know how many old
people there are, and

we know how many young people there are, and how many
people will be need

in order to pay the Social Security of one older person,
which is a diminishing
number.

PRESS: We're going to take a break. And when we come
back, we're going to

dive right into this new book, "Let Us Talk of Many
Things." It surprised me. It

may surprise Bill Buckley. I found one speech there I
totally agreed with. Find

out where Press and Buckley make common cause when we
come back on

CROSSFIRE.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

PRESS: Welcome back to CROSSFIRE. It's time, the walrus
said, to talk of

many things. And William F. Buckley Jr. does talk of

many things in new

collection of speeches just published and on CROSSFIRE

tonight: on politics

2000, on American foreign policy, on the war on drugs,

on privatization of

Social Security and a whole lot more. Among the leading

voice of America's

conservatives, tonight's special guest from the firing

line into the crossfire

William F. Buckley Jr.

BUCKLEY: Minor correction. The only collection of

speeches. It's not a new

collection of speeches.

PRESS: The only collection. Very good.

NOVAK: Whose idea was it?

BUCKLEY: It was the idea of the publisher.

NOVAK: That's really great. It's nice to hear. It's

delightful.

BUCKLEY: Ton of work went into it, you'd imagine.

NOVAK: let me read from the first speech -- maybe it's

the first speech you gave

-- but it was the first one in the book. Class Day,

Yale, 1950: You were

graduating. "The role of the so-called conservative is a

difficult one. A starry

eyed young man, nevertheless aggressive in his wisdom,

flaunting the badge of

custodian of the common man, approaches our neat, sturdy

white house and

tells us we must destroy it, rebuild it of crystallized

cold cream, and paint it

purple. 'But we like it the way it is,' we retort

feebly. 'Rip 'er down! This is

changing world.'"

NOVAK: Now you're talking about a liberal trying to

change down the world of

the conservatives there, but it's just the opposite,

isn't it?

BUCKLEY: It's just the opposite of when? Now you mean?

NOVAK: Yes,

BUCKLEY: Yes, I see your point. In 1950, when you were

about 3 years old, the

consensus...

NOVAK: I was a junior in college.

BUCKLEY: Well, the consensus was so solidified on the other side. We had a vote of the members of the faculty of political science at Yale when I was a junior, and are you in favor of Truman or Dewey? Answer 23 Truman, 0 Dewey. So that was their idea of a...

PRESS: Ballots.

(LAUGHTER)

BUCKLEY: So therefore, the passage that you composed took that into account.

Things have changed. The presuppositions that were accepted back then are either challenged or discarded. Nobody is really interesting about in reviving the dogmas of socialism.

NOVAK: Do you think when you were a young man then writing that and writing your book about taking -- deconstructing Yale, did you ever think, in

your wildest imagination, that you would have Ronald

Reagan as president, that

you could have some of the kind of people that there

are...

BUCKLEY: Inconceivable. It was absolutely inconceivable.

I remember Nixon

once. Actually, it the first time I met him, other than

as vice president, said to

me, "What do you think the chances of Ronald Reagan are

going any further?"

This was 1967. I said it's inconceivable. A grade B

movie. I adored him. He said

anyone who wins the gubernatorial election in California

by one million votes can

aspire to anything.

(LAUGHTER)

BUCKLEY: And later on he said, "Why do you think he's so

successful?" He's

successful because he's the only man I ever met who

doesn't care what "The

New York Times" says about him. John Mitchell said, I

don't care either, do I,

Mr. President? No, no, I don't care either.

(LAUGHTER)

BUCKLEY: But that was not predictable.

PRESS: One curiosity I have to ask you about in reading these speeches, I was

surprised that there is such -- so frequently liberals come up here and kind

words about them. You pay tribute to John Kenneth Galbraith. You pay tribute to

Albert Lowenstein. You even speak not unkindly of Arthur Schlesinger Jr. What

is this secret affection you have of liberals over the years?

BUCKLEY: Well, I think one should applaud moments of sanity wherever you

tune in on them. It happens that John Kenneth Galbraith is a magnificent human

being. I'm terribly fond of him. But I don't think that anybody would think that I

was concealing my analysis of Ken Galbraith. There is a speech in there which

makes me wince when I read out. He was coming out for the governor, and I

was coming out for Nixon in front of a huge audience.

NOVAK: There is some great debates in there, too.

PRESS: Now the point of agreement. When you're speaking to the bar

association I believe in New York, 1995, about the war on drugs -- quote -- if I

may "It is outrageous to live in a society whose laws tolerate sending young

people to prison because they grew or distributed a dozen ounces of marijuana. I

would hope that the good offices of your vital profession, the law profession,

would mobilize, at least protest such excesses of wartime zeal, the legal

equivalent of a Mylai massacre, and perhaps proceed to recommend the

legalization of the sale of most drugs, except to minors."

PRESS: I mean, I agree with you 100 percent that this war on drugs is too much

big government, too much money, and no success. Why do most conservatives

still support it?

BUCKLEY: Well because, the difficulty there is that if one suggests any revision

of the existing code, people suspect you're pro- drugs.

For a while in the '20s, if

you were in favor of repealing prohibition, you were

pro-booze. I am pro booze

by the way.

(LAUGHTER)

PRESS: That makes three of us, I think.

BUCKLEY: For that reason, the governor of New Mexico is

the only person I

think of who survives.

NOVAK: And they tried to burn him up.

BUCKLEY: And they tried to burn him up. But I think that

the point to stress is

that there are postureous (ph) victims of this. The 85

million people have

attempted illegal drugs. Do we wish 85 million people

had been in jail? The

logical situation would suggests so.

NOVAK: I would have predicted that that was the only

speech that he would

like, but anyway.

PRESS: That's a good one.

NOVAK: I think one of the most fascinating speeches was when you talked to I

believe it was Young Americans for Freedom, in 1964, and you told them

Goldwater was going to lose. What was the physical reaction when you told that?

BUCKLEY: Well, it was a closed meeting because one could anticipate the utter

and total distress. One note, one woman there cried rather publicly. The morale

of an army on the march, to quote a keen observer, is such that you simply don't

admit the possibility of defeat three weeks before the election.

And although it was obvious that Goldwater was going to be defeated, we had

even Herbert Landon thinking he was going to win in 1936 and the "Literary

Digest." So I thought it was terribly important to tell the Young Americans for

Freedom, look, anticipate what's going to happen,

because it's going to happen,
even though we don't advertise it, and we must persuade
people not to vote. So
we had to put off our victory for a while, Bill.

NOVAK: It was a great piece of grammar there.

Bill Buckley, thank you very much.

BUCKLEY: thank you so much.

NOVAK: Mr. Press and I will be back with closing
comments.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

PRESS: Tomorrow night: First he endorsed Bill Bradley,
and then he met with

George Bush. Clearly, Bob Kerrey is not leaving the U.S.
Senate quietly. Is he

trying to drive Al Gore nuts, or just trying to shake up
the Democratic Party?

We'll ask maverick Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey in the
CROSSFIRE tomorrow

night, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Eastern.

Bob, you know, this book reminds me a lost yours. It's

very well written, it's

very witty, but it's wrong on so many issues, except for
the war on drugs,
which I salute the man.

NOVAK: Bill Buckley shows in this book he's very
eloquent. He's a great writer,

but he's also something that endears him to all of us --
you wouldn't understand

it -- he was a great anti-communist, fabulous
anti-communist, one of the best.

PRESS: From the left, that's it for tonight. Good night
for CROSSFIRE. I'm Bill
Press.

NOVAK: From the right, I'm Robert Novak.

Join us again next time for another edition of
CROSSFIRE.

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A mystical interpretation of a word, passage, or text, especially
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[Late Latin anagoge, from Late Greek, spiritual uplift, from anagein, to
lift up : ana- + agein, to lead.]

"The spark of wisdom kindled by the `divine guide,' that `hidden spark
which loves to conceal itself,' turns into a large flame of cognition,
thus concluding the journey of the soul which Plotinus termed anagoge,
the ascension toward heaven, toward divinity."

Mary Ellen Waithe, Hypatia of Alexandria (book reviews), Hypatia,
Sep 22, 1995.

This week's theme: words about words.

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fear
of socialism has compelled capitalism to increase equality. -Ariel Durant

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today's papers

Sino The Times

By Eric Roston

The Washington Post and New York Times lead with Republican Congressman Rick Lazio's announcement that he will run against Hillary Clinton for New York's contested Senate seat. Mudslinging from both camps ensued. The NYT off-leads broad support among influential Chinese for their nation's entrance into the World Trade Organization. The Los Angeles Times estimates in its lead story that decreased population growth in the 1990s will prevent California from increasing its number of U.S. Representatives by more than one. The state, which currently claims 52 seats in the House, grew by 3.3 million people in the last decade, according to census estimates. After the 1980s, the state gained seven seats to represent 6.1 million new Californians.

Chinese professionals, businessmen, lawyers, and artists have rallied around the possibility of permanent normal trade relations with the United States, the NYT reports. They believe that China's admittance into the WTO would stimulate economic reforms and encourage the authorities to show greater respect for civil rights and the law. A denial would intensify the anti-Americanism that emerged last year after the U.S. bombed the Chinese embassy in Belgrade. One thing's for sure: Many Chinese find themselves agreeing with political leaders for the first time.

Drug sales in Africa make up just one percent of the world pharmaceutical market, while the U.S., Japan, and Western Europe command 80 percent, according to a NYT investigation. This consumer distribution discourages companies from producing drugs to combat tropical diseases. Novartis, for example, developed a treatment for separation anxiety in dogs; meanwhile, more than 300,000 people a year contract sleeping sickness, a protozoan carried by the tsetse fly that eventually causes hallucinations, coma, and death.

In the midst of an AIDS crisis in South Africa, Vice President Gore last year warned then-Deputy President Thabo Mbeki that importing generic drugs could put the two countries' trade relations at risk, the Post reports. A new law had allowed the import of the generics, threatening U.S. pharmaceutical companies with potentially astronomical losses. Virulent protests by AIDS activists prompted the Clinton administration to reverse its two-year campaign when Gore launched his presidential campaign last June.

Haiti goes to the polls today to elect a new bicameral parliament and local governments, though democracy there has become lost in a campaign of terror and violence, according to LAT and WP front pages. Haiti, the poorest country in the hemisphere, has had 10 governments and three coups in the last 14 years. Former President Jean-Bertrand Aristede's party is blamed for extreme violence: Targeted by death threats, Marie-Denise Claude dropped her Senate bid--before her campaign manager was killed; someone threatened her

with the fate of her father, who was "tortured, burned alive, then eaten by his enemies nearly a decade ago," the LAT reports.

National politics are not at stake, Claude said: "It's a game for the absolute control of drug trafficking."

Television networks' announcement of 27 new shows in their fall lineups provoked the ire of some minority groups, who see the one Hispanic and three black men who landed starring roles in fall series as under representing America's television audience, according to a Post front-pager. The NAACP spearheaded a protest last year when 26 new shows were introduced without a black, Latino, or Asian lead. An NAACP official did not comment, saying that the organization had yet to review the new shows.

A NYT Metro story shows how politics, patents, and profits filter down to a local level. Columbia University has tapped an alumnus in the U.S. Senate to sponsor an extension on its patent for a drug technology that brings in \$100 million a year for new research.

Critics of the provision say any such extension would inflate drug prices and that the consumers (re: taxpayers) originally funded the research in the form of a federal grant. The piece reads like a follow-up to a previous investigation

[<http://www.nytimes.com/library/national/science/health/042300hth-drugs.htm> 1].

In the Post's Outlook, Michael Dobbs takes readers on a

reporter's-eye-view tour of the 1950 No Gun Ri massacre, in which U.S. soldiers are believed to have fired on hundreds of defenseless Korean civilians. Dobbs candidly tackles questions fundamental to any reporter's daily grind: How do you evaluate sources and how do you put the pieces together when oral and written sources are untrustworthy or contradict each other?

Heh, heh, he said /kham: South Africa has a new coat of arms, complete with a motto taken from /Xam, an extinct local language of the clicking variety, the LAT reports. /Xam, critics point out, much to officials' chagrin, is a homophone of the current slang /kham, which means "to relieve oneself." This means that if you do not understand the motto on new South African seal, it's probably because it is written in "Urine."

A college professor who also works as an online journalist writes in the NYT's Money & Business section that a Gallup poll [<http://www.gallup.com/poll/releases/pr991116.asp>] released last fall ranking professions by honesty threw him into a small ethical quandary. College teacher ranked as tenth most honest out of 45, but online journalist finished 40th, between Congressmen and insurance salesmen, five pegs above the lowly car salesman. Is it ethical to hide from people that he publishes online? The short answer: People can generally be trusted not to identify each other exclusively by profession. Another option: Find a way to evaluate your career other than nationwide polls.

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in other mags

Nader's Nadir

By Jeremy Derfner

New Republic, May 29

The cover story urges Rudolph Giuliani to stay in the Senate race, arguing that his candidacy would let voters decide if infidelity really matters. No other high-profile adulterer has run again after being caught. ? An article argues that potential Giuliani replacement Rep. Rick Lazio would make a better candidate. Less polarizing than the mayor, Lazio would focus the campaign on Hillary Clinton's vulnerabilities. ? A piece traces the evolution of Ralph Nader from a reformer who tried to make the system better to an irresponsible revolutionary whose screeds against Al Gore serve no progressive purpose.

Economist, May 20; American Prospect, June 5

The Economist's cover editorial urges Congress to grant permanent normal trade status to China. It would benefit both countries economically and help curtail human rights abuses in China by westernizing it. ? American Prospect's cover story argues the exact opposite: Permanent normal trade relations won't significantly help the American economy because the Chinese market is not as strong as

advertised. And it will throw the Chinese economy into turmoil, fostering nationalistic fervor instead of liberalization.

Elsewhere in the Economist, an article claims that Yasser Arafat is plagued by the same domestic problems as Ehud Barak. His supporters want results (land and hostages), but they refuse to give concessions (also land and hostages). ? A piece says Sierra Leone remains a mess, despite the capture of brutal rebel leader Foday Sankoh. The U.N. troops stationed there have neither the mandate nor the firepower to prevent future violence, and the government is in shambles.

New York Times Magazine, May 21

The cover story marvels at the new crop of reality TV shows and Web feeds. Big Brother, which is already popular in Europe, locks 10 people in a house and films everything, while Survivor strands a group on an island. Hundreds of people broadcast their home lives over the Internet via Web cams. Conclusion: It's weird but addicting. ? An article about the United States' 50 million (!) bird-watchers notes that they outnumber fishers and hunters combined, yet have failed to spearhead a conservation movement that would save endangered bird species. ? A piece applauds the late Cardinal John O'Connor for opposing both abortion and the death penalty. Few politicians abide by this "seamless garment of life" philosophy. Bill Clinton leads the "double deathers" who support abortion and the death penalty.

The New Yorker, May 22

A long article charges that soldiers under the command of now-drug czar Gen. Barry McCaffrey slaughtered retreating Iraqi troops two days after the Gulf War cease-fire. According to Seymour Hersh, the reporter who exposed the My Lai massacre in Vietnam, dozens of veterans of the Battle of Rumaila say the 24th Infantry Division murdered Iraqis who posed no threat. Some claim that McCaffrey intentionally placed his forces in the way of retreating Iraqis.

McCaffrey is accused of telling his brigade commanders "to find a way for him to go kill all of those bastards." McCaffrey says his forces were provoked. Several veterans also assert that McCaffrey's troops killed a group of perhaps 200 Iraqi troops who had already surrendered. The Army investigated the charges after the war, but did so half-heartedly.

Time, May 22

The latest installment of Time's Visions 21 series predicts the work, war, politics, and economics of the future. Prison guards will be replaced by microscopic implants that control criminals. Socialism will stage a comeback, technology will make soldiers invisible, ads will be everywhere and you'll like them. ? A piece reports on the popularity of hacking in the Third World. ILOVEYOU came from the Philippines, and hacking communities thrive in Pakistan, Serbia, and China. Hacking is a great way to flip the bird at the first world.

Newsweek, May 22

The cover story on Parkinson's disease describes recent advances in its treatment, including better medicines and a new brain operation that controls symptoms. The most exciting technology, still in its early development, would replace dead brain cells and reverse the condition. ? Competing commentaries from Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer and Justice Department antitrust chief Joel Klein argue the cons and pros of a Microsoft breakup. ? An article predicts that George W. Bush will struggle with the gun issue during the campaign. He made his political career walking in step with the National Rifle Association, but the hundreds of thousands of moms who marched for gun control last weekend represent a critical swing vote.

U.S. News & World Report, May 22

The cover story explains why early detection of prostate cancer can make coping with the disease more difficult. Many middle-aged men are discovering they have it, but the treatment options are many and the side effects ?impotence and incontinence ?may be worse than the disease. (David Plotz wrote this "Assessment" of the prostate gland three weeks ago.) ? A piece questions the Pulitzer Prize-winning Associated Press story about the supposed massacre of North Korean civilians by American troops during the Korean War. Evidence shows that three of the 12 veterans cited in the story may not have been at the site of the alleged massacre. Five more disagree with the thesis of the article. And Edward Daily, a major source for the AP article, has a long history of fabricating his war record.

Weekly Standard, May 22

The cover story sticks up for suburban sprawl. It may cause traffic jams and social isolation, but people like it. Critics of sprawl must accept that Americans want their own suburban homes, big backyards, and two-car garages.

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e release of the 1999 Annual "Patterns Of Global Terrorism" Report this month d

rew a wide-ranging discussion in the press in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

In mixed, but mostly negative reaction, some found the document "fairl

y comprehensive" while others disagreed with its "methodology," complaining tha

t its conclusions "avoided differentiating between 'terrorism' and 'struggle'"

and put "blackmailing terrorist gangs" on equal footing with "movements motivat

ed by religious and nationalist incentives." Of primary interest was the fact

that Pakistan and Afghanistan were not formally listed as terrorist states, alt

hough the report noted an eastward shift in terrorism's center of gravity from

the Middle East to South Asia, particu

larly Afghanistan. Detractors contended that U.S. "strategic interests," parti

cularly in the building of an oil pipeline in Central Asia, played a major role

in the report's "categorization" of countries. Among the more positive assess

ments was a testimonial from a Lima daily that reported that Peru is finding wa

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istan on the Taliban's violation of women's rights, support for terrorism and p

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he U.S. State Department's aversion to reality and unwarranted prejudices...whi

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\f5 \fs22 \cf0 AFGHANISTAN: "Mrs. Albright's Utterances And Realities In Afgh

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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 opined in part (4/19): "In a statement during her current visit to Uzbekistan, Mrs. Madeleine Albright, the U.S. secretary of state, has accused the Islamic emirate of Afghanistan [IEA] of violating women's rights, supporting terrorism and the production of narcotic substances. Thus she has again provided interesting propaganda material for the mass media of the enemies of Islam and Afghanistan. Mrs. Albright's statement illustrates the U.S. State Department's av

ersion to reality and unwarranted prejudices regarding the above issues, which do not correspond with reality and the wise policies of the IEA. Which country in the world has given women their natural and spiritual rights to the extent they have been granted by the IEA? Which other part of the world has given the necessary respect to the dignity and personality of women? Are women still not used in Mrs. Albright's civilized country to satisfy the satanic desires of rich capitalists?... As far as the dig

nity and prestige of women in the United States is concerned,

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An op-ed by I.V. returnee Asadullah Ghalib in largest, mass-circulation, Urdu-language

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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/19): "When U.S. officials are asked about their proof indicating Usama Bin Laden's involvement in terrorist activities, they take refuge by saying that since the information is highly confidential it can not be disclosed. We have met several American scholars and experts that laugh at the way the United States has made UBL an issue.... The Americans have no ju

stification for the fact that they have abandoned the legacy of the Afghan Jiha
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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 held (5/5): "General Musharraf says those whom the rep
ort identifies as terrorists

are not terrorists. It is matter of definition; we do not recognize them as te
rrorists.' This is the first time the military government has come out forthri
ght on the allegations it now faces from the West about its growing involvement
with the Kashmiri militants' cause. General Musharraf's reaction to the State
Department report indicates that his government will henceforth cease to be def
ensive about events in Kashmir.... Musharraf is right. Pakistan is in no posi
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That said, it is true that political and social dissension in Pakistan, partic
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urf for us.... The world will finally force its will on Pak

istan, regardless of what the present Pakistani rulers say about terrorism in t
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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/3): "This is not to say that Pakistan should support
terrorism--far from it. After all, Pakistan has been one of the worst victims
of terrorism--not only within the domestic polity but also from across the bor
der. However, Pakistan should realize

that the publications of such reports by the United States are simply one more
instrument of implementing the U.S. global politico-strategic agenda, which pr
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as challenges to its regional agendas."

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According to an editorial in Karachi's right-wing, pro-Islamic unity, Urdu-language *Jasarat* (5/2): "The concept of Jihad, the political dominance of Islam and Muslim Ummah, is unacceptable in the United States' New World Order. Those countries and states that do not mold their policies according to the U.S. system are included in the list of terrorist states. There was a time when Yasser Arafat's PLO and Nelson Mandela's African National Congress were terrorist organizations, but after a change in U.S. policies these have become the champions of peace. Syria is still included in the list of terrorist countries but the day it enters into an agreement with Israel it will be removed from this category. There is no denying the fact that the interests of the Islamic world, especially those of poor Asian and African countries, are conflicting with the hegemonistic interests of the United States."

U.S. State Department Report: Hour Of Reflection

Second-largest, Urdu-language

Nawa-e-Waqt

told its readers (5/2): "State terrorism is the sole purpose of 700,000 troops deployed in Indian-held Kashmir.... A while ago Indian military men slaughtered people in Pakistani Kashmir and took the heads of their victims away with them.... India has indulged in terrorism all along. The U.S. State Department Report should be rejected as hostile and unfriendly. Knowing well the difference between Jihad and terrorism, the United States does not want to understand the difference. We should not be apologetic about Jihad."

Why The Accusations Against Pakistan?"

An editorial in pro-Muslim League, Urdu-language

Pakistan

stressed (5/2): "Pakistan's response to the U.S. State Department's report is right and based on truth. However, the report is a cause of concern for the Pakistani nation and government. It is right that Pakistan has been isolated due to a lack of democracy.... India has taken advantage of this situation.... The path adopted by the United States is replete with difficulties for Pakistan. We must harness these difficulties and face them; scoffing at America would not be of any use. We will have to take practical steps in order to have the Indian propaganda balloon deflated."

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An editorial in Chennai-based, independent, Tamil-language

\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Dinamani

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 said (5/5): "Pakistan, which earned condemnation by the international community in the Kargil war, has now been warned by the United States.

Though the Clinton government did not name Pakistan a 'terrorist

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\sb0 \sa0 \plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 state,' it did not hesitate to expose Pakistan abetting terrorist outfits....

The U.S. report on global terrorism openly says this. But it hesitates to include Pakistan and Afghanistan

in the list of terrorist states. Since the United States has not recognized Afghanistan regime, the question of naming it as a terrorist state doesn't arise at all.

But regarding Pakistan it has just shown its concern. Also the report says that Pakistan has been an ally for long. It looks like that Washington wants to give a chance for Pakistan

to mend itself. The Clinton government also thinks that if it names Pakistan a terrorist state, it won't have the right to question the Musharraf regime. If it is named, Pakistan will have to face so many strict sanctions. The United States wants to avoid all those things.... It is consoling that the report warns Pakistan to put an end to all terrorist activities as a prelude to start dialogue with India."

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\sb0 \sa0 \plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 An editorial in pro-Congress, Urdu-language

\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Qaumi Awaz

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 asserted (5/3): "For the first time the U.S. Department of State has openly called Pakistan and Afghanistan a major center for terrorist activities in South Asia and a sanctuary for various terrorist groups. Although the two countries have not been formally declared terrorist states, the State Department's latest report on the pattern of global terrorism clearly identifies them as the hosts of terrorist elements, including those active in Jammu and Kashmir.... Nothing is revealed in the report which India has not already brought to the attention of the international community.... The overall contents of the report vindicate India's stance on the issue and bring mental satisfaction to her people. A serious analysis will, however, show that the occurrences in Pakistan are not in the interest of the Asian region, India in particular. If Pakistan is declared a terrorist state, it will only give a more dangerous and explosive turn to the current situation.... Will push Pakistan into a serious economic crisis, giving impetus to religious extremists in Pakistan. In the context of Pakistan, India's national interests can be best served only if the latter undertakes a review of its current policy toward its neighbor. Declaring Pakistan an enemy is no solution. We should refrain from any action which may weaken the forces of reason and moderation in Pakistan."

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\sb0 \sa0 \plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 An editorial in pro-BJP, Urdu-language

\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Pratap

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 said (5/3): "There is an American pattern of raising a

ruckus from time to time about Pakistan's involvement in promoting terrorism and fundamentalism, which is then followed by some kinds of threats and warnings of dire consequences. Without exception, these warnings have never been translated into concrete actions. The result is that these meaningless threats have no effect on Pakistan's attitude. Apparently, Pakistanis are quite convinced or have been assured that there will be no follow-up action on the frequently issued warnings by the United States. In continuation of this exercise, the U.S. Department of State has issued one more report clearly implicating Pakistan for harboring terrorists on its soil, including those engaged in terrorist attacks in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir. Notwithstanding this report, the United States is not ready to declare Pakistan a terrorist state and hence no sanctions can be imposed. Such a contradictory policy, which may well be a planned U.S. strategy, is bound to have an adverse effect on efforts to control terrorism."

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\plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 Bengali Bartaman

\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 of Calcutta opined (5/4): "Though Pakistan was not termed as a terrorist state, the United States has said Pakistan supports terrorism.... The U.S. apprehension is that if it declares Pakistan a terrorist state, it will have to take steps which may result in the collapse of Pakistan. This is because the United States does not provide any support to 'terrorist states.' It does not even maintain trade relations with such states. If the United States initiates such a measure, it will be impossible for Pakistan to weather it. Its

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An analysis in centrist Hindu (5/3) by Islamabad correspondent Amit Baruah said: "The United States appears to be using a classical 'carrot and stick' policy towards Pakistan as far as its concerns on the all-crucial issue of terrorism are concerned. The U.S. State Department report on Patterns of Global Terrorism, 1999, makes it clear that while using tough language and expressing American concerns in clear terms, Washington remains hopeful that Islamabad will fall in line with its agenda on counter-terrorism. As compared to the 1998 report, the United States no longer shies away from pointing the finger at Pakistan.... The issue of whether or not Pakistan would move to meet U.S. concerns on terrorism remains unclear. Given its total and blind support for militants operating in Kashmir, Islamabad will find it difficult to admit that its 'freedom fighters' are actually terrorists and need to be restrained. Already, the Chief Executive, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, has said there are differences in perception between the United States and Pakistan on the definition of terrorism, categorically denying that Pakistan was 'harboring terrorists.'... In the days and weeks ahead, this 'distinction' between 'jihad and terrorism,' first enunciated by Gen. Musharraf, will come under increasing pressure from abroad."

"Curate's Egg"

Nationalist

Hindustan Times

held (5/3): "The U.S. State Department's annual report on global terrorism is like a curate's egg--good in parts--and, as might be expected, intended to serve America's special interests rather than be a political guide for focused international action against the merchants of death who are targeting democratic societies.... The exercise is, to say the least, partly political. However, this year, Pakistan has effectively been cautioned in the U.S. report and has been asked to put its act together. But--and this is germane to us--the Pakistani state has escaped being designated as a sponsor of terrorism, though the 'continued official Pakistani support for organizations involved in terrorist activities' has been acknowledged. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has noted while releasing the report that the center of gravity of terrorism had shifted from the Middle East to South Asia. Interestingly, however, no South Asian country has been named.... An underlying realm of politics guides this fresh U.S. listing. In this scheme of things, Islamabad may extradite terrorists to the United States, but not to India. In this context, India has to devise its own ways to deal with Pakistan-engendered terrorism while sustaining a meaningful structure of dialogue with the U.S. on counter-terrorism."

"Change In American Outlook"

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atter of fact, the American government was well aware of Pakistan's involvement
in terrorist activities in the Indian Punjab way back in the early 1980s
as the U.S. government has been closely monitoring terrorist activities around
the world since 1980. However, it chose not to put the blame on Pakistan in it
s earlier report as that country was pivotal to American interests in South Asi
a, particularly in Afghanistan during the Cold War and its fight against Commun
ism around the world. The latest shift in the American outlook stems from that
country's self interest. Pakistan has threatened America's interests in Centr
al Asia by directly aiding and abettin
g terrorist and fundamentalist activities beyond the Caspian Sea. This region
is rich in its oil and mineral resources. If it became unstable because of a te
rrorist menace, the American interests there could be seriously undermined. It
is precisely for this reason that the American government is now serious about
stopping Pakistan in its terrorist track. Having said this, one must also give
a degree of credit for this change in the American outlook to Indian Foreign M
inister Jaswant Singh's persuasive dip
lomatic skills and the knack of establishing a rapport with the Americans. Ame
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s keen that Pakistan should not join the ranks of Libya and Iraq as a result of
this anarchy. It is therefore treating Pakistan with kid gloves. India unders
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opposition, English-language
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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 held (5/3): "The report 'Patterns of Global Terrorism
for 1999'...leaves no doubt about the LTTE being a terrorist organization....
If the Jaffna peninsula goes under LTTE control, it will not only result in ser
ious consequences to this country but also cause regional problems in South Asi
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ted to fight international terrorism, look away from such a situation?... In
the late 1970's when the pro-Western government of J.R. Jayewardene shifted fro
m a rigidly controlled socialist economy to a market economy it sent alarm bell
s ringing in New Delhi which was, even at that time, fanatically clinging on to

Nehruvian socialism. The pro-American stance of the Jayewardene government made New Delhi firmly believe--or at least it gave that impression--that Trincomalee Harbor was to be given to the Americans. No amount of assurances...could dispel that belief of the Indians. India armed, financed and sponsored a rudimentary band of terrorists into a formidable guerilla group and globalised it through active diplomacy as well in the 80's. Thus it was markedly pro-U.S. policy--however well intentioned though misguided it may have been--that partly contributed to the rise of Sri Lankan terrorism.... Both the United States and India are committed to the hilt to fight international terrorism. If that commitment was sincere shouldn't that commitment be expressed in more tangible ways?"

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plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 featured this comment (5/3) by Hafedh Al-Shaikh: "The U.S. State Department released its annual report on terrorism and this year too, the Arabs and Muslims received most of the blame. If what Arabs and Muslims are doing (fighting Israel) is called 'terrorism,' then it would be the good terrorism (Jihad) which is permissible and allowed by the holy book (Koran). As to the organizations which Washington considers 'terrorists,' they were established because--and to fight--European and imperialist injustice. So, who are the terrorists? The Arab and Muslim organizations were founded because of the American and European oppression or the oppressors. The real terrorists are the United States, its Zionist ally, and before them, European imperialism. They devastated our countries, stole our money, brought in the scattered Jews and planted them in Palestine which displaced the Palestinian people."

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plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 contended (5/2): "An important misgiving of the new report (on global terrorism) is its failure to develop a practical redefinition of what the State Department terms as terrorism in light of ideological and religious incentives and motivations which the report elaborated on extensively....

The report in its conclusions has avoided differentiating between 'terrorism' and

'struggle.' The report shows blackmailing terrorist gangs and movements motivated by religious and nationalist incentives as being equals."

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plain \ul \f5 \fs22 \cf0 De Financieel-Economische Tijd

plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/6): "Two issues have dominated the foreign news this week: the start of

the Lockerbie trial and the hostages in the Philippines. Both issues illustrate the message of U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright: international terrorism is increasingly being taken over by organizations which finance their activities through hostage taking and drugs traffic, no longer call on foreign governments. Moreover, South Asia is playing a more and more important role in international terrorism, as Albright said in her one-sided report.... Developments in Afghanistan and Pakistan, in particular, are of major concern to the United States. Yet, both countries are not on the list of countries that give support to international terrorism. The U.S. anti-terrorism service does not have an explanation for that. The head of that service, Mike Sheehan, underscored at the presentation of the report that

he could not put Afghanistan on the list because Washington does not recognize the Taliban regime. The fact that the Taliban give shelter to America's Enemy No. 1--Saudi Osama Bin Laden--does not

carry enough weight, according to the United States.... Pakistan did not come on the list either although the report says that the country gives shelter to terrorists and that it supports terrorism in Indian Kashmir. With such a manifest lack of consistency, it is no surprise that the same countries are mentioned again on the list of terrorist countries: Libya, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Sudan, North Korea and Cuba, all have been on that list since 1993.... It is also clear from that list that strategic interests are playing a major role in

the categorization of the world. So, Afghanistan and Pakistan receive some respite because of their major oil interests in Central Asia.... Washington gave priority to the construction of an oil pipeline from Central Asia, over Afghanistan, to

Pakistan. Moreover, it is striking how closely international terrorism is linked to political and military developments. A few months ago, U.S. President Bill Clinton termed the Pakistani-India region of Kashmir as 'the most dangerous region in the world.' A few years earlier, Clinton's predecessors viewed the Middle East as the hotspot par excellence."

ITALY: "New Twists On Terrorism"

Anna Guaita filed from New York for Rome's centrist

Il Messaggero

(5/1): "For the first time, the State Department's report highlights that the most serious threats come...from independent groups acting for religious reasons rather than political ones.... Indeed, neither Pakistan nor Afghanistan is on the black list of countries that are openly considered enemies. Pakistan is an ally of the United States and is making a real effort to keep terrorism under control. As for Afghanistan, it does not have a government that is recognized by Washington. Therefore, the list remains the same as in 1993.... But, as in

an effort to send a signal of openness to Castro, the report acknowledges that the Cuban regime decreased its contacts with terrorism."

GREECE: "Terrorism Report"

Apropos of the entry on Greece in the Department's report on terrorism, the lead editorial in independent, influential

Kathimerini

(5/3) said that: "This year's annual State Department report is openly aggressive and unreal. Merely the fact that this year's report c

contains more scathing remarks than last year's suggests it is permeated by political objectives. One need

not be a specialist in order to see that 1999 was actually quite a peaceful year.... [The report] paints a picture of Greece which bears no relation to reality. It is not possible to link terrorism, for example, with the handling of the case involving Kurdish rebel leader Ocalan, or the protest rallies.... We are left with the impression that the sharp and scathing report is mainly due to its unhappiness with the fact that the overwhelming majority of Greeks supported the protest rallies against U.S. policy in the Balkans, which culminated in violent reactions to the bombardment of Yugoslavia."

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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/3) opined: "The charges against our country in most cases bear no relation to the issue of terrorism. They pertain to...political choices made by both the government and the Greek people. For example, the Greek public had the inalienable right to react as it did to the reckless U.S.-NATO attack against Serbia last

year. The public had the right to disavow a political leader [President Clinton] when he came our country at a time when Greek society objected to the military intervention in a neighboring country.... The American Embassy's line serves a variety of expediencies and goals not stated in the report."

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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/3) ran a lead commentary by chief editor George Kouvaras, who wrote: "The American dream is often interrupted by nightmares, such as juvenile criminals who kill for fun or an extremist who makes up his mind to blow up the World Trade Center...But the State Department is our supreme judge. It calls American intervention in Yugoslavia 'humanitarian' and anything that runs counter to its geopolitical interests 'terrorism.'... If the United States was truly interested in our security, it would not worry about this paltry 'terrorism,' but...would renounce its Balkan policy, which engenders criminality

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terrorist activity derives from factors other than government action. Additionally, the Greek government has sent the wrong message to Washington, letting it be known that Greece will gladly submit to U.S. plans for a 'new world order.'"

"Terrorism An Excuse For U.S. Pressure"

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judged (5/2): "The aim of this year's State Department report on terrorism, in which Greece is accused of being second to Columbia in the number of anti-American attacks, is clear: Greece must sign a counter-terrorism cooperation agreement with the United States. The United States wants to control the Greek counter-terrorism squad via this agreement.... When the Americans say in the report that they want 'strong government leadership' and 'police initiatives,' they mean they want the Greek police to violate the country's democratic institutions in the name of the war against terrorism.... Terrorism, however, is the excuse. The United States seems especially upset about Greeks' anti-American attitude during the Kosovo crisis.... But anti-Americanism does not grow up all by itself. It is provoked by Washington's acts. Greeks cannot easily forget the acknowledged U.S. support to the junta or the U.S. stance on Cyprus. The Greeks objected to the war on Yugoslavia because it was barbaric, illegal and unfair. It is totally natural for Greeks to react to this blackmail, because counter-terrorism cooperation equals intervention in our domestic affairs."

"The Terrorism Cliche"

Ethnos

(5/2) said: "Every year the State Department accuses our country of being ineffectual on terrorism, so the gist of this year's report comes as no surprise. What is surprising, however, is the intensity of the accusations. Maybe Greece shouldn't be commended, but terrorist activity has been decreasing to the levels seen in other countries. Consequently, the State Department's accusations can easily be interpreted as pressure to sign a counter-terrorism cooperation agreement. This agreement has been

persistently pursued by the United States but Greece has refused and should continue to refuse, because it is unthinkable to transform the Greek police into a branch of U.S. authorities. It is also true that cooperation has so far produced poor results. Not to mention those who believe that closer cooperation with the United States could even trigger increased terrorist activity."

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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/2) detected a hidden agenda at work. Its lead editorial read: "It is a fact that Greece has not managed to fight terrorism. It is also a fact that political terrorism is declining and is thus not very influential. The U.S. government's criticism of Greece's admittedly poor counter-terrorism effort is selfish and exaggerated. Whatever the problems, we should not have been compared with Latin American countries which are in a state of undeclared civil war. The American exaggerations aim at weakening Greece's negotiating position, so that Greece will accept more easily limits on its sovereign rights to the benefit of the United States. We disagree with the superpower's methodology, and hope that the Simitis government will be able to keep its distance. Otherwise, we will indeed acquire the characteristics of a Latin American 'democracy,' in the sense that we will be dominated by a foreign power!"

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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/3): "Washington and Moscow now virtually see eye to eye on extremists in Chechnya. With the U.S. State Department listing Basayev and Hattab as international terrorists, Moscow will feel stronger when it faces its Western partners on Chechnya. This also gives it hope to coordinate better with the United States in fighting against the criminals. Acting together, they can search for and freeze the bank accounts used to fund the extremists, shut down their financial sources abroad, and use pressure against countries that offer their territories to support the separatists. Russia could also use financial aid to combat terrorism. By declaring Basayev and Hattab international malefactors, Washington has acknowledged a new threat to its national security. This gives the Americans a right to neutralize that threat. Their air strikes against Sudan, Afghanistan, Iraq and Yugoslavia must have given them enough experience in that."

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the above headline, Boris Volkhonsky contended in reformist, business-oriented

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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 (5/3): "The (U.S.) State Department has recognized that the (anti- terrorist) war in Chechnya is lawful.... The authors of the report could not but acknowledge that the Chechen rebels are connected with international terrorists in the Middle East, and Osama Bin Laden personally. For the United States to do that is a big step forward."

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om official, government information agency, UZA, on the inclusion of the Islamic movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) in this year's edition of the "Patterns of Global Terrorism" report. Although the UZA piece quotes a Reuters story as its source, UZA, unlike Reuters, fails to note that the IMU is not on the State Department's list of designated terrorist organizations, but rather on its second list

of non-designated organizations: "The U.S. Department of State has published a list of the largest and most dangerous

terrorist organizations in the world. The list this year includes the so-called Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, which is described as a coalition of Islamic militants, whose goal is the establishment of an Islamic government in Uzbekistan.... The (State Department) document says that the IMU was responsible for a series of bombings in Tashkent in February \{1999\} and for terrorist incidents in Kyrgyzstan last year, including the taking, as hostages, of four Japanese and eight Kyrgyz citizens."

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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 held (5/4): "Of course, the [countries charged with committing terrorism] denied U.S. accusations. However, it is undeniable that in numerous countries and at certain times, tragedies and terrorism occur. The bombings of U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya were quite horrible, taking considerable innocent life. The abduction of tourists on Sipadan Island certainly proves that terror can happen at any time in our region. The UN ought to be more active at stopping this terror."

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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 , commented (5/4), "The day after the State Department released a report warning about the threats coming from a new sort of terrorism, Bill Clinton explained for the first time that a possible chain destabilization could take place in regional democracies. It was amid a business forum in which (Clinton) demanded the (U.S.) Congress support of a special aid plan for Colombia to fight drug traffickers. The truth is that the Colombian case appears as dramatically emerging from a highly explosive scenario of combined confrontation, all of which reveals a process of dissolution of the state.... The FARC's offensive--which is not only military but political--has not surprised authorities.... Pastrana has engaged in a double fight--against drugs and for peace. But both drug traffickers and guerrillas are related.... The surrender (of areas to the FARC and the NLA) mean that the state abandoned its main asset--territory, which in the mid-term would justify a U.S. intervention. It is increasingly difficult to distinguish what is understood by help against drug traffickers or as a counterinsurgency fight because of the military element of both tasks.... On a global level, it is necessary to think of the economic and strategic 'pliers' suffocating Latin American democracies, hostages of the 'unique thought'--neoliberalism.... Globalization and the dynamics of the submission of public power to financial considerations ends up affecting not only the role played by political parties, but also that of the nation-state, no longer able to exercise its double power of coercion and consensus. Curiously, it is in this framework of disintegration...that the United States must reformulate its strategy. 'Countries without democracy' in the region...were replaced by 'democracies without a state,' the main feature of a developing period that demands regulation and that will finally compel the main superpower to rethink the architecture of regional security. Free trade is not enough.

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\plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 carried this column by Mireya Olivas (5/3): "The State Department report on trends in global terrorism gives all the information about terrorism and its perpetrators, but it does not mention anything at all about the brains behind terrorism.... According to the report the bad guys are now in Southeast Asia, Pakistan and particularly in Afghanistan.

The State Department report, however, does not indicate why 'Islamic extremists continued to use Afghanistan as a center of training and operations.' The answer is simple but extremely

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\sa0 \plain \f5 \fs22 \cf0 uncomfortable for the United States. These holy warriors that are now so dangerous for worldwide stability were described two decades ago by President Reagan as 'freedom fighters.' They were recruited in nations allied with the United States to fight the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.. .. When the Soviets left, thousands of these fighters armed to the teeth were left unemployed in Afghanistan, and when the Cold War ended they contracted themselves as freelancers elsewhere....

Currently, many of these freelancers are fighting the Indian army in Kashmir.

Even Chechen commanders Jatab and Shamil Basaiev were in Afghanistan, and even Bin Laden himself left his fortune in Riyadh and joined Allah's and Reagan's crusade. And now, the United States does not know what to do with its Frankenstein that it fears in Afghanistan."

PERU: "Progress In The Fight Against Terrorism"

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opined (5/3): "It is a positive sign that the U.S. Department of State recognizes Peru's success in its fight against terrorism, which is based on a stricter legal framework and the participation of the military. It must be noted that, within the current international context, the State Department report is an example of how a well executed domestic policy can generate a positive foreign reaction. In the same way, there are negative international repercussions when certain domestic affairs are mismanaged or when they affect the people's fundamental rights. Some traces of terrorism still remain, so it is necessary to remain alert. The joint action of the national police, the military and the intelligence service continue to be indispensable, as is the exchange of information with other countries of the region that still suffer from international terrorism and narcotics trafficking."

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today's papers

Why Not The Most?

By Scott Shuger

The WP, NYT and LAT lead with the House's decisive passage yesterday of the bill that would, should the Senate concur, grant permanent normal trading status to China. Which means that instead of the annual review China trade policy has been getting (and passing) since 1979, China would henceforth have the same standing low-tariff access to U.S. markets that's extended to all but a handful of nations (such as Afghanistan, North Korea and Cuba). The

vote is also the top item in the WSJ front-page business news index. USAT plays the vote at the bottom-front and leads instead with the Microsoft antitrust trial judge's remarks in court indicating that he intends to order the breakup of the company and that he won't wait very long to do it either. Everybody else fronts the MS case development.

The papers all agree that the vote is a policy triumph for President Clinton, a huge market-opening win for U.S. business, and a big setback for organized labor, some of whose leaders have suggested they might not endorse Al Gore as a result. The NYT says that the head of the AFL-CIO, John J. Sweeney, was so miffed that he twice declined President Clinton's personal invite to a Democratic fund-raiser. The NYT captures the politics of the bill with its observation that three out of four House Republicans voted in favor while two out of three Democrats voted against. The WP lead doesn't mention Gore or George W. Bush for that matter, but elsewhere it's noted that Bush gave the bill high praise and Gore supported it although he said more needed to be done to guarantee American workers' rights. (USAT doesn't mention the Gore caveat.) Everybody says that passage in the Senate is virtually assured, but the WP waits until the 10th paragraph to say it.

The WP tells of more than 40 corporate lobbyists huddled in a room in the Capitol basement, munching on sugar cookies as they watched the vote on TV. The NYT says the \$10 million spent on ads by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Business Roundtable made it the

organizations' largest-ever campaign for a single issue.

USAT notes that the Microsoft trial judge seemed rather snappish in denying the company's request for a six month-plus delay while it amassed evidence for its side. And it paints a picture of a man who might well order a division of MS that goes even further than the in-twain pain the government is asking for, an observation everybody else makes too, the papers all noting his interest in court yesterday in the idea of breaking off MS's browser business as a third separate entity, in addition to companies respectively concerned with Windows and applications.

The WP fronts the decision by a Maryland prosecutor to drop his wiretapping case against Linda Tripp, claiming that the trial judge's ruling blocking most of the testimony he'd anticipated getting from Monica Lewinsky had gutted his case. The Post puts the story below the fold, and everybody else puts it inside. When the world first heard of Linda Tripp, the stories about her got considerably more play than that. Shouldn't there be a kind of parity of placement principle at work here? A similar point could be made about the Post's story reporting that the University of Pennsylvania's gene therapy institute, responding to concerns raised about the death there last year of a teenaged boy, has decided it will no longer experiment on people. The death led the paper, but this consequence of it runs below the fold.

Lebanon/Israel is still on the WP and NYT front, but

Eritrea/Ethiopia--where a cease fire is apparently in the offing--is still buried deep--Page 32 in the Post.

The papers report that charitable giving in the U.S. rose last year to a record high \$190 billion. The papers discuss a few different baselines to use to assess this amount, like GNP and money spent on personal consumption, but what about relative to after-tax income?

It would be interesting to learn if this record number was the result of anything close to tithing.

The LAT fronts the revelation that special undercover U.S. security agents have recently penetrated security barriers to sensitive government facilities all over Washington, D.C. The paper reports that they tried to get into 19 of the country's most tightly secured buildings--the CIA, the FBI, the State Department and the DOJ among them--and succeeded all 19 times. In most cases, says the paper, the agents were carrying guns and uninspected briefcases, and fake police and other government credentials, purchased from movie prop suppliers or on the Internet.

USAT's "Money" front reports that when the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration purchased two Chrysler PT cruisers recently for safety testing, they were able to get each of them for \$10,000 above invoice. The story adds that Consumer Reports bought its test cars at the sticker price.

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Hit China Where It Lives

By Anne Applebaum

A few years ago, while in Beijing for the (now forgotten, then notorious) U.N. Conference on Women, I took a break from the chic Frenchwomen with their talk of Kristeva, the earnest Germans arguing about Jung, and the confused Cambodians, who were silently making a quilt in honor of the great event. I set out for the countryside, the better to meet some actual Chinese women, who were pretty thin on the ground at the U.N. conference, except in the role of "photographers" and spies.

About two hours from Beijing, in one of the small factory towns that feed the city's markets, I found some. They were young peasant women who had come to make their fortunes, sewing fake Chanel handbags on rickety machines. In the workshop I visited, there were about 12 of them. They worked downstairs, slept upstairs, and were

enthusiastic about the relative wealth and freedom which their new employment status had conferred upon them. Most were away from their villages for the first time in their lives, having escaped from mothers, mothers-in-law – and, they said happily, Communist party officials: Moving out of the countryside, they left behind Chinese totalitarian politics, whose singular achievement is its successful penetration of people's private lives, personal habits, even reproductive intentions.

One would be hard-pressed to describe these women as "liberated," in any sense that the chic Frenchwomen and earnest Germans back in Beijing would have understood. Nor were they remotely interested in

"democracy," in the way that their contemporaries, the veterans of Tiananmen Square, might define it. Nevertheless, crude capitalism, powered by the international demand for fake Chanel handbags, had created a small space, free of surveillance, for these women and their employer to inhabit. He had a bit of money, and therefore more power than local officials. They moved freely, spoke freely, didn't mind chatting to a foreigner. For anyone who ever lived (as I did, briefly) in the pre-Gorbachev Soviet Union, it was a revelation: In Leningrad, circa 1985, you didn't speak to foreigners on the street.

More to the point, the change in the lives of these women is the only important point at stake in the debate about trade with China,

as far as "foreigners" are concerned. All of the other arguments are really about America; those claiming that trade with China will be good for Big Business or bad for Big Labor (see William Saletan's "Frame Game" on spinning China) are probably taking money from one side or the other, and can safely be ignored in any case.

But the claim that granting permanent most-favored-nation status to China amounts to appeasement of what remains an extremely nasty regime, best put by William Kristol and Robert Kagan in this week's

Weekly Standard, is worth taking very seriously indeed — because if these women were living in a 21st-century China which still resembled 20th-century Russia, it would certainly be correct. In a state-controlled, totalitarian economy, an economic boycott has direct political effects. During the d?tente years, we were very, very wrong to sell grain to the Soviet Union, for example: By doing

so, we postponed the inevitable crisis of state-owned Soviet agriculture.

But China is not Russia, and Chinese capitalism has a different dynamic from Russian state socialism. If you don't believe me, listen not to what people are saying in Washington, but what Chinese peasant women say on the outskirts of Beijing. It is certainly ludicrous to speak, as the Clinton administration does,

of supporting so-called "reformers" in the Chinese political establishment; nor should we fool ourselves into the self-satisfied belief that by opening trade, we can somehow export democracy to China. But by importing and exporting people and products, we can at least extend the sphere of personal freedom in China, helping to devolve power from the central government to independent entrepreneurs.

Any change in that direction is positive – and if you still don't believe me, listen to Dr. Chi Su, chairman of Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council, who notes that China's growing tangle of institutional problems – unclear property rights, poor contract enforcement, corrupt bureaucracy – are gradually heading toward a crisis: They are irresolvable without the rule of law, and the rule of law is "totally incompatible" with the doctrine of one-party dictatorship. Although he also points out that, to date, economic change hasn't brought about the "democratization" of China – and it won't, or at least not that crudely – it has helped ensure that China is, domestically, developing "in a manner very different from the rigidity in her external behaviour."

We should listen to Taiwan for other reasons too – for the really craven aspect of U.S. foreign policy in Asia is not the promotion

of trade with China, but the outdated pretense that Taiwan, an even more dynamic economy and a vigorous democracy, doesn't exist. We will not help protect China's religious dissidents or independent newspapers by refusing to trade with China —given the diversity of their economy, the Chinese government simply isn't susceptible to that kind of boycott —but there are plenty of other ways to show our disapproval of the Chinese government's behavior, most of them involving greater diplomatic recognition of Taiwan. As a rule, boycotts and sanctions should always be directed not at what people in Washington think matters —and at the moment, Americans care a great deal about trade and money —but what people in the target country care about. Nothing tormented white, apartheid South Africa more exquisitely, for example, than the fact that their cricketers and rugby players could not compete abroad: No economic sanctions could even come close. Trade isn't the right lever to use in China.

Promotion of genuine democracy in Asia is.

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Still growing

+ The OECD, in a preliminary edition of its Economic Outlook, said that prospects for the world economy were more favourable than they had been for over ten years. Strong growth in Europe, America and Asia led to a forecast 4% growth rate for all OECD countries this year. However, the OECD added the caveat that, if central banks were mindful of inflation, interest rates would have to rise steeply. This is particularly true in America, where the OECD suggested that rates might have to go above 7% by August in order to avoid a hard landing.

+ GERMANY's economy recorded growth of 3.3% in the first quarter compared with a year ago, as investment, government spending and exports all expanded. In FRANCE, the unemployment rate fell to 9.8% in April. It has not been below 10% since 1991.

- + Hopes that EU leaders might reach agreement on a Europe-wide WITHHOLDING TAX on savings at next month's summit in Portugal have dissolved. Britain was blamed for insisting on relaxing banking secrecy so as to facilitate exchange of information between EU members, instead of accepting the tax.
- + A consortium led by SOFTBANK, a big Japanese Internet group, failed to reach agreement with the government over terms for the purchase of NIPPON CREDIT BANK, a nationalised lender. The government may now sell NCB to a foreign buyer. Softbank's shares have fallen by over 70% since February.

Fresh Orange

- + FRANCE TELECOM is to acquire ORANGE, Britain's third-largest mobile-phone operator, from Vodafone AirTouch for 25.1 billion pounds (\$37.6 billion). The deal will create Europe's second-largest mobile-phone company, worth perhaps 100 billion. France Telecom is expected to float 15-20% of the operation, and to use the cash and shares to make further mobile acquisitions in Europe and perhaps America.
- + VODAFONE AIRTOUCH, Britain's largest company, threatened to relocate its headquarters overseas in a dispute with the government over proposed changes to tax rules for multinationals. The government intends to make it illegal to mix profits from overseas operations through offshore subsidiaries in order to minimise British taxes.
- + A \$130 billion merger between WORLDCOM and SPRINT, already in trouble with America's regulators, has also fallen foul of the European Commission. The commission is concerned that the deal, which would combine the two telecoms companies' Internet backbone businesses, will confer excessive market power.
- + MTS, a mobile-phone operator, announced that it would be the first Russian company to enter the foreign IPO market since Russia's financial crisis in 1998. Despite Russia's bad record on shareholder rights, corruption and unsettled politics, the company hopes to raise as much as \$384m through a flotation on the New York Stock Exchange.
- + LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES, the world's largest telecoms-equipment maker, plans to buy CHROMATIS NETWORKS, an American maker of fibre-optic networking equipment, for \$4.5 billion. Lucent has fallen behind other traditional telecoms-equipment companies in expanding into fibre optics. Chromatis specialises in the latest growth area, local networks that connect users to Internet backbones.
- + DIXONS, a British electronics retailer, announced that it would auction

its 80% stake in FREESERVE, the leading British Internet service provider. Dixons is said to be looking for a valuation in excess of 6 billion pounds (\$9 billion). Germany's T-ONLINE, 90% owned by Deutsche Telekom, which had been rumoured to be planning a bid for Freeserve, is still a likely front-runner. Freeserve's shares jumped on the news.

+ INVENSYS, a British engineering firm, agreed to buy BAAN for 762m (\$ 707m). Baan is a struggling Dutch business-software group that had been plagued by consistent losses for seven consecutive quarters and faced bankruptcy. Shareholders were displeased: Invensys shares lost 14% of their value in two days.

Flying high

+ AIR FRANCE reported net profits up by 42% for the year to the end of March, on a 14% increase in revenues. Most other big European carriers have seen profits decline. Improving management and labour relations, and declining government intervention at the 57% state-owned airline have helped it to gain at the expense of its rivals. In a boost for the Airbus consortium, Air France also said it was considering the purchase of ten A3XX superjumbos.

+ J SAINSBURY, Britain's second-biggest supermarket chain, announced a 23% drop in annual pre-tax profits to 580m pounds (\$870m). The company's shares fell by 11% on the news; they are 37% down since the start of 1999.

+ Spain's government blocked a 2.7 billion (\$2.5 billion) bid by one Spanish power company, UNION ELECTRICA FENOSA, for another, HIDROELECTRICA DEL CANTABRICO, on competition grounds. TXU Corp, an American electricity company that had spurred Fenosa's bid with its own offer of 2.25 billion, may now make a fresh approach.

+ HYUNDAI, the biggest of South Korea's giant conglomerates, or chaebol, hastily announced a plan to tackle the company's debts of 52 billion won (\$46 billion) and restore investors' confidence by selling assets worth 3.7 trillion won. Hyundai also said that its founder, Chung Ju Yung, and his two sons would retire from the company.

+ CARLSBERG, a Danish brewer, acquired the brewing interests of ORKLA, a Norwegian conglomerate, to become Europe's sixth-biggest brewer. Orkla will get a 40% stake in the new joint company, which is valued at around Dkr 10 billion (\$1.24 billion).

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