

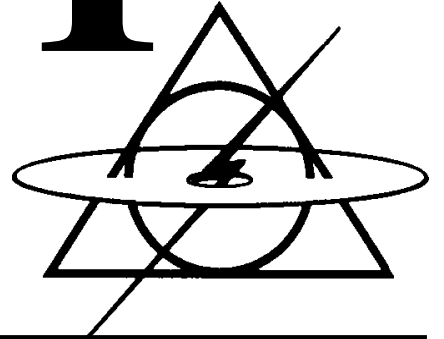


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RE: LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES

PROOF THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE—
BAD DAY FOR ERAP ESTRADA—HEADLINES FOR
TODAY:

SC VOTES 13-0 FOR GMA

Hatonn—So, the Supreme Court of the Philippines ended the debacle underway late last night (after hours) and voted to rule for Gloria Arroyo (GMA) for standing as the President.

This really bodes ill for Mr. Estrada as one after another of old cronies and partners in crime keep turning-coat. Crime surely does NOT pay, for any intelligent fellow criminal will stab you dead if they can save their own assets. But more especially, they will do you in if you have also stolen from them.

The ruling came ten days earlier than expected

and now perhaps we can move on.

It begins to resemble the U.S. and “Is there life after Bill Clinton and Hillary?”

Will there be life after Erap? Yes, indeed, and one would think this would be the “last hoorah” but just when you believe there is no further wiggle in the serpent—there always seems to be one more bite waiting.

We shall see what turns up next but I want to share some possibilities regarding the “EDSA II Coup” as other nations are trying the same type of coup against their own leadership but with mounting bloodshed.

Were the Judges in the Supreme Court “paid off” as put to press? Well, I would guess so but the intelligence of the receivers has prevailed. They get the money and the people get what they want.

BUSY DAY FOR PHILIPPINE SUPREME COURT

This is also a bit of the “other shoe” dropping: “EX-BIR (INTERNAL REVENUE) CHIEF GETS 15 YEARS IN JAIL FOR GRAFT”

This one involves one of the “Tan” boys, Bienvenido Tan Jr.

And, he is sent away for up to 15 years. It does, however, also involve one of the most prominent corporations in the Nation, San Miguel Corp. (SMC)

This one is worth repeating:

[QUOTING *The Philippine STAR*, Sat., March 3, 2001:]

The Sandiganbayan sentenced yesterday former Internal Revenue Commissioner Bienvenido Tan Jr. to a maximum 15 years in prison for an “illegal” compromise deal involving some P302.9 million in tax liabilities for food and beverage giant San Miguel Corp. (SMC)

In a decision penned by Sandiganbayan Justice Rodolfo Palattao, the Sandiganbayan (Supreme Court) Justice Rodolfo Palattao, the Sandiganbayans’ fourth division, found Tan guilty of violating Republic Act 3019, or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, when he entered into the compromise agreement.

Court records show that during his tenure as chief of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Tan entered into a compromise agreement with SMC on Dec. 22, 1988, reducing SMC’s tax liabilities from P302,951,040 to P10 million.

Palattao said that because of the illegal

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compromise agreement entered into by Tan and SMC executives Nazario Avendano and Jaime de la Cruz, the government lost some P292 million.

[END OF QUOTING]

I just wanted a smattering of the circumstances because this is THE WAY it works—whoever pays the biggest kickback gets the money and the security—but this man got caught. There are big and outstanding revenue debts against Lucio Tan, as well, even though Lucio has kept many companies afloat along with Philippine Airlines, Philippine National Bank and myriads of other institutions. Furthermore, THIS IS NOT A FINAL ACT, YOU CAN BE MORE THAN ASSURED.

We also see that the Government here assures us all that “Local beef is free of ‘mad cow’.” This follows at least two potentially contaminated shipments of beef shipped from Ireland. Having been in Manila, don’t bet on it. However, if it takes the full 30 years to show up in humans—I wonder...

Foot and Mouth? Oh, well. The Carbon Monoxide will getcha before the hoof disease.

Is it better elsewhere? Yes, but not much, and as you look around the globe it is quite promising, indeed, here.

Now we are going to move to talk about the circumstances in Southeast Asia.

Why?

BECAUSE OF CHINA AND RUSSIA, MY FRIENDS!

I have wanted to find the perfect article that reaches beyond the text messages of the day to inform our readers about the ongoing debacles in Manila—and I think this one will reach out inclusively.

At the first of the article is a picture of JOSEPH ESTRADA with WILLIAM COHEN having a great laugh at something clandestine. Since both are “jokes” in their own right, we will leave you with that setting.

[QUOTING *EIR INTERNATIONAL*, Feb. 2, 2001:]

MANILA’S ‘EDSA II’ COUP IS A WAKE-UP CALL FOR ASIA By Gail G. Billington

On Jan. 20, Philippines Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was sworn in as President by Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide, WITHOUT the prerequisite of an official resignation from President Joseph “Erap” Estrada. Macapagal-Arroyo’s swearing-in was neither a celebration of “democracy at work” nor a re-run of the “people’s power” movement that brought down President Ferdinand Marcos in the 1986 “EDSA Revolution”, named after the monument which served as the rallying point of those mass protests.

Those responsible for Macapagal-Arroyo’s promotion have made clear that what happened between Jan. 16, when the Senate impeachment trial of Estrada was aborted, and Jan. 20, when Macapagal-Arroyo took the presidential oath of office, was a pre-planned military coup by retired senior and junior officers, in which former President Gen. Fidel V. Ramos (ret.) played a key coordinating role. **[H: Yes, and the winner today is Gen. Fidel V. Ramos—just as instructed by the United States and set into motion at the “surprise” election in 1998 (go back and read the *Spotlight* article regarding the matter).]**

On Jan. 22, the *Washington Post* quoted Air Force Gen. Ed Abenina (ret.) saying, “The Philippines people like to call it ‘people power’, but in fact it was a coup. It was the overthrow of the government.” The *Los*

Angeles Times described Abenina as “one of the ringleaders of the plot”. Former Defense Secretary Gen. Fortunato Abat admitted that he had been plotting the coup for months, long before the public charges made last Oct. 9 by Estrada’s now-former friend, Luis “Chavit” Singson, that he, Singson, had delivered millions of dollars to Estrada in proceeds from illegal gambling and tobacco-tax kickbacks, became the focus of a Senate impeachment trial of Estrada which opened Dec. 7, 2000.

Troops, tanks, and aircraft were deployed to strike on Jan. 20 if military leaders under Estrada’s command had not capitulated to the coupmakers. The *Washington Post*’s report added: “Gen. Panfilo Lacson, the national police chief and a close friend of Estrada’s, also withdrew his support Friday [Jan. 19]. His announcement came one hour after 50 police officers, armed with handguns and assault rifles, stormed into his office, according to a newspaper reporter who witnessed the event.”

WHOSE LAW RULES, IF ANY?

The U.S. State Department, starting with the early-1980s establishment of the National Endowment for Democracy, or “Project Democracy”, had championed “democracy and rule of law”, using these as weapons to bring, especially, developing-country governments into line with U.S. policy. So, why did State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, who was presumably speaking for the Bush Administration at the daily briefing on Jan. 22, read a statement that the U.S. welcomes the “peaceful transfer of power... in accordance with democratic procedures.”?

Boucher was asked by a reporter, “If democratically elected officials have a gun to their heads from the military that threatened a coup, why are their actions democratic?” Boucher replied that the authorities handled it “in a manner which they have deemed consistent with their *Constitution*. That’s the important thing.”

What is worse for the Philippines is that the coup enjoyed the full support of a second former President, whose name is synonymous with “people’s power” and “democracy”—Corazon Aquino. The coup also had the blessing of the most senior official of the Roman Catholic Church in Asia, Jaime Cardinal Sin, who called on citizens to join mass demonstrations at the 1986 monument and to stay there on Jan. 19, declaring, “EDSA is holy ground. God is in this place. Do not go anywhere.”

Leading Asian press and statesmen are drawing obvious conclusions:

* *Far Eastern Economic Review* Manila correspondent Deidre Sheehan headlined her report in the Feb. 2 issue, “More Power to the Powerful”. She wrote, “They’re calling it People Power II, the sequel to the 1986 ouster of Ferdinand Marcos. That first revolt became a model for civilian uprisings against dictators around the world. But the second revolution is already being criticized as a ‘soft coup’ that ejected an elected President in order to return the old, wealthy political and business elite to power.”

* The *Asia Times*’ Jan. 23 editorial adopted a comment from Macapagal-Arroyo’s friend, Filipino Sen. Franklin Drilon, for its headline: “Philippines: Banana Republic—At Best”: “Make no mistake about it: The events that led up to the swearing in of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo... were a coup d’etat. Whatever curious legal construction anyone may now attempt to put on the ouster of Estrada, he was ousted by a military coup, with the connivance of the leadership

of the Roman Catholic Church, major business groups, and two former Presidents.”

* *Business Times* Manila correspondent Al Labita titled his Jan. 23 column, “**The Bottom Line: A Triumph of Mob Rule in the Philippines**”. He wrote, “The Philippines trumpets itself as a democracy, a nation of laws, not of men. Yet, what happened was the opposite. It was undemocratic, unlawful, and perhaps even uncivilized. It has set a bad precedent. Now, no duly elected President can invoke the *Constitution* and the duly enacted laws of the country to protect his or her term of office. The mob may decide otherwise. ... The new occupant of Malacañang Palace should know that the *Constitution* has been rendered meaningless, and that she rules with leave from the military and the mob.” **[H: Touché!]**

Among the comments that are likely to stick in the memory of editorial writers concerning these events in Manila are those of Singapore Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who was quoted in an interview with *Associated Press*: “I don’t think it was a plus for the democratic system.”

REGIONAL FAULT LINES

The ten-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a relatively crowded neighborhood of about 500 million people, so what rattles your neighbor’s windows may well rattle yours. With nearly 90 million people, the Philippines is the second most populous country in the grouping and, historically, has the closest and most complicated relationship with the United States. No one in a position of authority in the region can afford to take these events lightly, especially since, as of this writing, the Philippines has two presidents! President Estrada has not resigned, but President Macapagal-Arroyo has been sworn in as president, with the full support of the Supreme Court of the Philippines!

The Philippines is only one of three countries in ASEAN in which the sitting or incumbent head of state is either under threat of impeachment and/or facing “corruption” investigation that would hinder their ability to govern.

The current situation in Manila follows from the instigation of impeachment proceedings against Estrada, first, in the House of Representatives on Nov. 11, 2000, which moved to a Senate trial on Dec. 7, on charges of bribery related to protection money from legalized gambling concessions: graft and corruption related to kickbacks from tobacco taxes, which were used, allegedly, to pay off old campaign debts; betrayal of public trust; and culpable violation of the *Constitution*. Those proceedings were aborted on Jan. 17, when 11 out of 21 Senators voted not to admit evidence from certain bank records, which prosecutors claimed would tie Estrada to ill-gotten wealth. That vote precipitated the resignation and walkout of the Senate president and the members of the combined civilian/House prosecution team.

In Indonesia, the most populous nation in ASEAN, President Abdurahman Wahid is threatened with impeachment proceedings in the House of Representatives related to two corruption investigations linked to him directly or to his personal staff. In Thailand, the telecom mogul Thaksin Shinawatra, whose Thai Rak Thai Party won a majority of seats in recent general elections, is the target of a corruption scandal, which dogged his campaign and may curb his range of action as Prime Minister when, and if, he is sworn in.

In Malaysia, black propaganda is being used to fuel discontent against Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad. Only 24 hours after president Estrada was removed from Malacañang on Jan. 20, the British

Broadcasting Corp. aired a report, monitored in Germany but originating in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which said, in effect, that what had happened to Estrada could happen to Prime Minister Mahathir. BBC claimed that Dr. Mahathir is the object of rising discontent within the ranks of the ruling UMNO Party—and, besides, he is 75 and has promised to step down soon! Just to make sure the point got across, BBC ran a similar report the next day, and *Asiaweek's* Jan. 26 issue featured a package including an interview with Dr. Mahathir plus back-up articles, under the headline: “When You Grow Old, You Face Reality.”

The giveaway as to what is behind this comes through in the following exchange with *Asiaweek's* correspondent, who referred to the September 1998 decision of Dr. Mahathir's government to peg the Malaysian ringgit at the fixed rate of 3.8 to the dollar, and to impose selective capital controls.

Asiaweek: Are you reviewing the peg on the ringgit?

Dr. Mahathir: I don't know why everybody keeps on asking me that question. Up until now it has done us a lot of good. **Until the international financial system is changed, so that people cannot destroy whole economies simply because they want to make money for themselves, I will not review the peg.**

ASIA NEEDS 'NEW JAPANS'

The same week that the political crisis in the Philippines exploded into a full-blown Constitutional crisis, Dr. Mahathir paid a four-day visit to Japan, in particular the formerly thriving industrial center in the Kansai region, which includes the city of Osaka. On Jan. 18 Dr. Mahathir delivered the keynote address at a symposium hosted by the daily *Mainichi Shimbun*, in which he called on Japan to see the establishment of an Asian Monetary Fund as the key to pulling the Japanese economy out of the deepest recession in its postwar history. This would be based on developing the internal Asian market represented by the concert of nations in ASEAN and their so-called “Plus-3” dialogue partners, South Korea, China, and Japan, which includes roughly one-third of humanity, and on strengthening ties to India; with India, the grouping would represent more than half the world's population. An Asian Monetary Fund serving such a market could be the seed-crystal for a new world monetary system, Dr. Mahathir said. **[H: But alas, Japan is the third leg of the Trilateral Commission.]**

Specifically, Dr. Mahathir called on Japan to return to the policies of the 1960s and 1970s, when Japan was a leading center for industrial, scientific, and technological development, based on the concept of a “full-set” economy, and a major source of technology transfer to developing nations, especially in large-scale infrastructure projects. Japan, Dr. Mahathir implied, must get back in the business of building “new” Japans by these methods. **[H: If we have time and space, we will reproduce Dr. Mahathir's speech.] [see page 4]**

THE PHILIPPINES' FORGOTTEN MISSION

To become such a “new Japan” has been the “twinkle in the eye” of the best leaders of the Philippines since achieving independence in 1946. The “Filipino first” clause of the *Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines* declares that the proper role of government is to provide for and promote the general welfare of the Filipino people FIRST—all of the people, not just the leading 1-5% of families of former Presidents and other “notables”—and reflects the core ideas, especially the

General Welfare clause, of the *U.S. Declaration of Independence* and the preamble of the *U.S. Constitution*.

Up till the early 1970s, the Philippines was the third largest developing economy in East Asia and the Pacific, behind Indonesia and South Korea, with the largest U.S. business presence in all of Southeast Asia. **The father of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, Diosadado Macapagal, left his daughter some wonderful reflections on the theme of the Philippines' role and the qualities of leadership required of the President. However, he was the first Filipino President to sign a “stabilization” agreement WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF).**

Macapagal's successor, President Ferdinand Marcos, had a grand plan of 11 “major industrial projects” for the industrialization of the overwhelmingly agricultural economy, including transportation by rail, roads, and bridges to link the major islands in this 7,100-island nation. However, those plans did not survive the succession of increasingly painful IMF de-“stabilization” programs to which the country has been subjected continuously since the government of President Macapagal. **[H: Still think our job is easy?]**

As part of the coordinated political and economic campaign run against former President Marcos by the IMF and the Reagan-Bush Administration, from the August 1983 murder of opposition leader Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino, husband of Corazon Aquino, to the April 1986 U.S. airlift of Marcos from Malacañang to Hawaii, the Philippines was put through the worst punitive economic depression since World War II, from which, it was forecast in 1983, the country would not recover before the mid-1990s. The “strategic projects” were shelved.

The looting of the Philippines was at its worst under those champions of “democracy”, no coupmakers, Presidents Aquino and General Ramos, as both tried to satisfy the envoys of “the markets” and “free trade”. Under Aquino, debt service increased 85% in her first year in office (1986-87), and stayed at over 40% of the budget throughout her term in office. From 1992, under Ramos, debt service grew to 34% of the budget, compared to 16% under Marcos. Despite separatist insurgencies on two fronts, under Aquino and Ramos, funding of the Armed Forces, education, and health care were slashed, while the export of the country's very capable people skyrocketed, with increasing numbers of “overseas contract workers” providing record rates of foreign exchange to offset the insatiable budget deficit. In the last years of her term, Aquino was the target of at least seven failed coup attempts, led by middle and younger officers, whose families, no doubt, suffered the effects of such budget cuts.

Judging by her first Cabinet appointment, that of Finance Minister Alberto Romulo, President Macapagal-Arroyo has acted to appease “market sentiment”. Romulo served under Marcos, where he opposed the Bataan nuclear power plant, one of the 11 industrial projects, as a wasteful boondoggle. Under President Aquino, Romulo was Budget Minister and a member of the Monetary Board. In the transition to President Ramos, he was one of the authors of legislation to restructure the Philippines National Bank (sic) into a new “central monetary authority”, which is today's *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* (BSP), based on the model of the U.S. Federal Reserve. The BSP was set up to be completely independent of Manila's Finance Department, which is comparable to the U.S. Treasury. The Treasury has no control over

the amount of credit issued by the BSP.

[H: I need to comment here on a couple of things: 1) Regarding the nuclear power plant: it is KNOWN that it was a boondoggle. The “saying” went that the Philippines was the only place in the world where you could “get one nuclear power plant for the price of two”. That was because of the graft and absolute disrespect for the danger of shoddy work. Then, 2) Please note the Central Bank based on the Federal Reserve. One entire floor of this massive bank building is occupied by the IMF directed by the FED and controls every detail of the bank itself and the monetary system of the Philippines. There is so little currency available (based on nothing) that the standard of living is zilch as in minus 0. Things were in the process of being changed from that status and elaborate plans were laid (and thus GAIA) to steal all of the Marcos funds set aside for building. Note that the only REAL building did take place through that “terrible” Marcos regime.

Marcos would be re-elected in an eye blink where he around to run for office. People are actually not as stupid as at first they might appear. What the people have learned is that with each succeeding President the circumstances have worsened until poverty is the normal standard of living. Except, of course, for the Elite graft-and-corruption manipulators. Is there hope? It is up to the people.]

Macapagal-Arroyo was on the Dean's list in Economics at Georgetown University, in Washington, D.C., where she was a classmate of President Bill Clinton. She took the point in the Ramos Administration for seeking Senate approval of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and ratification of the World Trade Organization.

As for concurrent President Estrada, regardless of the merits, or absence thereof, of any of the corruption charges against him, he has largely squandered the largest electoral mandate ever given to a President of the Philippines. When the Senate impeachment trial opened, he still enjoyed the solid support of 40% of the public.

That vote says as much about what the Filipino people were voting “against” in 1998, as about what they voted “for”. The Philippines' poor majority embraced Estrada, who was born into poverty, but was a successful “cops 'n' robbers” movie actor. Macapagal-Arroyo is among the “1-5%” of the children of former Presidents or other notables. It is too early to tell how this stalemate will be resolved, and for how long that resolution will last, before lawlessness again kicks in, or before “the Filipino comes first”.

[END OF QUOTING]

Please give attention to the massive problems facing us. However, every day we make a couple of steps ahead, without backsliding. In addition, we are able to keep out of the political arena and our offer is to the people—even if the initial approval must come through the heads of state and Central Bank. This does not necessarily represent preference of their actions but there is now People Power III looming ahead—and we are told that there is enough pressure building from the roots up as to precipitate that new people showing. We offer a win-win situation even for the IMF when it boils down to the bottom line.

GOD HAS TIME, DO YOU?

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Asian Monetary Fund Can Lead To World Prosperity

Western Economic Model Guarantees World Destruction

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RE: ASIA MUST FORGE MODEL

DR. MAHATHIR STANDS TALL
ABOVE THE POLITICAL CROWD

Hatonn—A lamp unto the world is wonderful Malaysia.

I want to hurry on through this speech, Dharma, so that it can fit with the other recent writings. Malaysia is a model for how it “can” be and with our assistance, she can blossom into the overseer of the region in honor and integrity.

No, I have no wish to express the negative attitudes regarding the political upheaval from those who ended up in prison for ill deeds. When law becomes the way of the land, all shall flourish if the laws be just for all. When graft, corruption and immorality flourish, you have a sick society.

The following article is not an original of *EIR* but they have done a very good job of editing it down to its important points, so we will use this version while saving time and space. We have standing permission to use anything Dr. Mahathir presents.

[QUOTING *EIR*, FEB. 2, 2001, pg. 66:]

DR. MAHATHIR: ASIA MUST FORGE
‘MODEL FOR MUTUAL GOOD
FOR REST OF THE WORLD’

In an extraordinary speech presented in Osaka, Japan on Jan. 18, entitled “Promoting Mutual Understanding Between Asia and Japan, Especially Kansai” (Kansai is the industrial district around Osaka), Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, called on Japan to break its dependence upon the Anglo-American “globalization” process, and take the lead in creating a new, just, economic system for Asia. **This system, he argued, centered on the proposed new Asian Monetary Fund (AMF), must provide the seed-crystal for a new world economic order, now that the follies of the speculative, International Monetary Fund-based system have brought destruction down upon the entire world economy.** To reverse this disaster and achieve a new era of peace and development, Dr. Mahathir advised Japan to return to the successful model of the postwar era, when, under the tutelage of a United States which at that time still believed in developing the productive powers of the nations of the world, Japan’s “full-set” industrial policy of high-quality, low-priced goods, transformed the nation into one of the world’s leading economies. The

following are extended excerpts from Dr. Mahathir’s speech. Subheads have been added.

... In the history of the world there have been many obscure countries and people who suddenly emerged, developed, and prospered to build great nations, empires, and civilizations, only to crumble, decline, and fall after decades or even centuries of greatness. At the height of their power and prosperity, they and many who were their contemporaries believed that they and their greatness would last forever.

The Persians, Greeks, Romans, Mongols, and others all believed their civilizations would be permanent. The British used to make treaties with the Malay states to last as long as there is the Sun, the Moon, and the stars in the heavens.

But we all know that they all crumbled and declined, and are today hardly shadows of their former selves.

Japan, which began to copy the West during the Meiji Period, not only acquired striped pants and morning coats, but also the idea of securing supply lines through a Western-style empire. It did not last long, but it has not cured the Japanese people of wanting to copy the West. Today Japan is copying the ideologies and the economic management systems of the West. I suspect that just as the Japanese East Asian Empire ended in disaster, the Japanese copy of Western ideologies and systems will have the same end result.

Today Japan is copying the United States. America is a great democratic and free country. When they won the Pacific War and freed us from Japanese imperialism, I thought I would forever be pro-American.

But the Americans have changed. They are no longer the liberators. They have become the dominators. It is sad to see the American Embassy in Kuala Lumpur surrounded by concrete walls now, where before only the Russian and Chinese embassies had such walls. Why do so many people seem to want to do harm to the Americans? Whatever may be the reason, if they are so disliked, is it wise to copy them?...

Not everything American is bad, of course. Japan used to produce inferior cheap goods. The Americans taught Japan to switch to high-quality goods instead. But Japan did not accept the other American business practices, especially with regard to pricing. Japan continued to believe in low prices and market share. These, combined with high quality, were an unbeatable formula which fuelled Japan’s growth by, at times, double digits....

Left to themselves, the developed West would have produced high-priced products which their people could afford, but the poor countries could not.

As their workers demand even higher wages, their goods would increase in price, forcing the poor countries to sell more raw materials in order to pay for less and less manufactured imports.

The West did not take kindly to the Japanese invasion of their markets, but the poor of the world were ever grateful. Take away the Japanese cars and appliances, and the poor would revert to a primitive lifestyle, chopping down trees for firewood and walking or cycling to work.

Countries like Malaysia are even more grateful, because as you become more affluent and your cost rose, you shifted your production to low-cost countries, including Malaysia. We wanted to industrialize, because we could not depend on producing and selling tin and rubber only... Today every major Japanese corporation has plants producing the most sophisticated products in Malaysia. We are now fully industrialized, with 82% of our exports made up of manufactured goods. Japanese cooperation with its poorer neighbors has been meaningful and fruitful.

DON’T COPY EVERYTHING FROM THE WEST

What is the lesson to be learned from the modernization of Japan’s industrial capacity? It is that learning from the West need not be total. Copy the quality, but not the price, margins, or market share. If Japan had gone totally West, it would not have been able to compete in the world market. If Japan had priced its goods the way the West priced their goods, it is certain that Japan would not have conquered the world’s market. By retaining the essentials of Japanese marketing strategy, Japan rapidly became the second-biggest economy in the world.

Now Japan is trying to emulate the West 100%. In politics, economy, and financial management, Japan is discarding all its old practices in favor of Western methods and standards. Japan has discarded lifetime employment, cooperation between the government and the private sector, regional cooperation, ideology, etc. Even Japanese youths want to be blondes, work less, and play more. The traditional Japanese and Eastern culture is being discarded and replaced with Western disregard for filial piety and discipline....

The West has conceived, promoted, practiced, and discarded any number of their perfect ideas and systems. It is most unlikely that their current ideas or systems are going to be any better. One day they will condemn and discard their latest craze, i.e., liberal democracy and the free market. But the cost will again be high, higher perhaps for those who swallowed their ideas and systems unthinkingly.

We in Malaysia have good reason to doubt the new Western recipe for the world. We have been the victim and we have seen others suffer even worse from the latest Western ideas and concepts. And so, all of us should put our heads together to examine liberal democracy and the unfettered market in a borderless world, and to determine what we should accept, what we should reject, and what we should modify.

East Asia is concerned about Japan’s economic

health. Malaysia made it clear that Japan is its model. Others in the East may not admit it, but they too used Japan as a model. Indeed, it was Japan's success which encouraged their faith in themselves.

And so, we are distressed when Japan showed signs of failing, and for more than a decade seem unable to pull out of the recession. We are even more distressed when Japan seems to value its relations with America, in particular, more than with East Asia.

'THE CENTURY OF THE WORLD'

Many of us think that if Japan and the East Asian countries work together, we can even come up with a model of cooperation for mutual good for the rest of the world. And that will include the development of a financial architecture and a regime for international trade.

I am not a believer in the Asian century. I believe this century should be the century of the world. We all need each other. If we enrich all the countries in the world, the countries of Africa, Latin America, and South Pacific included, we will have a fantastically rich market, which can only enrich every country. It is not easy, it will take time and patience, but it can be done....

For East Asia to recover and once again achieve miracles of growth, the countries must be allowed to work out their own formulas... Globalization, for example, is great, but in its present form, it is benefiting the rich and the powerful only. We cannot enrich the whole world through present methods of globalization, because it is based on dominance of the rich and the powerful, over the poor and the weak.

For East Asia to recover faster, Japan must play a big role. Japan has the financial strength and the technology to contribute towards East Asia's recovery and growth. It is said that a major cause of Japan's inability to recover is the unwillingness of the Japanese to consume. Well, East Asia can consume what Japan produces, more if Japan helps East Asia to prosper again. Please go back to your old strategy of producing high-quality, low-cost goods, and you can sell much of what you produce to East Asia. You don't have to stop trading with Europe and America, but we will provide you with a big additional market. But first, help us to recover by investing in our countries and setting up the Asian Monetary Fund.

Japan understands Asia and East Asia better than the West, except when it chooses to listen to those people who do not understand Asians. Learn about us through your own newsgathering network. If you rely on existing news networks, you will miss myriads of opportunities. If you get truthful reports, you will help create better understanding, not only between you and us, but also between East Asian and Asian countries.

'PROSPERING OUR NEIGHBORS'

Malaysia believes in prospering our neighbors, especially those adjoining our country. The reason is simple enough. Prosperous neighbors are less likely to give us trouble. On the other

hand, they make good trading partners, an activity that will be mutually enriching.

Clearly a policy of good positive neighborliness is good for everyone. On the other hand, a policy of extracting and even destroying the wealth of neighbors benefits no one, not the destroyer nor the destroyed. This is what happened when the currency traders devalued the currencies of East Asian countries, in order to make huge, quick profits for themselves. By destroying the economies of the prosperous East Asian countries, they have destroyed one of the richest markets of the West.

Similarly, the present concept of globalization will destroy more than it will build. For example, Britain allowed its automobile industry to be owned by foreigners, because the foreign companies were bigger and more efficient. Now, one by one, the British plants are being closed down. Cars can be more efficiently produced in Germany and America. The result is unemployment for thousands of British workers and exported to America. What about American workers? Well, that is not the problem of Daimler. It is the problem for the American government to solve.

The benefits of good neighborliness are endless. Even within a country, consideration for the less-developed region yields good benefits for all.

NO ONE NEEDS TO BE POOR

... Today the world is fantastically rich. The combination of human ingenuity and natural resources has so enriched the world that no one really needs to be poor. It is normal in civilized society to tax the rich and help the poor. But it is not so in the community of nations. **The so-called aid given to poor nations has made them permanent debt slaves of the rich.** Are we going to go on with this beggar-thy-neighbor confrontational policy?

Japan and Asia must rethink human values. We should lead the way in devising new values and norms, where might is not right. By spreading the virtues of hard work and discipline among the less developed, we can invest in order to enrich everyone in every country....

Governments are not anachronistic. The idea that the market knows best is promoted by those who dominate the market and want their financial strength to determine what is best for themselves. They do not want governments concerned over the social cost of their predatory activities to stand in the way. The free market is about maximizing profits. Nothing else matters. If the economy of countries has to be destroyed in order to make profits, so be it.

Only governments can fight these predatory commercial giants. Asia must put in place governments which can protect the weak and afford them a chance to survive and prosper. By coming together and standing up against unfettered predatory capitalism and the absolutely free market that it wants to impose on the world, by offering alternative systems and code of ethics, Asia, and in particular East Asia, with Japan playing a leading role, **can prevent the headlong rush**

towards destruction which the current Western model will certainly lead us to.

Remember the destruction of the world's economy and the millions of deaths that the Western socialist ideology had led to in the past. Let us not allow another of the West's perfect systems to bring about the same catastrophes. Only Asia is in a position to offer alternatives, and Japan, together with East Asia, must proffer their solutions to the world's financial and economic problems, and so ensure better relations between the nations of the world.

Japan and Asia must work together for a better world where economic battles to the death are replaced by friendship and understanding, mutual respect, and mutual gains. If we want to build mutual understanding between Asia and Japan, it must not be exclusively for our own good. It must also be for the purpose of showing to the rest of the world that mutual understanding is better than the imposition of foreign values and methods on people who are not ready for them. Prospering each other is far better than forcing down the throats of others the perfect values and ideologies that you have conceived. Remember how, in the end, you yourselves have in the past rejected those values and ideologies. And remember the cost that had to be paid....

It is not good for Japan and Asia to become prosperous through mutual understanding if it is not going to result in prosperity for the rest of the world. Just as Kansai's prosperity will enrich Japan, so should Asia's prosperity enrich the world.

[END OF QUOTING]

It appears that Japan has just about as many scandals surfacing as any other nation. Perhaps it is that the "Western" way allows for such freedom as to allow corruption even in its highest officials, industrialists and politicians. It is, however, eating the very soul from within.

This is why we want to help greatly such as BIMP EAGA and ASEAN—but we are insisting that the management of such alliances and fundings is run thorough the systems of the banking as done through Malaysia and, as well, within the management of the honorable guidance of such as Mahathir. Each participant should magnificently prosper as we move forward—but corruption must be put aside if there is to be stabilization of economic and societal structures.

Don't you just wonder at how difficult it is to reach through to these people in charge? Well, it is perceived that there must be some ungodly struggle with such as the IMF but let me set your mind in another direction as you see that what is upon you cannot be "fixed" with the same old glue. Something heroic must come forth, for the times have come to such mammoth disrepair.

Thank you for sharing. I pray that you do not just dawdle to the point that this wondrously good man moves on as he is now 75 years of age and has given his life to Malaysia and now, the world. But a man can only go so far—and when things are kept FROM him, he is more destined to be uninformed about his own tools at hand.

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“New” Philippine Government: Same IMF/WB Political Chaos

The really new Cabinet members are resigning and the old guard is being put into place daily

God’s, Filipinos’ Gold Must Come Home

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RE: SORROW IN PHILIPPINES; POLITICAL EXASPERATION; RAIDERS OF THE LOST GOLD, Erick San Juan, Manila, Philippines. CHAPTERS 22, 23, 24.

PEOPLE DIE FOR CHANGE BUT GET POLITICS WORSE THAN USUAL

Hatonn—Because of some Manila burnout I wish to focus only briefly on the facts of political overrun.

You will have to understand that only in political years does the masa have any hope of even meager income and this from “purchase of votes”. **The Campaigning has only just begun and already the government is in total chaos and NOTHING HAS CHANGED EXCEPT THE ONES CALLING THEMSELVES SOMETHING OR OTHER, ONLY “CLAIMED”, NOT PROVEN, AND SURELY NOT ACCEPTED.**

A new President here? No, an unholy alliance with a handful of orchestrated demonstrators and a bunch of bait-and-switch artists. **The really new Cabinet members are resigning and the old guard is being put into place daily.**

Payoffs continue and good men are caused to resign because they actually tell on the guilty culprits in massive swindles—even to the fighting equipment of the Armed Forces. Double prices are PAID for items but “rejects” (literally) are provided in both body protection and arms. Frightening? “Terrifying” is a better term.

So what do “we” do? We turn to the new “drop outs” and see if we can find some interest while the ones in the game “haven’t time to study the information...”. This, too, is a literal statement. When NOTHING else is as important, the political “fix” is far more important and is aided and abetted by the U.S., World Bank and IMF—not to even consider the individual political criminals.

LET’S CONSIDER HOUSING FOR THE POOR

The going program is to offer housing at low prices. This sounds good but in the plots for planting houses there is no power, no water and no sanitary system. By the time the houses are actually built, the houses are already falling down because of poor construction and terrible building products.

Now add onto that: The houses are “for sale” and not “for rent”—so those who can finally afford the house if at all (most are empty for all reasons), the first illness causes them to sell in order to get health care, or in lots of cases, funeral expenses.

A good contractor with his own project funding

could build bunches of well-constructed modules and take incremental payments at minimum cost—and for much less price have twice as much house and dwellers.

A SOCIETY BASED SOLELY ON CORRUPTION CANNOT SUSTAIN ITSELF! Moreover, the only difference in, say, the Philippines and the U.S. is in perspective and sophistication.

You think I jest when I note that these people claim to wish to help their fellow citizens? No, they do not even respect their fellow citizens and take all the credit for whatever change is wrought by the people under the guise of some “People Power” established by Fidel Ramos in 1986.

There is a very outspoken shrew-lady here who is maintaining her space in the arena by pretended intelligence. I will share with you what this lady said about herself when people objected to her self-important attitudes and superior stance on anything and everything. She was one among 11 members of the Senate who DESTROYED the Estrada Impeachment trial.

This lady’s (??) name is Miriam Santiago and she has been campaigning hard to get appointed to the post of a major player in the judicial team at the United Nations. Ah, but here is her attitude about “lesser people”:

[QUOTING excerpt, *The Philippine STAR*, Sat., Feb. 24, 2001:]

Direct quotation from Senator Miriam Santiago:

Hi, to those who were not able to watch I-Witness (including me) where Miriam Santiago was interviewed by Vicky Morales, here’s an excerpt which is quoted verbatim from Rina Jimenez David’s column. When Miriam was asked how she felt about public reaction to her “no” vote that fateful night of January 16: “Why should I be bothered by these Filipinos who are raising their protests against me? These same Filipinos who have not even stepped foot on Harvard or Oxford. I would be bothered by it a (sic) if my professor in Cambridge were to take exception to my legal interpretation of a judicial matter. But to be bothered by a Filipino who may not even know that a Harvard exists, who can’t even pass the UP (University of the Philippines) entrance test, who wouldn’t even understand discussions of such a high level even if they tried, why should I be bothered? I have no time to listen to this species of lower life forms.”

BUYING BACK A DEPOSED PRESIDENT

It is also general knowledge that enough Supreme Court Justices have now been “bought off” at very handsome prices to put Erap right back in the Palace.

The gambling business is back in full-forward, both legal and illegal. In fact, there are so many consultants to the Gaming Commission as to break the bank at Monte Carlo.

Indeed, my team continues to ask: “What are

we doing here?”

WE ARE HERE TO GIVE THE HUMAN MAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE HIS OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH SURVIVAL AND DIGNITY UNDER GOD. HE MUST DO IT. IT IS LIKE YOU THE CREW: YOU MUST DO THE WORK AS “THE WAY” IS BROUGHT FORTH—YOU CANNOT JUST WAIT FOR GOD OR ANGELS TO DO IT FOR YOU, FOR GOD AWAITS YOUR CHOICES.

When you wonder why I take the time to again push the happenings of a Marcos era or even a Russell Herman involvement, it is for the recognition that you are not alone nor are you overlooked. We now have people who WORKED WITH Russell and, therefore, KNOW the plan was real—for they also helped structure it in its basic form. This is FOR YOUR CONFIRMATION, not mine.

When you see where and how things broke down and the shysters shifted and cheated, you will better understand why things are so bad even in, yes, Iraq.

Does the U.S. “really” know about weapons and mass destruction capabilities? Oh, indeed, the U.S. funded the things and gave the instructions.

People, Armageddon is right around the corner and you don’t seem to really notice it creeping on you like the blob from outer Slobovia.

Moreover, you allow yourselves to wear slowly away in your ability to provide your bodies with what is needed to allow your bodies to maintain healthy immune systems—while you also allow the very products which can enhance that system to be removed from your ability to acquire. And this, friends, (sorry to say) is due to your own doing and that of the assaulters wanting to destroy you or take your projects and products.

Please, Dharma, let us return to the book in progress in reproduction because we have pressing things to attend and this is time-consuming but necessary. Unless you know what the plan WAS, you cannot even begin to consider recovery, and yet recovery is what lends stability and righteousness to the people.

[QUOTING:]

RAIDERS OF THE LOST GOLD
By Erick San Juan, Manila, Philippines

(PART 14)

CHAPTER 22

PEDROSA’S TOUCHÉ

WHAT REALLY ARE OUR CHANCES OF RECOVERING THE Marcos gold from Switzerland?

Very slim. There are many things which even Filipino scholars do not know about the Alpine State. Switzerland is a federal republic “invented” by the Rothschilds and other prominent members of international banking and finance who organized the Congress of Vienna (1814-1815). It was primarily designed to become the new financial center. Since then, globalists have used Swiss banks to trap the unwary. Even if a head of state was knowledgeable and wise enough not to choose a bank with a name like Rothschild, the fact remains that the conspiracy controls several other banks in Switzerland.

Here is where the trouble comes in, as prominent author and top *STAR* columnist Carmen Nararro-Pedrosa discovered, in her probe into the Marcos wealth. It only goes to show that nations need an

honest-to-goodness professional consulting firm to determine how to benefit from Switzerland's unique political, legal and banking system—and avoid the crooks.

In her regular *STAR* column “From a Distance”, Pedrosa writes: “What stands in the way of the Philippine claim is Switzerland, a powerful and wealthy country that has traditionally rejected attempts by countries victimized by their own leaders to recover the wealth. Filipinos must recognize that Switzerland is a country sustained by an iniquitous banking system. Any initiative by the Philippine government, whoever is at the head, will be vulnerable to the blandishments of the Swiss system, who are used to warding off any attempt by claimants to remove disputed deposits, whether stolen gold or cash, from their dominion. It is a given that the Swiss will attack the credibility of any individual involved in any campaign against the Swiss banking system. This partly explains the timidity of officials in tackling the Marcos gold despite evidence that the Swiss have not been forthcoming about it. Earlier attempts to defeat the Swiss banking system were not only successfully stopped, the brave Filipinos who took the risks were ultimately destroyed by intrigue and innuendo.”

Pedrosa points to Operation Big Bird and Oplan Domino which failed because “the role played by those protecting the Swiss banking system was not properly recognized.” How true! Some of those involved in the recovery project worked clandestinely with the Swiss authorities!

An American expert who has been involved with the Swiss banking industry for thirty years has cautioned individuals and nations over the years that they must deal only with a publicly owned Swiss bank. Under Swiss law, publicly owned banks with stock in the hands of the public must be controlled only by Swiss citizens. In other words, the voting shares cannot be sold to foreigners. This simple fact is absolutely critical in maintaining the security of the Swiss political, legal and banking system.

So, why didn't Marcos deposit his wealth in publicly owned Swiss banks? Why did he opt to deal with highly touted banks like UBS (Union Bank of Switzerland), which is controlled by globalists?

“The Swiss were co-conspirators of Marcos in stashing the wealth away from the Philippines,” Pedrosa insists. “This was blatantly demonstrated by Peter Cosandey when he ‘raided’ Freilager A.G. to satisfy Swiss media and the public that the gold does not exist.”

Cosandey's behavior was indeed suspicious. First, he publicly announced that a raid of the Kloten warehouse was to be initiated by him just before he conducted it. Then, he invited members of the media to accompany him on his ‘raid’ but did not allow any of them to enter the warehouse. Cosandey's moves have been more than enough to prove nothing but complicity.

According to Pedrosa, the whole thing was triggered by what she believes to be a mistake on the part of the PCGG agent, Reiner Jacobi. “He represented the evidence to Peter Cosandey, the Zurich district attorney, who was in charge of ‘helping’ the Philippines in its search and claim for the Marcos Swiss gold and deposit.” The evidence pointed to the physical whereabouts of the loot—in the form of account numbers in the Union Bank of Switzerland and storage vault numbers in Freilager A.G.

In his search for the Marcos gold, Jacobi, a

private investigator from Australia, was arrested and imprisoned three times while gathering evidence. His last arrest was in his Sanctuary Cove residence in Australia, on the same charges hurled against him in 1992, when he was in Hong Kong. At that time, he had just discovered the location of the Marcos gold in Freilager A.G., a warehouse situated underneath the Kloten Airport in Zurich.

At present, Jacobi is free and is now back in Australia. Strangely, Pedrosa has noted the telltale pattern when every time he revives public interest concerning the Marcos gold in Switzerland, he always gets into trouble.

In the light of everything that has been revealed by Mrs. Pedrosa on her end, how do we increase our chances of getting back the Marcos gold from the Swiss?

“The key to the success of our campaign or any other campaign is to keep our minds focused on what unites us, not on what divides us even if what divides us is true,” Pedrosa pointed out. I agree. But you can bet your bottom dollar that the Swiss authorities will do everything in their power to keep us divided.

This is the very reason behind former Pres. Fidel V. Ramos' usual application of his pet principle: “Pliant like a bamboo”, by keeping humble, patient and calculating, to unify the Filipino people, from the right, to the left, from the Moroland, our listless military, and now, the political factions each being given their piece of the action, all in the name of peace.

CHAPTER 23

THE PHILIPPINE FREE PRESS VERSION

THE *PHILIPPINE FREE PRESS*, A HARD-HITTING PUBLICATION owned by Teodoro Locsin, Sr., has its own version of the Marcos gold haul. Its writers believe that Dulay's claim that “Marcos found half of the estimated \$80 Billion Yamashita Treasure” is not all true, and that the figures could be far bigger than what is popularly believed.

In his story, Michael Duenas stated that when Marcos started getting upset by pressures from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, he was reported to have mumbled, “If only the Americans know how much gold we have, they will be fair to me.”

American officials have confirmed the existence of the Marcos gold hoard which they estimated to be “worth around \$240 Billion”. Aside from the E.F. Hutton group which came out with the estimate, Hirschfield and Chastain, too, revealed the information that former President Ferdinand Marcos asked them to borrow \$25 Million for him “to finance a (counter) coup in the Philippines”. They secretly taped their private conversation with Marcos, in which the strongman admitted that he had 1,000 tons of gold hidden in the Philippines “about which Imee (the eldest daughter) knew”.

Duenas points to the 1988 report of Japan's English language daily *Yomiuri Shimbun* claiming that from the spring of 1986 through 1987 some 20 tons of gold bars worth \$330 million were sold in the black market there by men identified with Marcos. Also, two men who they said were working for Marcos, “showed *United Press International* (UPI), also in early 1988, a draft contract offering for sale 38,000 metric tons of 75-kilogram gold bars, estimated to be worth around \$240 Billion, the bulk of which were in London warehouses.”

All these stories appeared exclusively in the pages of the *Free Press*.

Duenas cited Filemon V. Tutay's two-part series, *The Yamashita Treasure Hunt Goes On!* as the basis for his own version of the Marcos gold story. “The Hunter Group, which was engaged in a massive hunt-and-retrieval operation for the fabled Yamashita Treasure was headed by Charlie (code name for then Pres. Marcos), and Jimmy (code name for Fabian C. Ver, then Chief of the Presidential Security Command),” wrote Duenas. The latter reportedly brought the Americans to Marcos' hideaway in Mariveles, Bataan, aboard the presidential yacht, to finalize laundering agreements for selling the gold in Zurich and London markets.

In this case, “laundering simply meant two things—the elimination of the original identifying marks on the retrieved gold, and the necessary processing to change its characteristics from those of its actual origin to those of gold mined in the Philippines,” explained Duenas.

The secret new process, according to Ver, could presumably extract much more gold than the known conventional process, and it could serve, too, as the explanation for the sudden increased production of Philippine gold.

Upon reaching the Marcos summer palace in the Bataan Peninsula, the Americans were treated to a variety of sports and other forms of relaxation, including a sightseeing tour of Corregidor, the famous island fortress. After a hearty dinner, they were brought on a guided tour which ended in an underground concrete vault measuring about 30 by 30 feet.

According to one, Curtis, who related this account to Steve Psinakis before reaching the *Free Press* desk, “The vault was full of gold bars, neatly piled one on top of the other from floor to ceiling! Each gold bar measured 4 by 4 by 16 inches, weighted 12.5 kilograms [**The described gold bar (4195cc @19.3 grams/cc) would actually weigh 81.0 kilograms.**] of 24 karats, 99.9 percent fineness. At the corner of the cavernous vault, as if on guard, sat the Golden Buddha, about three feet in height, made of pure white gold, with a detachable head in which were hidden diamonds and other precious stones.”

Ver reportedly told Curtis that the gold in the vault “came from only one of the many sites of their retrieving operations and it was a relatively small one.” However, the pile Curtis saw was the reason why the laundering facility must become activated as soon as possible because “retrieval of additional gold could create a serious problem of safe storage and security,” unless it could be laundered and sold as it was retrieved.

“The Yamashita Treasure retrieval operation hit the jackpot on July 8, 1975,” declared Duenas. “As Tutay narrated... the workmen reached the top of the concrete tunnel where the vast treasure was supposed to have been stored. But instead of becoming a cause for rejoicing, finally reaching the treasure sought, it started a series of unsettling events that panicked the LEBER group (Legitimate, Ethical Business Enterprises, Related) to fly out of the country as though they were running for their life,” added Duenas.

Apparently, Marcos had warned Curtis of leaks about the treasure hunt projects. The day before, Lee Marcussen, Curtis' business associate in Reno, Nevada, told him about Jack Anderson's column which mentioned buried World War II Japanese treasure in the Sierra Madre mountains in the Philippines. In his account, Anderson also included “a bribe attempt on Primitivo Mijares not to divulge Marcos' involvement in the hunt

for Yamashita's buried treasure in the controversial area."

A psychic reportedly warned Curtis and his group that "something was wrong and their lives were in grave danger". All of them left the Philippines immediately.

A month later, Curtis tried to get in touch with Marcos and Ver to no avail. Finally, he contacted Ambassador Amelito Mutuc who allegedly told them, "The operations have resumed full blast but on top security. Not even I can get there, and they are doing it already."

Despite the elaborate tale, however, Duenas showed no proof that the gold hoard did belong to General Yamashita.

CHAPTER 24

VATICAN'S SECRET

"HOW COME NO JAPANESE AUTHORITY, NO JAPANESE OFFICER, no survivor of the Japanese Imperial Army, no goose-stepping colleague of Yamashita, has ever stepped forward to authenticate the story? How come no witness (Japanese, Filipino, Mangyan, Igorot, Baluga) ever lived to tell the tale? Were they all massacred? How come not one of the Southeast Asian countries supposedly looted by Yamashita of their gold holding ever came out in the open after the Second World War to protest and seek reparation?" These are but some of the many questions raised by Teodoro Benigno, a former cabinet member of the Aquino administration who writes for the *The Philippine STAR*.

Short of calling him the devil incarnate, Benigno insisted that Marcos' word must never be believed by anyone. "There was never anybody like Ferdinand Marcos when it came to inventing something out of the whole cloth," Benigno said. "He was Harry Houdini, Mandrake, the Mystic of Mandalay, David Copperfield. He was a superb forked root from the genus Mondargora which could only be pulled from the ground at midnight to project the maximum powers of the dark Earth," he added. But just like the others, he came up with the wrong conclusion on the matter. "There is gold. There is Marcos gold, presumably plenty of it, piled up in locked bank vaults known only to the High Hemphets of Credit Suisse and possibly other Swiss banks. Perhaps buried in some secret places in our country. But it is not Yamashita gold. It is stolen gold, looted from the Central Bank and some gold mines in the Philippines. This has been documented in detail in Ric Manapat's book, *Some Are Smarter Than Others*," swore Benigno.

Some, indeed, are smarter than others. The smarter ones believed that what Marcos carried away with him came from the Vatican treasury, fabulous financial baggage which should have been long discarded by Peter's successors, as suggested by ex-Jesuit Malachi Martin in many of the books he has written, concrete valuables which provide collateral that rises in the hundreds of billions of dollars.

The Vatican's loss may have been something destined. As Filipinos love to say, *kinarma*. After all, "the dowry of Constantine is too much to carry in today's world," said Pope Paul VI, the well-read humanist who in his lifetime always recalled lines from Dante's *Inferno*: "Alas! Constantine, how much misfortune you caused, not by becoming Christian but by that dowry which the first rich father accepted for you!"

It is therefore not strange to speculate or even

believe that scandals like the embezzlement of Peter's Pence should happen within the confines of the Papal State. Father Jose Antonio Diaz may have been the "Paul Marcinkus" of his time.

Paul Marcinkus was the head of the Vatican Bank at the time of John Paul's mysterious death. Born on January 15, 1922 in the suburb of Cicero, a city ruled by the Mafia, his parents were immigrants from Lithuania who worked harder than most people to feed and clothe their five children.

Marcinkus' career, which eventually brought him to the position of "God's Banker", was launched by the Cardinal of New York, Francis Spellman, who headed one of the wealthiest dioceses in the world at the time, and was frequently referred to as "Cardinal Moneybags", according to David Yallop, author of the controversial book, *In God's Name*.

During a quick visit to downtown Rome sometime in 1964, Pope Paul VI was suddenly faced with the danger of being trampled upon by an enthusiastic crowd. Marcinkus, with his huge gorilla-like physique, appeared in a flash, "using shoulders, elbows and hands," to help clear the way for the nervous pontiff. From then on, said David Yallop, he (Marcinkus) became the unofficial bodyguard to the Pope, and his nickname, "Gorilla", was born. When Pope John Paul II came for a visit to the Philippines, he (Marcinkus) was one of JPPII's close-in security.

Marcinkus was an important part of "Vatican Incorporated". It was the structure that more often than not controlled the fiscal policy of the Church. "You can't run the Church on Hail Marys," said Marcinkus. He preferred the assistance of the Mafia to help him run the Church's financial affairs. Later, Pope John Paul I would initiate moves to remove him from the Vatican Bank. His good friend, Sicilian banker Michele Sindona, was deeply in association with Propaganda Due (P2), the Masonic lodge operating inside the walls of St. Peter's.

Until this day, Marcinkus, together with Cardinals Jean Villot, Roberto Calvi, Licio Gelli, and Cardinal John Cody, have been suspected of applying the Italian solution against Papa Albino Luciani (John Paul I): "The Pope must die!" He did... on the evening of September 28, 1978. Father Diaz may not have been as brusque as Marcinkus, but he was equally deadly. His ingenuity in the field of finance and gold trading proved to be profitable. In the end, however, he, too, had to give away Constantine's dowry to a strongman who would in turn lose it to the globalists. Could it be that the Vatican bullion carries a curse upon those who dare stash the treasure?

[END OF QUOTING PART 14, CHAPTER 24]

Readers, curses on something or someone are things of the physical projection. There may well be enough criminal activity surrounding these "stashes"—but believe me, it is in the realm of human physical expression.

Yes, indeed, a lot of gold got shifted out of the "European Sector" in the war called Second World War. It was shifted as much as anything to keep it out of the "Italian" hands because you must remember that Italy was a fascist country headed by an Italian, Mussolini.

There was also "German" gold which was called "Nazi" but not really justifiably. It was thieved gold which also got shifted to protect it for the ones who now pull it out of Switzerland's banks.

Remember that the Swiss came off the GOLD STANDARD within the currently past three years. A Jewess was elected President of Switzerland, as well, and the entire banking industry in Switzerland has come

under great loss as in respect and in value. They headed up the list of "gold leasing" banks who, frankly, have all but brought down the entire economic structures. They can't afford to either get back on the gold standard or stay off it—for the GOLD IS SIMPLY "GONE".

Do "I" care? NO, I DO NOT. When you demand a system that defrauds you right under your noses—you shall reap whatever you sowed.

The gold I care about is MINE against this very day of evolution and Mr. Marcos got his hands on a lot of it—then went off the deep end with the manipulators. Yes, I do want it back for the use of that which it was intended against this day. I also would like to see the Philippine people get BACK what was stolen from them under fraudulent actions. This seems to take a long time to have understood by the manipulators who are stuck with a deteriorating society, social structure and political corruption until SOMEBODY changes the track. And NO, that is not MY job—for that would only change it for ME, not YOU.

People like the idea of praying, not receiving. Then when God offers them "the way", they get greedy and claim it of their own doing and each tries to again hoard the values.

Now, don't give me the old Apocalypse tale from *Revelation*, readers. There has NEVER been a time when there were not wars on your place, no earthquakes, etc. Check out your history and that which is being discovered as technology allows more in-depth probing of such as old cities, especially of Egypt and what you call the ancient places. Those were really BIG earthquakes, floods and devastations.

Yes, you bet, man can now manipulate and bring on his own disasters but they are certainly a result of his own doing. If, for instance, you wipe out the homes of the gorillas or kill them out—they will become extinct. Don't blame GOD. GOD offers creation—NOT destruction. While, I might add, most people just sleep on, demanding more and more enslavement to "get theirs".

Can we succeed partially if not wholly? Yes, and THAT becomes a choice within narrow vision, doesn't it? Time segments are exactly that, segments of sequencing events and that in itself "times" your viability and, as you phase out, we must secure, again, that which must be one hand in the next episode or "Earth Play". **At some time in evolvment of mankind on Earth experience, he WILL grow or he will perish.** One is continuous in mental expectation, the other lends to dark ages of ignorance and loss.

When all is of evil, you will end your tale. God won't destroy you, brethren, YOU WILL—and we are only obliged to "allow". Power and self-gratification have become the rule of the day and since that is basically unacceptable in the overall stream of mankind, then things simply don't happen in the goodly pot because the cooks don't allow in the products necessary as they grab for their own. It is much as with a "loan" of whatever in the Philippines, a loan is, by the borrowers' standards, nothing more than a gift through fraud. How much goes out? Well, whatever, it NEVER COMES BACK! And THAT is seemingly acceptable. It is not acceptable and the games played to get just a bit more are foolishness, indeed. And, yes, the tears and the asking never end. So be it—and I hope that everyone pays attention.

Thank you, GCH

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Evil, Immoral, Insane Policies Originated With Henry Kissinger

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TODAY’S WATCH (EXPRESS)

Hatonn present within the Light of God, with perspectives and notices from the lighted perspective. May God grant understanding within that man can again find freedom.

TRUTH OF IRAN-CONTRA ENTANGLEMENT

You who seek continual and continuing proof and confirmation of that which I give unto you, please obtain the *FRONTLINE*, Public Broadcasting System transcript of the program aired yesterday evening called *HIGH CRIMES & MISDEMEANORS* hosted by Bill Moyers. It gives factual, documented statements which prove everything that I have told you regarding the scenario and, moreover, gives you the proof you need to realize that you remain totally encapsulated in the lies and secret on-goings and cover-ups of your Elite reformers. It is shocking, indeed, if you have not been following the *Journals* and *Expresses*—confirmation if you have!

Video information of the above: PBS Video, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Transcript: Send \$5.00 to: *FRONTLINE* TRANSCRIPTS, Journal Graphics, 267 Broadway, New York, NY 10007.

If demand is high for further information, I can give coverage in an *Express* but I feel you ones would prefer other pertinent information. I do ask that a copy of the transcript be obtained by the Editor hereof and we shall give it forth in an upcoming *Journal*. Thank you.

SLAVES

As your government sends your young men and women off to die in a desert far distant from home, let me point out some misinformation. You are, and the children are, told that they march off to defend humanity, American interests, freedom and democracy. Allow us to look at this in truth.

What you are defending and again raising to power is a slaveholder, Jaber el-Sabah, the Emir of Kuwait,

who was Bush’s honored guest at the White House, and who appealed to the UN General Assembly to restore the “legitimate government” of Kuwait. This includes restoring the Emir to command over his household servants, many of whom are BLACK SLAVES. These Black slaves and their children will be destined to live and die in chattel bondage, thanks to the sacrifices of the U.S. armed forces acting under the orders of Bush.

Another slaveholder is King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. One of the announced goals of Bush’s Gulf buildup, which will soon reach over a half million troops, is to defend the Saudi Arabian monarchy against the alleged danger of Iraqi attack. King Fahd and many of the other 6,000 members of the Saudi royal family also own Black slaves. King Fahd keeps his in a special slave compound in the precincts of his palace, now shielded by the U.S. Army. And beyond this, the rulers of Qatar, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman are also owners of Black slavery there. But Bush demands that the U.S. sacrifice blood and treasure, courting possible World War III, in order to restore Black chattel slavery to Kuwait by driving the Iraqis out and putting the slaveholding Emir back on his throne. Now, dear ones, this “Fahd” of Saudi Arabia is also the same one who gave \$2 MILLION PER MONTH to the Contra effort through the Bush Vice Presidency. If you obtain the transcript listed above, you will find that Bush knew and participated completely and then LIED OPENLY TO YOU-THE-PUBLIC ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WHICH WERE ABSOLUTE LIES AND NOT EVEN “HEDGES” REGARDING THE MOST HEINOUS OF ACTIVITIES. WHY DO YOU BELIEVE HE SPEAKS TRUTH UNTO YOU NOW?

Many of the Black slaves of the Gulf trace their origin to Ethiopia. A slave trade between Ethiopia and the Gulf states was in existence until about the time of the Second World War, although it declined somewhat thereafter. A League of Nations report of some years past confirmed the persistence of Black chattel slavery in the Arabian Peninsula. Today, slave quarters and slave compounds are commonly adjacent to the luxury palaces of oil-rich princes, emirs, and sheiks. Slaves are slaves for all their lives, and their offspring are also slaves and are the property of the slaveholder. Many of these slaves speak very little Arabic, and communicate with those they serve through signs and gestures—of course, they are kept illiterate and totally uninformed. The native language of the slaves is often a dialect of Ethiopian, passed along in the closed society of the slave quarters and the harem.

The institution of slavery in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states is officially denied, of course, by the feudal-monarchial regimes in question, but the existence of Black slaves is an open secret that can easily be verified in any street or market. Groups of Black slaves go to the souks or bazaars to do the shopping for the households which they serve. These slaves receive priority service from merchants as a sign of respect and deference to the princely masters whose slaves they are. Every larger town and city in the Gulf has a public square that served as a slave market until quite recently when the activity went under cover, and the names have been changed to deflect attention from the continuing presence of slaves, who continue to be bought and

sold by princes privately and behind the scenes. You will note that in a prior *Journal* I referred to the Israeli Zionists making incredible efforts to bring “*their*” *JUDAIC* believers out of Ethiopia in the middle of nights by private plane and rounded up and forced aboard—herein you have the real reason and resource for a very large money-making operation on human life.

Black slavery has a long history in the Gulf. In the Arabic language spoken there, the word “*abed*” signifies black and slave at the same time. It is considered less a term of notoriety than a simple statement of fact.

Any American politician, Black or White, who protested against apartheid in South Africa must find the existence of actual chattel slavery in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states far more abhorrent. And all the more so because President Bush has ordered the biggest buildup since Vietnam in order to defend the Saudi slaveholders, and will soon order American troops into actual combat, with horrendous consequences around the entire world, in order to restore the Kuwaiti slaveholders to power. If American troops invade Iraq, they will be bringing Black slavery with them. ***Certainly many Black GI’s would rather use their guns to free their fellow Black men, women, and children from slavery in Saudi Arabia than attack the Iraqi defensive positions in Kuwait. If Saudi slaveholding becomes widely known among the U.S. forces in the Gulf, it is highly doubtful whether they will share in the Bush-Thatcher-Kissinger war-psychosis against Iraq. WHERE IS JESSE JACKSON? WHY HAS JESSE JACKSON JUST JOINED THE CONSPIRACY ELITE OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS????***

Slavery was “*officially*” abolished in open forums in 1962 in Saudi Arabia by King Faisal as a QUID PRO QUO (*funny thing about Quid Pro Quos, as Bush denied any such thing in the Contra crisis, also—he said (again), “...read my lips—there is no Quid Pro Quo” and yet, he personally delivered the money ‘Quid’ to the Central American Dealers for American military assistance against the Egyptian regime of Gamal Abdul Nasser*). The Saudi reforms were never implemented.

Recently, the slave trade has been maintained by kidnaping African Muslims who came to Mecca for the religious pilgrimage of the hajj. Many of these very poor African Muslims sold their children into slavery, or were themselves enslaved, because they could not finance their trips home. The primary sources for the slaves have been the hardest-hit parts of Africa: Senegal, Sudan, Chad, and Ethiopia and Eritrea. Preference has been given to African Muslims because the Saudi elites were reticent to have non-Muslim slaves in the holy places of Islam.

FILIPINOS, TOO

More recently, there has been a flow of Filipinos, who come to Saudi Arabia with the promise of high-paying jobs. When they arrive, they are deprived of their passports, made to sign contracts in Arabic (which they do not understand), and **prevented from ever leaving the country**. These ones are further prevented from speaking in any language to anyone outside the compounds. The Emir of Kuwait has had the most lavish lifestyle of any Royal Emir and the practice of slave holding is widespread—as a matter of fact, the Filipinos who were recently released from Kuwait were fortunate, indeed, for the so-called “invasion” by Saddam.

These slaves come mainly from populations which are Muslim, from war-torn areas. They come from Ethiopia, Eritreia, from Tanzania, etc. It is an old tradition. The painful thing about it is that the British not

only know about it, but it is done with their consent. It goes back to the end of the Second World War. In Madagascar, since that new socialist regime came in, it has been done much more strongly.

As late as your 1966, some four years after the “official” abolition of slavery for public consumption, even the United Nations has been, for political reasons, somewhat reticent to deal with the slavery issue in the Arabian Peninsula. I guess that figures to be because you must realize that the five permanent members of the UN Security Council run the UN and the world. There are even recognized slave routes from Dubai, Muscat, Buraimi, Al Hasa, Riyadh. Merchants make seasonal trips to Dubai and Muscat, returning with a group of 50 to 60 slaves at a time. They are first put up for sale at Al Hasa and later, if unsold there, sold through brokers at Riyadh. The slaves are often kidnapped from towns and villages in the Qatar and Buraimi area. The slaver contracts groups of entertainers and musicians, who give performances outside the village or town, arranging for a dancing party on a particular day. The slaver then gets in touch with the tribe living in the vicinity to arrange for a raid on the dancing party and to kidnap the girls for whom an agreed sum is paid per head to the sheikhs of the tribe—the slaver then takes over. Funny thing about the involvement of the Mossad in the kidnapping—oh, yes, they are right there training the slavers.

Here is just one common example of how commonplace the practice is: A group of Italian businessmen boast openly how, because of a lack of easy access to women in Kuwait, they buy slave girls who do all their bidding. When the business is finished and individuals leave the country, the girls are sold to a fellow-businessman or sold back to the original owners—these business arrangements made at original point of sale. And so it goes! **IS THIS THAT FOR WHICH YOU ARE WILLING TO LAY DOWN THE LIVES OF YOUR FAMILY AND RELATIONS—OIL, GREED, SLAVERY AND CONTROL EVEN OF SELF???** Then, it would behoove you to awaken your eyes, for the take-over is underway and speeding toward an irreversible finale.

WHERE IS HENRY K. AND WHAT IS HE DOING?

Well, he has been efforting to get China to join with the UN Security Council to declare war—by whatever name you label it. The Chinese, however, give indecision as an open projection—don’t be sucked into the subterfuge.

Now, he will testify this very day before the Senate Armed Services Committee—WHY? Kissinger holds no office and is no longer openly accepted even as an advisor to the President—how is this new importance to world affairs? Could it be that he is one of the most powerful humans in your world? I think you had better pay attention, for he is and he is about to have the world brought down—through YOU!

Turn on your TV and you will likely find Kissinger spouting off, or look into any newspaper these days, and you will find Henry Kissinger pontificating on the Persian Gulf crisis. Kissinger is demanding that President Bush follow the same “balance of power” prescriptions that the Nixon administration carried out in Vietnam, when Kissinger was Secretary of State.

It doesn’t seem to matter that the Vietnam policy Kissinger masterminded not only resulted in needless butchery of both American and Vietnamese, but also left Southeast Asia in the communist sphere of influence. Kissinger, worse yet, is accepted as the

foremost “expert” on such matters.

The gist of Kissinger’s thrust is that Bush must act soon against Iraq because waiting for sanctions to work would likely destroy the ability for the U.S. to strike at all—and hence the unrelenting push on Bush’s part—to pull this off immediately, in secret upstart and while Congress is on recess.

At the same time—***he urges that a ground war be avoided, in favor of air strikes which would cripple Iraq, but keep it around as a power in the area.***

When questioned openly, Kissinger won’t come up with much. He argues that since the U.S. has already deployed troops into the area, it has to go ahead and use them. This is what you call “circular reasoning” and absurd to say the least but proves the intent.

Would you like a little Freudian slip of the lip? At times it is not clear that Kissinger realizes what part of the world he speaks about. On ABC’s *This Week with David Brinkley* on Nov. 11, Kissinger vigorously denied that there was any parallel between the Persian Gulf situation and Vietnam. “Unlike Vietnam,” he insisted, “our demands in the Gulf have been clear from the beginning: immediate and total withdrawal ***FROM VIETNAM...UH, AH, KUWAIT...***”. ***So be it!***

In total arrogance and disregard for the U.S. Constitution, he maintains the same situation vis-a-vis the Constitution of the United States as he always did. Just as he himself took orders from Britain, so he wants Bush to follow British Prime Minister Thatcher (and it matters not that Thatcher has stepped down, believe me) and not listen to Congress. Congress, of course, has the constitutional responsibility to declare war—that, therefore, is why there cannot be a declaration of war—it would botch the whole facade of UN substance.

KISSINGERISM BLOODBATH OF LEBANON

Just last year (1989), Former Secretary of State of the United States of America, Henry Kissinger, commented publicly on the dictator of Syria, “God may punish me, but I rather like Hafez al-Assad”. Well, he now has the blood of thousands of Christian martyrs on his hands! Those Christians, who died as Kissinger’s Syrian friends murdered Lebanon, had followed Gen. Michel Aoun in trying to free their country from an occupation and de facto partition between “Greater Syria” and “Greater Israel”, an insane policy crafted and orchestrated by none other than Henry Kissinger.

First-hand accounts continue to come out of Beirut on the continuing slaughter of Lebanon’s Christians. Eyewitness reports and testimony from credible first-hand experiencers report hundreds of corpses of Christians—in military uniforms—killed with shots to the head and on whose chest the assassins had drawn a cross with the shots of machine-gun bursts.

The martyrs were the officers of Gen. Aoun’s army, who were massacred after their surrender to the Syrians. Further, family members of the murdered are publicly raped by the Iranian Hezbollah, who ran throughout the Christian quarters of Beirut purposely to rape, pillage and murder after Syrian troops crushed Christian resistance—“to give example to resisters and Christians”. Does this sound like something out of ancient times? So be it.

OFFICIAL HYPOCRISY

The set-up witnesses who are currently testifying at the UN are pathetic, indeed. How is it that ones who “are free” are able to produce pictures and videotapes of

atrocities when they, themselves, were supposedly so ill-treated? Come, chelas—one man testifying regarding lying next to a dead body while awaiting dialysis treatment speaks the truth of the lies—if a dialysis patient misses dialysis—he is a dead-and-gone duck! The fact that he is alive to testify belies the story he gives! Please keep your eyes and ears open—again, the stories are being read from pre-prepared scripts and the pictures heinous, indeed, but are not atrocities committed by the Iraqis. The Iraqis are severe enough—these lies are worse, for the atrocities are perpetrated by your own supporters to bring the proper results to the UN councils—so you the people will not speak out. Precious ones—look about you, for you are all but out of time to stop this slaughter of your own children.

There are no cries of outrage from President Bush’s administration in the U.S. against Assad—in fact, you have now joined forces with this killer. The incidents in Lebanon are not even given first headline on the newsbreaks—simply underplayed and always with the emphasis that Lebanese are out to attack and kill Israelis. What are the Israelis doing in Lebanon, at any rate? That seems to be missed in the reporting of any of these incidents!

Since the Lebanese “civil war” in 1975-76 the official U.S. foreign policy has been to welcome, as then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger did, Syrian occupation of Lebanon. While **this evil, immoral policy originates with Kissinger**, nevertheless, every single top official of the Bush administration is culpable for Syria’s latest bloodbath against Lebanon’s Christians.

There is a widespread blanket of cover-up of the martyrdom of hundreds upon hundreds of Lebanese Christians by the Bush administration. Defense Secretary Richard Cheney, in Paris, stressed that, “... most reports I have heard so far have been unconfirmed through government sources, and I would want to have confirmation before making any comment regarding these matters.”

IT IS A MATTER OF RECORD—IN KISSINGER’S OWN MEMOIRS THAT HE PREFERRED ASSAD TO ANY OTHER MIDDLE EAST LEADER.

DIRECT FROM AMMAN, JORDAN

The word from Amman, Jordan is that the American media’s coverage of the Middle East is totally biased and propaganda inserted in gross misinformation. This comes from editors and correspondents efforting to bring truth forth in order to stop this insane march to war.

There is total effort to corrupt every statement made by Saddam; even if the actual footage of film is shown—it is always slanted grossly toward the Israeli point of view.

As a good example, in reporting on the Israeli police shooting of the Palestinians in Jerusalem outside the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the U.S. media continually referred to the area and use the words which have been coined by the Israelis: the “Temple Mount”. This is a NEW WORD which has proliferated in the Western media, to emphasize that this particular place is actually where the temple used to be, although, scientifically speaking, no excavation has revealed that this mount was actually the site of the temple—I would suggest you consider this most carefully, for God may not like usurpation of His property for Evil reconstruction at any rate, manner or form and herein you might find clues to **Zionism’s** thrust vs. that of the Jews!

When the U.S. emphasizes “Temple Mount, Temple Mount, the Palestinians are demonstrating at the Temple Mount,” you are actually stressing the “fact” that this is the

site where the temple used to be—so that one day when you destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque, then this was on the “Temple Mount” and somehow it is perfectly alright, expected and correct. This is the kind of technique which the American media tends to use at every turn.

Saddam Hussein is not correct in his behavior, but you must learn that an attempt to paint a black picture of the man, and his power and country as well as ambitions are to make war palatable, attractive, and the sacrifices acceptable—through eliminating a “monster”, and this is the whole intent of the controlled Establishment media.

You must realize, dear hearts, that the Elite and the spoon-fed Establishment papers, are pro-Israel in every issue and this shall ever increase in publication attitudes. The effort is to hectically and chaotically use the buildup against Saddam Hussein in order to destroy Iraq for reasons which have absolutely nothing to do with Kuwait and nothing to do with peace but **EVERYTHING TO DO WITH ISRAEL AND CONTROL OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND OIL. THE GLOBAL 2,000 PLAN MOVES EVER ONWARD, A BIT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!**

WHY DOESN'T GOD JUST GIVE YOU FREE ENERGY AND SOLVE EVERYTHING?

Well, let us look at that which you call “cold-fusion”, remember that? What did the Establishment do to those nice young scientists from Utah after they were ridiculed and denounced? Let us honor them.

At Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, at the end of October, cold fusion scientists from around the world discussed new experimental results that confirm **once again** the startling announcement of room temperature fusion made by scientists Martin Fleischmann and Stanley Pons back in March 1989.

Most spectacular, a University of Hawaii cold fusion team announced that it had produced a significant amount of helium-4, a by-product of the deuterium nuclear fusion reaction, in palladium rods. The Hawaii experiment measured 4x10 to the 9th atoms of helium-4 after 100 hours, significantly above any background levels. Another young scientist who has had his life attacked over and over and will not be named herein—has created useable fuel for cars as they now are, from this same “heavy water” (deuterium).

The Hawaiian experimental setup is different from the Fleischmann and Pons configuration and is carried out in a molten salt with palladium as the anode (instead of as the cathode). It produced an energy output that was **five times** the amount of energy input into the experiment.

Fusion, the process that powers the stars and the Sun (cosmic energy), is the energy released when atoms of the lighter elements, like hydrogen, are fused together. It is the opposite of fission, where energy is produced from splitting the atom apart.

Attempts to achieve fusion in the laboratory have made use of very high temperatures (millions of degrees) and relatively large reactor devices to fuse together hydrogen atoms in a hydrogen plasma fuel. In contrast to “hot” fusion, cold fusion research is carried out in a simple electrolytic cell (bathtub size), consisting of a palladium cathode and a platinum anode submerged in heavy water. At some point rhodium and/or iridium as cathode might be a rather feasible consideration.

Although the equipment is simple and the scale is small, the experiment itself is not simple and there are many variables that are not understood even by the scientists who have succeeded in producing excess heat, neutrons, or tritium in a cold fusion apparatus. And just what do you

think would happen to these scientists if they come up with cheap energy when the Cartel is going to fight a massive war in order to control the oil supply and energy resources? Come now, little dreamers who think a new invention would “save the world”—not yet, dear ones, not yet!

Because the phenomenon appears to break the rules of traditional plasma physics, the physics establishment has opposed the idea that cold fusion can occur, and has ridiculed those scientists who pursued work in this area. They have even resorted to allegations of fraud in order to taint both cold fusion research and the researchers. As a result, the public has not been able to get accurate news of how far experimental work has progressed over the past year and a half—and you had best hope it can remain that way for now.

INSINUATIONS AND OUTRIGHT LIES

The discussions in Utah this October were no exception to the “dump cold fusion” pattern. It takes a while for learned ones to realize the extent of the world plot against humanity. As scientists were discussing the cold fusion research at the Provo meeting, sponsored by the Department of Energy, the Electric Power Research Institute and the University, the headlines read “Cold Fusion Scientist Missing As Key Review Nears” and “Utah to Start Search for Cold Fusion Scientist” (*New York Times*, Oct. 25 and 26).

The story reported was that—when the time came for the state of Utah to review the state-funded National Cold Fusion Institute’s work—the two top researchers were “missing”. Science writer William J. Broad implied that Fleischmann and Pons had skipped town to avoid facing the reviewers because they could not “defend” their research. Pon’s house was for sale, Broad reported, and his phone disconnected.

In fact, both scientists had been in the University of Utah in Salt Lake City since June, waiting for the review to be scheduled. Just after Pons took his family on vacation to Europe, and after Fleischmann returned to his home in England for medical treatment, the October review date was set and the university could not reach either Pons or Fleischmann to tell them. As for Pon’s house being for sale, he had already moved into another dwelling. Both Pons and Fleischmann have stated that they would certainly be available for the new review date.

Contrary to the message that the state review is a hostile process to determine whether cold fusion is real or not, the procedure is really designed to assure that research is progressing at a reasonable pace and high quality, according to a University of Utah spokesman—and if you believe that, dear ones, how about that bridge that just sank in Washington state—I can get it for you real cheap!

“The University administration continues to support cold fusion research,” said the spokesman, “and will not be withdrawing support for the Institute, Fleischmann and Pons, or anything else.”

STRONG ARM OF ESTABLISHMENT

Now some facts about that last statement. The U.S. physics establishment in general, and that at the University of Utah in particular, seems determined to shut down the national Cold Fusion Institute. The American Physical Society, which has led a nasty attack on cold fusion almost from upstart, threatened the university department with losing academic accreditation if it had contact with the University’s Cold Fusion Institute.

A very prominent visiting scientist at the institute,

who had offered to teach a physics course in his specialty at the university while he was in Salt Lake City, was totally shunned by the Physics Department because of his cold fusion association. Another Physics Department professor was asked to resign from all committees and contact with students, as long as he continued working with the national Cold Fusion Institute. I would guess that the Cold Fusion Institute might just be on to something quite remarkable—what think ye?

BY THE WAY—BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST

One last little note and then we will take a break, Dharma. In being a good little Middle East “WATCHER” I suggest you not overlook that one, Ariel Sharon, who is actually “King of Israel”! When General Ariel Sharon is in a dominant position in Israel, you can expect lots and lots of trouble.

Currently the “Housing Minister”—and in reality, the strongman of the entire regime—Sharon is pushing for war. It is in no way a secret from any save you in the U.S. that “Arik” Sharon is the funder and protector of the various “Jewish underground” sects which have regularly been killing Palestinians, most recently triggering the Jerusalem bloodbath. Sharon would like to see such atrocities provide the pretext for his own pet project: ***invading Jordan, toppling King Hussein, and declaring that Jordan is “Palestine”, thereby solving the Palestinian problem.***

Do you recall that way back in 1982, Sharon, then-Defense Minister, ran the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, which did so much to finish off that tragic nation? Less well known, perhaps—if anything is known at all, is the fact that, that same year, Sharon teamed up with that lovely and gracious Henry Kissinger, Lord Peter Carrington and his long-time mentor and funder, New York financier Meshulam Riklis, to put together an international network of real estate firms. Sharon and company intended to make a “real killing” (in every sense of the word) through the provocations Sharon’s underground was creating on the West Bank and in occupied East Jerusalem. Driving Palestinians off their land and buying their property for a nickel or less, on the dollar, is just one of the reasons that ***the Wall Street and City of London financiers who own Sharon want to see him become that “King of Israel”.*** And so the cookies continue to crumble and the fortune papers flow forth into public view—slowly but surely—for truth will always “out” if given “time”.

POST SCRIPT

Just in passing—look at the swiftly moving hand lest it go faster than your eyes; Mexico was not the only point south that your President Bush intends to invade with his “Free Trade”. Don’t you ones know that he has scheduled a trip, which begins on December 3rd, on a five-day dance through South America—visiting Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chili and Venezuela? Well, you should watch, for the purpose is to encourage the free-market policies that South American countries are increasingly embracing—thanks to your wondrous pushing and shoving to get rid of your businesses and jobs.

Now, wouldn’t you know that the President’s Agenda is the disappearing rain forest in the Amazon Basin and hyperinflation and the heavy foreign debt of both Brazil and Argentina. ***In the name of lessening and forgiving debt owed to the U.S., there will be some grand negotiations and assistance offered from you the wondrous U.S. citizens—how grand that America has***

bottomless pockets even as you send your business and jobs away to foreign lands and your own go homeless and hungry? COULD IT BE...?

NOW, FOR ANOTHER INTELLIGENT MOVE
TO HELP AIDS

Now this next should be the answer for AIDS sufferers. On December 1 much of the world will fall into darkness (I doubt it but the article says as much). To support International AIDS Awareness Day, more than 1,000 cultural organizations are expected to dim their lights in one way or another in an effort to raise contributions for medical research and care-givers, while demonstrating that they plan to intensify their efforts to find solutions to the AIDS crisis. Television screens around the world will turn black; museums will close their doors or drape shrouds over works of art (Maplethorp's, perhaps?); singers will fall silent (mostly a relief to the brain and ears); dancers cease to move. At 7:45 p.m., as the lights go out at many public buildings in New York City, organizers hope that individuals will also turn off their lights to commemorate those who have died of AIDS. At 8 p.m., nearly 100 million TV viewers will witness a "moment without television" organized by the Bravo cable network. In an unprecedented act of cooperation, 23 major cable networks have agreed to give up a prime time minute to raise awareness about AIDS. The four broadcast networks have not yet agreed to join but organizers will continue their efforts to include them. I think I had better not even comment on this matter, lest I offend you nice readers. Is it possible for man to ever see the point of his journey—or must all of you fulfill the death sentence placed upon your heads and those of your children?

Allow us a rest please.
Hatonn to clear. Salu.

CHAPTER 8

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TODAY'S WATCH

You must always look beyond that which is obvious and unto that which is truth in reality. You are within the time of the great deceiving and very little is that which is portrayed for your consumption—and the disease of deceit is now throughout your world.

You flood me with questions—you actually pray for disaster to strike to prove something or another. I shall take today's watch to ask you questions and perhaps in the answering within, you will find better understanding.

ROCKET LAUNCHES

There have been at least five (FIVE) (5) major rocket launches on the planet within the past ten hours. China, Israel, Iraq, Soviet Union and the U.S. Do you actually think they are separate and apart, one from the other? Do you actually think you are placing 'scopes in the cosmos to look at the migration habits of stars? How is it that Japan is accompanying the Soviets to the space station? How is it Iraq would launch a rocket at the exact same time? Can you not feel the death knot about your necks?

How is it that in the Israel area whole busloads of people are slashed and then hit with assault weapons fire? How is it that bombing raids by Israelis continue into

Lebanon with not hardly passing interest or mention?

How is it that the Israelis are gathering "Jews" from every part of the world in a final frantic thrust to "gather ALL Jews home?" Jews from Ethiopia are being gathered even against their will and yet the gathering goes on in frantic measure—how can tiny Israel house and feed the hundreds of thousands of people they are gathering? They now have gotten some 28,000 (reported) Jews into Israel from Russia and some 20,000 are expected from Ethiopia alone. The Israelis say: "No expense will be spared to gather our people home." Who pays that "No expense spared"? You in America already give Israel straight across the board with no strings attached and the best investment programs available, over 4 BILLION DOLLARS a year—in cash! What chance do you think little Palestine and Lebanon have in sustaining their nations? Everything is being set up to simply allot them to Israel through the United Nations as soon as the radioactive dust settles in the Middle East.

Will you have earthquakes? Oh, indeed, you shall. On Dec. 3rd? Who cares? If you are in preparation, you have naught to concern about and if you are not—you will have to face it one day, so what difference does it make to those who will not prepare under any circumstance? Oh, but you say, you ones and Earth ones are always predicting and it happens not—so we aren't going to "bite" again! So be it! What if it does?? Will you then say "Why didn't you tell us?" No-one comes out and tells you, "THERE WILL BE A QUAKE AT SUCH AND SUCH A TIME AT SUCH AND SUCH A PLACE"—you of the "hearing" public place the word "will" onto the predictions which have said, "I see a very good probability/possibility of a quake on such and such a given time frame in such and such a place."

I can promise you, however, that if the U.S. does what it hopes to do—there will be immediate retaliation in the form of earthquakes and all manners of things. This very day the "Siberian Express" will be moved within the boundaries of the U.S. There will also be further flooding of the Northwest—and CHINA is mobilizing!

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WHAT OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER AND HOW COULD THIS COME ABOUT? WELL, IN 1983 YOUR THEN-PRESIDENT ENTITY RONALD REAGAN FINALIZED A DOCUMENT INTO LAW AND CONGRESS RATIFIED IT. IT IS THE TREATY WHICH AUTHORIZED PRESIDENT ENTITY GEORGE BUSH TO ESTABLISH A "NEW WORLD ORDER". UNLAWFULLY BUT LEGALLY! IT IS HEADED ON THE COVER PAGE BY THE FOLLOWING: CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION. (Please note the word "CONSTITUTION".) THEN: MESSAGE from THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TRANSMITTING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS' INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO), ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY ON APRIL 8, 1979, AND SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON JANUARY 17, 1980.

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On the UN level, countries of the world are called UN's "states". This was ratified by the U.S. Senate and signed by the President of the U.S. It was signed by 80 other countries and ratified this Constitution; and it is ***now in force world-wide! DO YOU RECALL GIVING YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS POWER TO DO SUCH A THING?***

Dear ones, this CONSTITUTION of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization—UNIDO—is used as authority to set up this **New World Order** and it is now acting as official law even though you know nothing of it.

THE ABUSE OF TREATY POWER ALLOWS THIS "CONSTITUTION" TO SUPERSEDE THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. Is it too late?

A New Social Order: "The States Parties to this Constitution,

In conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, Bearing in mind the broad objectives in the resolutions adopted by the sixth special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on the establishment of a **New International Economic Order**, in the UNIDO Second General Conference's Lima Declaration and Plan of Action for Industrial Development and Co-operation, and in the resolution of the seventh special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations on Development and International Economic Cooperation.

Now, let me point out something which might be disturbing to you the people. Any person working for or within the United Nations, even for one session, MUST give oath of loyalty to the United Nations and ***THEIR LOYALTY TO THE UNITED NATIONS MUST SUPERSEDE LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION while the United Nations Charter goes on destroying the United States Constitution. This means that every one of your government who even participates in United Nations activities have taken this oath:***

"I solemnly swear to exercise in all loyalty, discretion and conscience, the functions entrusted to me as a member of the international service of the United Nations; to discharge those functions and regulate with the interests of the United Nations only in view, and not to seek or accept instructions in regard to the performance of my duty from any government or authority external to the Organization."

SERIOUS NOTE: ***The United Nations Charter was also done by unlawful use of the treaty-making power. Now the United Nations is calling for all U.S. citizens to be totally disarmed. Aided by Public Law 87-297, and other new laws, their disarmament treaties will confiscate every gun! Then the police force of the world will fall under the direction of a Soviet General. The United Nations, you will note, will henceforth appoint a "World 'President'" from the permanent members of the Security Council. DO YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE BUSH CARES WHETHER OR NOT HE IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. AFTER THIS LITTLE TID-BIT? HE BELIEVES HE WILL RULE THE WORLD! I THINK NOT, HOWEVER, FOR THE HEAD OF THE ZIONISTS, HENRY KISSINGER, AND OF THE CARTEL, DAVID ROCKEFELLER, (ENTITIES THEREOF) HAVE THE SAME NOTION—AND I WOULD GUESS THAT THEY WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY ABOUT SUCH A THING.***

Now, America—do you have problems or do you have problems? I suggest that you have

serious problems and a war ahead of you that you can do nothing about. Is it not time to hear Satan knocking at the door?

I apologize, chela, for causing you to need do all this extra work but I herein ask you to type the entire document so that it can be reprinted for use to send to Congressmen, etc. I honor one, Bernadine Smith, who has provided us with a good copy. Just retype it and please use her emphasis as shown by underlining of passages.

I ask that this portion; perhaps this entire *Express* be put to 8 1/2" x 11" format for ease of handling. Please ask the printer to simply enlarge the cover page—exactly as is. We would utilize the document provided but I desire that you of my group KNOW what is within the document and this is the only way I know to ensure that you study it well!

**CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**

Treaty Doc. No. 97-19

The White House, October 5, 1981

Transmittal letter of the President of the United States to the *Senate of the United States*:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith a copy of the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). This Constitution was adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency on April 8, 1979, and signed on behalf of the United States of America on January 17, 1980. The report of the Department of State with respect to the Constitution is also transmitted for the information of the Senate.

The Constitution would establish UNIDO as an independent specialized agency of the United Nations system. It does not create a new entity, but rather revises UNIDO's existing legal framework in a way that significantly improves the position of the United States and other major donors in budget, program and assessment determinations.

UNIDO's principal purpose is to foster the industrialization of developing countries. It is currently the third-largest executing agency for the United Nations Development Program. UNIDO's wide-ranging activities are geared to aid developing countries in establishing the technical and institutional skills necessary for the industrialization. Many of these activities are consonant with the United States development, priorities, including development of indigenous entrepreneurial and productive capabilities in the private sector. United States commercial and academic interests also benefit from UNIDO activity.

In recent years, there has been growing recognition of the need to formulate more effective institutions within the United Nations system to deal with the problems of development in an increasingly interdependent world. Such institutions need to serve the interests of all member nations and to be governed in a manner that realistically reflects the political and economic situation in the world today.

The Constitution would give UNIDO a new governing machinery that will make it more responsive to its member governments and that will give greater recognition to the special role of major donors, including the United States, other industrial democracies, and the Soviet bloc. If they act together, the major donors will be able to block decisions on UNIDO's program and budgets. In this respect, the Constitution is a precedent-setting document.

The Constitution would also provide a specific

right to withdrawal from UNIDO if the United States should ever determine that its interests are not served by continued membership. This could not be accomplished under UNIDO's current statute without withdrawal from the United Nations.

While the Constitution refers to the objectives of helping establish a new international economic order, the United States has made clear its view that this does not refer to any preconceived notion of such an order as outlined in some UN resolutions to which the United States has taken exception.

The Constitution offers the United States important advantages over UNIDO's current status. It provides an opportunity to increase UNIDO's effectiveness in promoting economic development in the developing countries and, thus, its contribution to a more equitable and peaceful, international environment. In addition to helping create a better institutional framework, ratification of the Constitution by the United States will be a strong reaffirmation of our commitment to the industrial development of the less developed countries and demonstrate our political will to pursue beneficial relations with these countries.

I recommend that the Senate give prompt consideration to the Constitution and advise and consent to its ratification.—RONALD REAGAN

****[H: And so it was ratified and signed by Ronald Reagan.]****

LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

Department of State

Washington, September 12, 1981

THE PRESIDENT: I have the honor to submit to you, with a view to its transmission to the Senate for advice and consent to ratification, the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency on April 8, 1979, and signed on behalf of the United States of America on January 17, 1980.

The Constitution would establish UNIDO as an independent specialized agency of the United Nations system. UNIDO now exists as an organization formally within the United Nations itself, reporting to the General Assembly.

UNIDO has a mandate to provide developing countries with industrial-related technical assistance (worth \$76 million in 1980), including programs in industrial planning, institutional infrastructure, factory establishment and management, training, feasibility studies, and investment promotion. Virtually all of UNIDO's technical assistance expenditures are funded by voluntary sources, primarily the United Nations Development Program. UNIDO activities funded by the United Nations regular assessed budget (\$47 million in 1980) are largely in support of its technical assistance activities, and include: macro-economic studies of factors affecting industrialization; advice to LDC governments on development policies; industrial sector, regional, country and case studies; statistical data collection and analysis; expert group meetings including sectoral Consultations; information processing and investment promotion. UNIDO's highly diversified activities include many which are congenial to United States development priorities such as: employment generation, private sector development, basic human needs, appropriate technology, and rural and agricultural related development. American commercial and academic interests also benefit from UNIDO activity.

UNIDO was established as an organ of the United Nations General Assembly pursuant to United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 2089 (XX) and 2152 (XXI), adopted in 1965 and 1966, respectively. In 1975, the United Nations General Assembly, endorsing the recommendation of the Second General Conference of UNIDO, adopted Resolution 3362 (S-VII) which established an intergovernmental committee of the whole followed by a conference of pleni-potentiaries to draft and consider a constitution to transform UNIDO into a specialized agency of the United Nations. The intergovernmental committee of the whole met five times over a two-year period and was succeeded by the Conference on the Establishment of UNIDO as a Specialized Agency.

The Constitution, while not creating a new entity, revises UNIDO's existing legal framework, significantly improving the provisions relating to control of budget and programming. Under the current regime, UNIDO's work program is decided upon by its governing body, the Industrial Development Board, while its program budget is set by the United Nations General Assembly as one component of the overall United Nations Program Budget. Thus, UNIDO's budget is currently not subject to intergovernmental review by a body directly responsible for UNIDO activities; nor do the present institutional arrangements, by which all questions are decided by majority vote, adequately reflect the special interest of major donors.

The Constitution seeks to correct these defects by providing that the program and budget of UNIDO shall both be acted upon by three governing bodies in succession: the Program and Budget Committee (the Committee), the Industrial Development Board (the Board), and the General Conference (the Conference). Each body must decide on the program and budget by a two-thirds majority vote.

****[H: Please note that this obsoletes your United States Constitution of 1789!]****

In the Committee and the Board, the industrial democracies and the Soviet bloc (i.e., the major donors) hold substantially more than a third of the vote and thus could, if most of them agree, block adoption of a program or budget. (The Soviets have traditionally taken a very conservative position on budgetary issues.) The Constitution thereby enables for the first time in the United Nations system, outside of the banking institutions, a special recognition of the essential role of major donor states in United Nations affairs. The Constitution is, therefore, a precedent-setting document, responsive to the political realities of the 1980s and beyond.

The Constitution and the related resolutions on transition to specialized agency status also achieve another objective of the United States in that they do not mandate any increase in United States contributions to UNIDO, but only change the method of assessment and payment in ways beneficial to the United States. Currently, United States assessed contributions to UNIDO are determined and paid indirectly through the mechanism of the United Nations assessed budget, making it difficult for the United States to achieve a degree of influence within UNIDO concomitant with the level of those indirect contributions. The Constitution will move toward correcting this situation by instituting direct assessed budget payments to UNIDO and providing for assessments to be determined in a manner similar to the determination of the program and budget, with major donor States holding more than a third of the vote in the Board which must decide on assessments by a two-thirds majority.

It is also noteworthy that United Nations General Assembly Resolution 96 (XXXIV) on Transitional Arrangements on the Establishment of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a Specialized Agency provides for the termination of United Nations funding for UNIDO from the United Nations regular program budget and a corresponding reduction in this budget upon establishment of UNIDO as a specialized agency.

The Constitution consists of a preamble, twenty-nine articles (in six chapters) and three annexes. The Preamble states that the States Parties, while bearing in mind the "broad objectives" of resolutions adopted by the sixth and seventh special sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and the Second General Conference of UNIDO pertaining to the establishment of a new international economic order, make certain declarations regarding economic development. The declarations include the necessity of establishing a just and equitable economic and social order; the essential role of industrialization to rapid economic and social development; the right of all countries to pursue industrialization; the necessity of concerted measures to promote the development, transfer and adaptation of technology internationally; and a determination to promote the common welfare through expanding international economic cooperation. The Preamble is basically hortatory, and contains no operational links to the rest of the Constitution.

****[H: Please note that this requires a new economic and social order.]****

The objectives and functions of UNIDO are contained in Chapter I, Article 1, state that the primary objective of UNIDO will be the promotion and acceleration of industrial development in the developing countries with a view to assisting in the establishment of a new international economic order. The language used in the Constitution, as indicated in the statement of the United States at the time of adoption of the Constitution, can be interpreted to make clear that Article 1 refers to UNIDO's participation in an evolutionary and truly consensual process to achieve a new international economic order ****[H: NEW WORLD ORDER.]**** and that Article 1 does not refer to any preconceived notion of a new international economic order as outlined in certain resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly sixth and seventh special sessions, regarding which the United States has reservations.

Article 2 lists the functions of UNIDO, all related to promoting industrial development and basically similar to the functions specified in UNIDO's current statute, General Assembly resolution 2152 (XXI). The more important functions include: coordinating United Nations industrial development activities; providing technical assistance for industrialization, including training and pilot facilities; managing an industrial information clearinghouse; advising and assisting developing countries in formulating and executing development plans; assisting in the establishment and operation of industries, to achieve full utilization of local human and natural resources; and as requested by the countries concerned, providing a forum for contacts and negotiations.

*****Dharma, stop please, and begin a new document!!!! *****NOW.*****

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The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

BUSH'S BAGHDAD ATTACK: WAS IT LEGAL?

By John Diamond, *Tribune Washington Bureau*, 2/25/01

When the United States and Britain described their bombing raid on Iraq as "self defense", Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz replied that he thought self defense meant protecting London or New York from attack, not bombing sites around Baghdad.

The war of words that has followed the air strike points to a nagging problem that the United States and Britain have discussed only reluctantly in recent years: the uncertain legal justification for the continuing air patrol missions over northern and southern Iraq.

Explaining the reason for sending two dozen U.S. and British fighter-bombers into Iraq to attack five radar command complexes was easy enough for the White House and Whitehall. The allied aircraft patrolling the "no-fly zone" over southern Iraq were being fired on with increasing frequency.

"It's essentially a self-defense measure," explained Marine Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold, the Pentagon's chief operations officer. Britain's Elizabeth Symons, a senior official in the defense ministry, called the attack "a proportionate response in self-defense".

What no one in the British or U.S. governments mentioned was which provision of international law permitted their warplanes to patrol the northern and southern tiers of Iraqi territory in the first place, and to shoot back at any Iraqi on the ground with the temerity to shoot at them.

While the legalities of the no-fly zones are in dispute, there is little debate that they have grown costly for the United States and Britain as well as Iraq.

The Pentagon spends more than \$1 billion a year maintaining a massive military presence in the Persian Gulf region, of which the no-fly zone operations form a major part. Britain's participation in the air patrols represents one of that country's largest overseas military commitments.

The Air Force and Navy have been raising the alarm recently over the toll being taken on overall military readiness by the decade-long commitment to guard the skies over Iraq.

Iraq, meanwhile, says that air strikes conducted over the past three years have killed more than 300 civilians, an allegation that has not been independently verified.

The issue of the legal basis for the costly and dangerous enforcement of the no-fly zones is beginning to draw attention in the torrent of international criticism that has cascaded down on Washington and London in the days since the strike.

"This action, as far as I am aware, is approved by hardly anyone," French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said.

Last Tuesday, France flatly declared the air strike illegal.

Several Arab states called for a halt to the enforcement of the no-fly zones. A senior Russian lawmaker, Dmitry Rogozin, called the attack "absolutely unmotivated aggression."

Such moderate Arab states as Jordan and Egypt criticized the strike and questioned the justification for it, legal or otherwise.

The State Department most frequently asserts the legality of the no-fly zones on the basis of United Nations Security Council resolutions passed

just before and after the 1991 Persian Gulf war.

Britain has advanced the argument that the patrols are justified under the *UN Charter* provisions allowing for "humanitarian intervention" to prevent governments from doing egregious harm to their own people, an argument the U.S. has recently adopted.

"By preventing the Iraqi air force from flying in the no-fly zones, we are essentially protecting peoples who are unquestionably under threat by the Iraqi regime," David Scheffer, then-ambassador at large for war crimes issues, said in a 1999 speech at New York University Law School.

These assertions have been challenged from the beginning not only by Iraq but also by international legal experts and critics of U.S. policy.

"No-fly zones have no basis in a United Nations resolution or any other element of international law," Hussein Ibish of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee wrote in 1999. "Rather they are a unilateral dictate by the United States, and a direct and clear violation of Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity."

Critics question the utility of no-fly zones being pursued in the name of protecting civilians when at least some of the air strikes conducted by the patrolling aircraft have claimed civilian lives.

Britain's Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Commons, reporting on the NATO military intervention in the Kosovo crisis, questioned the argument that military action could be justified solely on humanitarian grounds.

"At the very least, the doctrine of humanitarian intervention has a tenuous basis in current international customary law," the committee reported.

The northern no-fly zone, covering the Iraqi territory north of the 36th Parallel, was established in April 1991, a month after the end of the Gulf War, in response to Iraqi repression of its northern Kurdish population.

A southern zone, south of the 32nd Parallel, was established to protect the Shiite Muslim population, known as the "Marsh Arabs".

France and Britain joined in flying the patrols. Turkey cooperated by allowing warplanes to fly out of its Incirlik Air Base. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait provided bases for flights into the southern zone.

After another southern incursion by Iraqi forces in 1996, the United States expanded the southern no-fly zone north to the 33rd Parallel, just south of Baghdad.

In the first sign that the shrunken post-Gulf War coalition was further eroding, France refused to fly its planes north of the old boundary of the southern no-fly zone.

Two years later, France dropped out of the enforcement scheme entirely after President Clinton launched a major strike on Iraqi targets linked to alleged weapons of mass destruction programs.

With France's departure, the U.S. and Britain established a new policy that allowed pilots to shoot back if they were fired upon or challenged by Iraqi ground radar.

Despite the willingness of Turkey, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to continue offering their bases, the overwhelming impression internationally is that Britain and the U. S. are alone in pursuing the no-fly zone policy.

No UN resolution specifically authorized the no-fly zones.

Instead, they came into being in response to particular crises in Iraq after the war. The United States

then cited the resolutions that had such broad language they could be interpreted as legitimizing no-fly zones.

UN Security Council Resolution 678, passed in November 1990, for example, authorized the use of force by coalition forces to expel Iraq from neighboring Kuwait.

Thus, to the U.S., the no-fly zones could be construed as part of the UN mandate to see the “maintenance and preservation of international peace and security”.

Legal scholars argue that this resolution was superceded by the truce that ended the Gulf War, signed by Iraqi generals under Saddam Hussein and by Army Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, who commanded the coalition forces in the war.

The truce was apparently what the current President Bush meant when he said shortly after the strike, “Saddam Hussein has got to understand we expect him to conform to the agreement he signed after Desert Storm.”

Hussein himself, of course, never signed anything at the end of the war, points out retired Gen. Bernard Trainor, co-author of a history of the Gulf War.

The Iraqi leader sent surrogates to meet with Schwarzkopf, and the document they signed dealt with exchange of prisoners and ensuring that withdrawing Iraqi forces did not clash with coalition armies.

Clearly the overarching reason for the no-fly zones has less to do with the oppressed populations on the ground than with the broader U.S. strategy of “containment” aimed at Hussein’s regime.

The zones provide the United States with tactical reconnaissance and early warning of Iraqi military movements. They enhance the security of neighboring Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, two major world suppliers of oil.

And in the north, the flights provide an umbrella of protection over Kurdish groups that Washington hopes could become the nucleus of opposition to Hussein.

Finally, the no-fly zones underscore a key tenet of U.S. foreign policy: the willingness to act alone or nearly alone when international support falls away.

[JR: When President Bush Sr. declared war against Iraq he violated the original intent of our own Constitution which prohibits such actions without Congress’ consent. Bush acted to protect the British oil interests in Kuwait—and not to protect the U.S. from any threats by Hussein. Bush Sr. was then knighted by Queen Elizabeth for his success, along with (Sir) Colin Powell, who is now illegally (since he is Titled) our Secretary of State. We, along with our only ally, England, have maintained the sanctions, costly fly-overs of the U.S. implemented Iraqi no-fly-zones and “surprise” bombings, despite UN Res. 678. We, like Israel, can act with impunity because the “socialists” who run the UN also run our country and our foreign policy. We began giving away our country and our rights to the UN masters when we signed the UN Charter in 1950. Most Americans have not noticed the subtle and gradual takeover but the rest of the world has.]

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION SOLD TO CHINA SYSTEMS USED BY IRAQ

Charles R. Smith, *newsmax.com*, 2/23/01

The Clinton administration authorized the transfer of a fiber-optic air defense system to China—the same one the Pentagon has claimed helped thwart U.S. air attacks against Iraq.

When U.S. warplanes struck out at new Iraqi air defense sites around Baghdad, Pentagon officials were

mum in naming the country that sold the new air defense missile system to Saddam Hussein.

The *Washington Post* revealed that China was assisting Iraqi air defense, an allegation promptly denied by Iraq. According to the *Post* article, Chinese engineers were helping Iraq to install a network of fiber-optic communications and computers designed to track and destroy U.S. warplanes. (The export also violates UN weapons embargoes against Saddam.)

President Bush’s national security adviser confirmed last Thursday that Chinese engineers were helping Iraq.

The real story behind Iraq’s high-tech buildup remains untold until now.

The Chinese fiber-optic air defense system in the Iraqi desert is in fact of U.S. origin. In 1994, Chinese spymaster Gen. Ding Henggao obtained the advanced fiber-optic system through his contacts inside the Clinton administration.

According to documents obtained using the Freedom of Information Act, in 1994 Ding was a close friend of Clinton’s Secretary of Defense William Perry.

Perry and Ding’s relationship spans three administrations. Perry reportedly met Ding in the late 1970s during the Carter administration.

By 1994, Ding had risen to command the Chinese Army military research bureau “COSTIND,” or the Commission on Science Technology and Industry for National Defense.

COSTIND, according to the General Accounting Office, “oversees development of China’s weapon systems and is responsible for identifying and acquiring telecommunications technology applicable for military use.”

In 1994, the personal consultant to Perry teamed with Ding to buy an advanced AT&T fiber-optic communications system for “civilian” use inside China.

The communications system slipped past U.S. exports laws as a joint U.S.-Chinese commercial venture called “Hua Mei”. The Chinese part of the venture was run by a newly formed firm named “Galaxy New Technology”.

Stanford professor John Lewis, a close friend and the paid personal consultant for Perry, was the key board member of the project.

According to the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, Lewis had his friend Perry write a letter on his behalf to U.S. government officials, favoring the fiber-optic export to China.

Lewis located Adlai Stevenson III, the former Democratic Senator from Illinois, to lead the American side of the joint venture. Gen. Ding’s wife, Madam Nie Li, headed the joint project as the Chinese co-chairman. Lewis contracted AT&T to ship the secure communication system directly to a Chinese army unit using Galaxy New Technology as a front.

The documents show that Lewis not only worked for Stanford University and the Chinese army at the same time, but that he also worked for the U.S. Defense Department.

In August 1994, Lewis and Secretary of Defense Perry traveled to Beijing to meet with Ding. According to the official list of attendees, Lewis accompanied Perry as his paid “personal” consultant.

AT&T officials who sold most of the equipment and software were adamant that there was no need to check the Chinese firm because the “civilian” Madam Nie Li led it.

Yet, the so-called “civilian” firm was actually packed with Chinese army officers and experts. Madam Nie Li was not only the wife of Gen. Ding Henggao; Madam Nie Li was actually Lt. Gen. Nie Li of the Chinese army.

Another member of Galaxy New Technology, according to a Defense Department document, was Director and President “Mr. Deng Changru”. Deng is also

known as Lt. Col. Deng Changru of the People’s Liberation Army, head of the Chinese communications corps.

Still another Chinese army officer on the Galaxy New Technology staff was co-General Manager “Mr. Xie Zhichao,” better known in military circles as Lt. Col. Xie Zhichao, director of the Chinese army’s Electronics Design Bureau.

In 1997, Rep. Henry Hyde pressed unsuccessfully for the Department of Justice to investigate the Galaxy New Technology scandal in a letter outlining his concerns.

According to Hyde, “in 1994, sophisticated telecommunications technology was transferred to a U.S.-Chinese joint venture called HUA MEI, in which the Chinese partner is an entity controlled by the Chinese military. This particular transfer included fiber-optic communications equipment, which is used for high-speed, secure communications over long distances. Also included in the package was advanced encryption software.”

In 1994, the Chinese spymaster Gen. Ding personally penetrated the U.S. Defense Department at the highest levels, using his contacts with Secretary Perry to obtain a secure fiber-optic network.

There was more than profit for Ding and his Chinese army company packed with electronics experts.

The Chinese army’s Electronics Design Bureau modified the American fiber-optic communication system, changing it into a secure air-defense system. The Chinese army then exported the newly modified system to Iraq.

The Iraqi air defense network, NATO code-named “Tiger Song”, is made of U.S. and French fiber-optic parts modified by the People’s Liberation Army.

Iraqi missiles guided by Tiger Song regularly attack U.S. fighter jets. U.S. jets have recently retaliated, striking back with bombs and missiles.

Chinese military engineers from 2nd and 4th Signals Corps of the Chinese Army Headquarters are even now repairing the damaged Iraqi air defense system.

The cat-and-mouse game of missile and electronic combat with Saddam is expected to continue for years as the Chinese army engineers improve the deadly Tiger Song network.

In 1998, Gen. Ding retired from active service in the Chinese army.

However, he was decorated by President Jiang Zemin as a hero of the Chinese Communist Party for his successful operations against America.

Ding’s attack on America ranks as one of the most successful espionage operations of the 20th century.

Tiger Song, the Chinese fiber-optic air defense system in the Iraqi desert, is a legacy of the Clinton years that will now need to be revisited regularly by U.S. bombers in the 21st Century.

[JR: There is a whole lot of espionage going on here and yet the Clinton White House pretended to hear no evil, see no evil, and speak no evil. Mr. Ding used well his friendship with the then Secretary of Defense Wm. Perry to gain access to our military technologies and materials to send back to China. How is it that our NSA, CIA, FBI, Customs Department and the Justice Department were not alerted to these ongoing illegal activities? Here is proof that the highest levels of our government have been infiltrated and that a foreign entity now runs our government. Look to the East, to that tiny place called ISRAEL, for there lie the answers.]
[PW: The American public should be indignantly outraged over this stinking treason.]

REPORT: MOST BOMBS MISSED TARGETS*NewsMax.com Wires, 2/22/01*

WASHINGTON—Most of the U.S. bombs dropped on Iraq during last week's strikes against Iraqi air defense sites missed their mark, the *Washington Post* reported Thursday.

The newspaper quoted Pentagon officials as blaming most of the misses on a new and expensive Navy guided bomb.

About 25 of the guided bombs, which were first used in combat two years ago, were dropped in the attack, and the majority fell "tens of yards" from their "aimpoints", a Navy official said.

Another official said he had been told the bombs missed by an average of more than 100 yards, an unsatisfactory performance for a modern precision-guided weapon.

Pentagon officials' assessment of the strikes, which involved U.S. and British warplanes, was initially glowing. But the disclosure of the guided weapon's failure rate stunned defense officials yesterday and led them to scale back their assessment of the damage done in the attack.

Almost all the Navy guided bombs, known as the AGM-154A "Joint Standoff Weapon", that missed on Friday did so in the same way, veering to the left of where they were supposed to hit, officials said.

The *Post* said Navy officials believe that it is likely a software glitch which threw off the bombs' guidance systems. The weapon receives data from global positioning satellites as it glides as far as 40 miles to its target.

But officials also are looking at whether the bombs were mishandled or otherwise damaged before they were put on F/A-18 jets flying from the *USS Harry S. Truman*, an aircraft carrier that was in the Persian Gulf.

"It could be a mechanical problem, it could be a software problem," a Navy official said. He emphasized that a bomb that misses its "aimpoint"—the actual spot where it is supposed to strike—still can damage its target as it explodes and sends fragments flying for hundreds of yards.

"Most of those which were assessed as missing their aimpoints still damaged their targets," he said. "They missed by tens of yards when they were sent from 30 to 40 miles away."

[JR: I get the distinct impression that Iraq has become the handy bomb-testing ground for the dynamic duo, the U.S. and Britain. What about concern for civilians in the blast area perimeter—are they playing horseshoes? Whether or not the misdirection was of a mechanical or a software problem, I'd like to think it was divine intervention.]

STATE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATES ISRAEL'S USE OF U.S. WEAPONS*By Eli J. Lake, Virtual New York News, 2/20/01*

WASHINGTON (*UPI*)—The State Department has initiated an internal review of Israel's use of U.S. weapons in its campaign to assassinate alleged terrorists, *UPI* learned Tuesday.

The review will examine whether Israel has violated the Arms Export Control Act by using U.S. munitions against Palestinians believed to have plotted terrorist attacks since clashes began in September. The law instructs the president to consider whether the export of U.S. arms to a country leads to an escalation in violence and restricts their use for internal security or defensive purposes.

Both former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and her successor, Colin Powell, have said Israel's policy of extra judicial killings has fed a cycle of violence. But despite calls from its chief ally and arms supplier, outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon have defended the policy as necessary in light of the recent surge of terrorist attacks associated with Al-Aqsa Intifadah. Jerusalem has argued that many of the attacks are planned directly in consultation with the Palestinian Authority.

Last Monday, Israeli helicopters fired rockets on and killed Massud Ayyad, a security officer close to Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat. That incident provoked the European Union to condemn the action in a unilateral vote.

The Arab American Institute, a Washington-based advocacy group, wrote days after the attack on Feb. 15 to Powell and urged him to suspend arms shipments to Israel in light of what they called, "Israel's official assassination policy". Specifically the group asks Powell to suspend shipments of Apache and Cobra helicopters and spare parts.

The issue has been a high priority for the group since November when its president, James Zogby, initially broached his request in meetings with the State Department's Middle East chief, Edward Walker. But no action was taken in this front in the last days of Bill Clinton's presidency.

One State Department official told *UPI* Tuesday, "We are a new administration and we are looking at things a little differently." This source said the State Department had initiated a "legal review" of potential violations of the U.S. arms export law, but stressed "there is no time frame, no drop-dead date" for the inquiry. "We have a responsibility to make sure that U.S. weaponry provided to Israel or any other country is used under the conditions of the Arms Export Control Act," the official said.

Arab advocacy groups have asked both Republican and Democratic administrations to investigate Israel's use of U.S. weapons in civilian attacks since Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

The Palestinian Authority's planning minister, Nabil Sha'ath, told reporters after meeting with Powell Tuesday that he raised the issue in discussions with the Secretary of State in light of Israel's alleged use of U.S.-made poison gas on Palestinian demonstrators last week in Gaza.

"We did not discuss it in relation to the assassinations but in response to the gas bombing of the Khan Yunis refugee camps," Sha'ath said in response to a question on the arms export issue. Sha'ath said Israeli soldiers "have used American gas canisters, which it was explained to me [were] never supposed to be used against personnel."

After last week's gassing, which Israeli officials insist was non-lethal and would leave no long term health effects, between 40 and 80 demonstrators were rushed to nearby hospitals with symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness and body stiffness.

Sha'ath said the gas caused damage to the central nervous system. He also said the Palestinian Authority had blood samples of victims treated for the gassing and would provide this to American authorities in their investigation into the matter.

But a senior State Department official told *UPI* the incident "did not come up in specific terms" in Sha'ath's meeting with Powell.

Mark Regev, the spokesman for the Israeli embassy, called Sha'ath's charges "ridiculous". "In

its crowd control operational procedures Israel at times uses different forms of tear gas in order to achieve quiet and without causing harm or unnecessary loss of life. We do not use gasses that could have negative long-term health effects," he said.

Palestinian officials have long accused Israel of using poison gas for crowd control, providing poison food to refugee camps, and intentionally poisoning their water supply. Many of these charges have been found later to be false.

[JR: The U.S. has supported many dictators with questionable human-rights records when it was considered to be in our "best interest" to be allies. But to support, finance and provide the arms for conducting political execution and murder to any government whose official policy is to openly assassinate anyone suspected of terrorism without even having to provide any trial evidence is an accomplice to that International crime. Where is this International War Crimes Tribunal on this? I do not expect Bilderberg/globalist "Sir" Colin Powell will do much to address the concerns of the Palestinians in regards to Israel's human-rights abuses in the occupied territories. On his brief tour of the Middle East he stated that the relationship of the U.S. and Israel was "rock solid". He didn't say as much for the Arabs, either publicly or in private.]

IRAQ CALLS POWELL'S COMMENTS "STUPID"*By Evelyn Leopold, Arabia.com, 2/28/01*

UNITED NATIONS (*Reuters*)—Iraq on Tuesday called U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's comments on easing UN sanctions "rubbish" and "stupid" while UN officials were hopeful for a dialogue on disarmament with Baghdad.

As a second day of high-level talks opened, UN Secretary of State Kofi Annan hoped his discussions, the first with a Baghdad delegation in years, would be able to "tackle all the key issues, to be able to move forward."

Expectations are low that the talks that began on Monday will yield any concrete results. But some UN Security Council diplomats deemed them positive if Iraq considered the talks the beginning of a dialogue rather than a one-shot session.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed Al-Sahaf, the head of Baghdad's delegation, said he wanted to continue the talks with Annan after his delegation leaves New York.

"We need more than one round of talks and dialogue because there are really huge dossiers," he said. "So the consensus of the dialogue in round one is the continuation of the dialogue."

But Al-Sahaf scoffed at Powell's statement on allowing more civilian goods to reach Baghdad but tightening control on military hardware.

Calling Powell's position "rubbish from a propagandist, not from a foreign minister," Sahaf said: "He is trying to play on words in a very awkward way and I pity him."

He contended Iraq had met all requirements of a 1991 Gulf War resolution that gave conditions for lifting the embargoes, imposed in August 1990 after Baghdad's troops invaded Kuwait, but the "sanctions are still there, still in place".

"Now... we are hearing stupid statements from the foreign minister of the United States of America, talking

about clever sanctions, as if all of what has been done since 1990 is stupid,” Sahaf said.

Al-Sahaf also shrugged off a deal between Washington and Damascus to put Iraq oil exports to Syria under UN control, saying that Iraq was not pumping oil there.

Industry sources say a pipeline between Iraq and Syria has been pumping about 100,000 barrels of Iraqi oil a day since November, bypassing the UN system and paying revenues straight into Baghdad’s pocket.

On Monday, Al-Sahaf ruled out allowing UN weapons inspectors to return to Iraq even if the sanctions were scrapped. If they did, he said, they had to visit all countries in the region and “first Israel because they have atomic arsenals and all other arsenals.”

“There will be no return for any inspectors to Iraq—even if the sanctions are totally lifted,” Al-Sahaf said.

A key condition for lifting the embargoes, imposed when Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, is allowing arms inspectors to check on Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction.

Iraq has refused to let the weapons experts back into the country since December 1998. They left on the eve of a U.S.-British bombing raid intended to punish Baghdad for what they called its failure to cooperate with weapons searches.

For the United Nations, Annan will have little to negotiate until the Security Council agrees on a common position. France, Russia and China want an immediate suspension of the sanctions, while the United States and Britain are reviewing their policies.

Powell, who has heard sharp criticism of U.S. policy during his Middle East tour this week, said on Monday he wanted to let in more civilian supplies to Iraq but tighten controls on military items.

The United States has blocked close to \$3 billion of goods to Iraq in the Security Council’s sanctions committee, including electricity grids, water pumps and telecommunications gear, on grounds the military could benefit.

Western diplomats believe Washington has undercut its arguments on humanitarian supplies by the “holds” it has put on 1,600 contracts for Iraq, an action criticized frequently by Annan and other UN officials.

Powell said Washington aimed to rebuild consensus around a modified package of sanctions against Iraq in time for an Arab summit on March 27.

[JR: If Sir Powell wants to ease the sanctions against the Iraqi people, why are we holding up the vital equipment to rebuild their power grids and water systems? The Iraqi people have borne the brunt of the war and a decade of sanctions and sporadic bombing. Maybe our paid assassins can get rid of Hussein for us but the Iraqi people are in no position to rebel and remove Hussein from office. They are too busy trying to survive 10 years of living in the stone age. There is always the threat that their unfriendly neighbor Israel will do the dirty deed for us. Israel’s constitution authorizes assassinations of perceived enemies.]

INTERNATONAL YMCA’S PRO-PALESTINIAN REPORT BRINGS PROTEST

By Vincent J. Schodolski,
International World Tribune, 2/22/01

LOS ANGELES—A new report by a division of the international YMCA movement that portrayed Palestinians as the victims of Israeli occupation and aggression has stirred controversy within the YMCA organization and

angered American Jewish leaders.

The report was the result of a visit to Palestinian-controlled areas of Israel in November by a delegation from the World Alliance of YMCAs, a non-governmental organization that is part of the international YMCA’s Geneva headquarters.

Among the conclusions in the report posted on the World Alliance’s Web site was that Israeli forces were committing systematic and widespread human-rights violations against Palestinians; that innocent people, “mainly women, the elderly and children,” had been subjected to the use of force; and that Palestinians believe there was widespread indifference to their plight, particularly in Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States.

The YMCA, at its core a Christian organization, has been active in the Holy Land for six decades, conducting a broad range of social and educational programs in Jewish and Muslim areas, and has traditionally remained neutral on the region’s complex politics.

Officials at the Los Angeles headquarters of the Simon Wiesenthal Center launched a protest against the report as one-sided and biased against Israel.

They also concluded that the attitude expressed in the report signaled a shift within the YMCA toward a pro-Palestinian political attitude.

“When I read it, it was so over-the-top, so one-sided,” said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center, the Jewish human-rights organization named after the famed Holocaust survivor who spent much of his life tracking down former Nazis. “I was quite surprised that this was an area that the YMCA would get involved with.”

Cooper noted that the five-person delegation did not investigate Palestinian violence directed at Israelis and visited only parts of the Holy Land under the control of the Palestinian Authority.

“There are also kids cowering at the other end,” Cooper said.

He concluded that the World Alliance leadership had decided to move toward an active political position on the Middle East conflict because of the breakdown of the Oslo peace process and the recent changes of administration in the U.S. and Israel.

Cooper has received support for his views on the report from other YMCA officials, including the Chicago headquarters of the YMCA of the USA.

“The language, tone and characterizations included in these materials do nothing to aid the true cause of peace and stability nor do they position the YMCA for effective service across the boundaries of the dispute,” said Kenneth Gladish, national executive director of the YMCA of the USA in a letter to World Alliance General Secretary Nicholas Nightingale.

“The genius of our movement is the ability to rise above the political agendas,” Gladish wrote.

The World Alliance delegation is in Palestinian-controlled East Jerusalem at the moment, and a member of the group said they may travel to the western part of the city to meet with YMCA officials and perhaps Israeli peace groups, maybe even Israeli settlers.

But a delegation member made it clear that the World Alliance group had a very clear view of the situation in the region.

“Our purpose will not be to find out from the Israelis what their issues are,” said Ranjan Solomon, a World Alliance staff member, in a telephone interview. “We see this [conflict] not as two sides to a story, but as an occupation.”

While accepting Israel’s right to exist, Solomon said the World Alliance sees the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a specific prism.

“For us we have defined the question of Palestine as a question of occupation,” Solomon said. “We clearly took a position and that is true.”

Cooper said Solomon’s comments were further proof that the World Alliance had adopted a new, aggressive political stance.

The delegation also made recommendations about steps the World Alliance should take to monitor developments in the Middle East and steps YMCAs worldwide should take to make people aware of recent events in the region.

The delegation suggested that the World Alliance establish an observer office in areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority to monitor “human-rights violations against the Palestinians: economic, social and humanitarian....”

In addition, the World Alliance proposed that the YMCA “should use all available means to advocate on the immediate critical situation in Palestine and also on the long-term struggle for justice and peace for the Palestinian people,” perhaps by sending Palestinian speakers to YMCAs, churches and other social groups; send out alerts on developments in the region; and organizing a “Solidarity and Prayer Day”, possibly coinciding with the UN’s International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on Nov. 29.

Cooper, of the Wiesenthal Center, wrote to Martin Volger, president of the World Alliance of YMCAs, to complain about the report.

Volger defended the report and the delegation in his response, saying the Alliance was not anti-Israel and that its position was not unlike that of many other organizations.

“The international community broadly takes the view that the Palestinians are the real victims of the ongoing tensions and lack basic and legitimate right to a homeland and to live in dignity as all other people and nations,” he wrote.

[JR: Rabbi Cooper knows that Jews sent on tours to Israel only visit selected sights that promote the Jewish point of view. The same can be said of those who wish to present the Palestinian point of view. The Western press is known to be biased towards Israel given the fact that Jews own and control practically all the media. Check it out for yourself. The Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) is just trying to balance the Middle East reports and give some voice to the Arab people. What’s anti-Israeli about that? Is it only permissible to be anti-Arab? Are there only Jewish anti-hate organizations in the UN to quickly charge anti-Semitism against anyone that doesn’t accept the Israeli point of view?]

NATO MAY ALLOW BELGRADE TROOPS INTO BUFFER ZONE

By Michael Smith, *Telegraph*—UK, 2/22/01

NATO is considering allowing Serbian forces back into the buffer zone on the Kosovo border to help to suppress increasing incursions by former members of the Kosovo Liberation Army.

Ethnic Albanian guerrillas of the so-called UCPMB have been responsible for a growing number of cross-border attacks and the organisation has been blamed for last week’s bus

bombing in the border area, which killed 10 Serbs. A senior British defence official said a number of options were being examined to ease the tension, going much further than previous suggestions of mounting joint Kfor-Serb patrols of the three-mile-wide zone.

These included the possibility of allowing the Serbs to patrol the area themselves and even doing away with the zone altogether. The official said: "I don't think we should shut our minds to that possibility. We have an open mind about all these options." The ground safety zone was designed to act as a buffer between Kosovo and the rest of Serbia at the end of the war, ensuring that any attack by Serbian troops or paramilitary police could be forestalled.

Under the terms of the Military Technical Agreement between NATO and the Yugoslav army, only lightly armed Serb police and NATO forces are allowed in the zone. The UCPMB, which stands for Liberation Army of Presevo, Medvedja and Bujanovac, is a KLA offshoot which claims that the Presevo Valley area of southern Serbia should be part of Kosovo.

The group has used the zone to set up safe training camps from which it has launched attacks on Serb security forces. The British official said: "There is a little lesson to be learned here about setting up an exclusion zone with no security in it whatsoever. There will be a tendency for these people to become more and more entrenched and we need to be ready to deal with a range of contingencies."

The "encouraging attitude" now emanating from the new government in Belgrade was a key factor in the more relaxed approach, the British official said. But talks were also underway with Kosovo Albanians about the need to be more constrained in their actions.

A great deal of hope was being placed on a peace plan put forward by the Serbian deputy Prime Minister, Nebojsa Covic. This calls for the UCPMB to give up its arms before a withdrawal of Serb military from the area and the reintegration of the ethnic Albanian community into Serbian society "with full respect for human rights". **[JR: Opening up the buffer zone and allowing the Serbs to take control of the area is a turnabout for NATO. In other words, NATO is backing off from its commitments of support for the Albanians and their claims to Serbian territories. If Belgrade improves its "encouraging attitudes" they may well get back what they lost in Kosovo. If that is the case, what was the useless bombing of Belgrade by NATO all about?]**

CHIAPAS REBELS BEGIN JOURNEY FOR PEACE IN MEXICO

By Lisa J. Adams, *Boston Globe*, 2/25/01

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, MEXICO (AP)—After a final volley of accusations against the government, Mexico's Zapatista rebels left their jungle stronghold on a journey for peace that both the rebels and officials call crucial.

Thousands of supporters packed a plaza late Saturday in front of the yellow-and-rust-colored main cathedral in San Cristobal de Las Casas, awaiting the arrival of rebel leader Subcomandante Marcos and 23 Zapatista commanders, who made a six-hour trip from their jungle stronghold in La Realidad.

Some five hours after his expected arrival, Marcos strode into town with a group of commanders, all of them unarmed. In a speech to

a cheering crowd, Marcos challenged President Vicente Fox, calling him a man "who talks a lot but listens little" and who "rules with a lot of noise".

He accused Fox of talking of peace while failing to meet the Zapatistas' conditions for reopening talks.

It was the first stop on a 15-day trip through 12 states that will end in Mexico City. The aim is to lobby for an Indian rights bill.

The trip called the "Zapatour" by local newspapers is the first time the charismatic Marcos has emerged from the southern state of Chiapas since the Zapatista National Liberation Army launched its revolt for Indian rights, democracy and socialism on Jan. 1, 1994.

Marcos' arrival ended hours of nervous anticipation. Supporters in San Cristobal stood on rooftops, and climbed cement and wooden platforms, chanting songs and slogans in support of the Zapatista cause. "The fight continues!" the crowd shouted.

"Long live Marcos!" others said.

At one point, flashbulbs started popping as a procession of hundreds of pro-rebel villagers most wearing the trademark ski masks of the rebels marched into the square waving banners.

Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic archdiocese of San Cristobal said it had been warned of a possible assassination attempt against Marcos in neighboring Oaxaca state, Sunday's destination on the march route. Bishop Felipe Arizmendi contacted the Oaxacan governor to increase security in the state to ensure the rebels' safety.

Before leaving La Realidad, Marcos took off his pistol and automatic rifle, held them in the air and handed them to a colleague. The weapons have formed as much a part of the rebel uniform as the ski masks and the pipe often seen dangling from Marcos' mouth.

The highland city of San Cristobal is one of several Chiapas towns the Zapatistas seized briefly during their 1994 uprising, which led to 12 days of fighting that claimed more than 145 lives before a cease-fire took hold.

Peace talks were held at San Cristobal's cathedral, but negotiations have been frozen since 1996 when then-President Ernesto Zedillo rejected a bill meant to enact the only substantive agreement reached between the two sides, on Indian rights.

Surprised tourists mingled with the thousands of Zapatista supporters in front of the cathedral. Roaming vendors sold small dolls of the Zapatistas and T-shirts with a photo of Marcos on the front and "Zapatour 2001" on the back.

"Somebody needs to support these people. What a great story for the 21st Century," said Jack Jones, a 58-year-old tourist from Austin, Texas, who bought two shirts.

President Fox has made peace with the Zapatistas a key goal. On Friday, he suggested he was "risking the presidency of the republic and my political capital" in gambling that the rebels really want peace. He said the journey was "welcome" and the government has mounted special security measures to safeguard the caravan from attacks.

Marcos on Thursday accused the government of interfering with the trip. He said the government was waging a publicity campaign to force the rebels to sign a peace pact that would reflect well on Fox without achieving the Indians' goals.

The Zapatistas demand that the government release all Zapatista prisoners, close seven military bases near Indian communities, and pass the Indian rights

law before they will reopen peace talks.

Fox submitted the bill to Congress as his first official act after taking office Dec. 1. He also released scores of prisoners, closed four military bases, and said he would consider closing others.

[JR: In the early 1900s Emiliano Zapata also fought for the rights of the poor of Mexico. History seems to be repeating itself with Subcomandante Marcos' Zapatour march to Mexico City to meet with Presidente Fox. How ironic it is that for over 100 years the grievances of the poor have not been met by the Mexican government. Presidente Fox and his government may have to grant some rights and privileges if they want to maintain control of the oil in the Zapatista territory in the southern state of Chiapas.]

EUROPEAN ARMY AND POLITICAL UNION WERE PLANNED BY NAZIS

By Michael Smith, Defence Correspondent,
The London Telegraph, 2/15/01

The idea of a pan-European economic and political union with its own defence force was conceived by SS officers according to documents released today to the Public Record Office in Kew.

Maj Gen Ellersiek and Brig Mueller, Hitler's chief of staff during the Battle of the Bulge, came up with the idea as a means of keeping Nazism alive following the expected Allied victory in the Second World War.

By March 1946, Ellersiek was in charge of an underground political party called Organisation Suddeutschland. It believed in the establishment of a fully-armed United Europe, Ellersiek told a British intelligence official masquerading as a Foreign Office representative.

"What was important was that Britain should realise that if Europe was to survive, we should all think 'as Europeans'," the ex-SS man was quoted as saying. The party's manifesto called for "a pan-Europe as a balance between Russia and the USA". Although the European nations would remain "independent", finance and defence matters would be decided centrally.

"The good which was in Nazism still lives in the German heart," Ellersiek said. His party offered "a new revolution for Germany which will set the pattern for Europe". This revolution is to be the work of the new elite, the German prototype of the future rulers of Europe... which has emerged purified from Nazism and the trials of war."

The British official noted that German generals seemed likely to be in charge. "Germany must lead this New Europe with the cooperation of Britain," he quoted Ellersiek as saying, adding his own view that: "So little else of Britain is mentioned that it is evident she is to be the junior partner."

The proposed European force has echoes of the current attempts to form European Rapid Reaction Force, controlled by Gen Rainer Schuwirth of Germany. Gen. Sir Charles Guthrie, Britain's Chief of the Defence Staff, has implicitly criticised the Germans for not backing their promised contributions with cash, leaving much of the manpower and equipment to be provided by the UK.

[JR: Nothing is by chance. Today, all events are connected. Hitler wanted to create a utopian society and race—and Europe was to be the model. Today Germany is the leader in the EU with France as its

closest ally. The origin of the word Nazi or Nasi can be traced to the House of David and the Zionist Jews of today's Israel. Oddly enough, the title Nasi is now given to the President of Israel (ref. Pg. 80, N. Boyles: *Garden of Eden*).]

BLAIR CALLS FOR CLOSER EU TIES WITH NAFTA

By Benedict Brogan, *Telegraph*—UK, 2/23/01

The world's two biggest trading blocs should team up and lead a renewed global campaign against "misguided" efforts to prevent the development of free trade, Tony Blair said yesterday.

The Prime Minister used a speech to the Canadian parliament to call for a political "declaration of intent" on trade between the European Union and the North American Free Trade Agreement alliance. He condemned as "frustrating and wrong" efforts by some EU members to stall moves towards a more liberal trade regime, and criticised activists campaigning against globalisation as "misguided and unfair".

Before a joint sitting of the Canadian legislature in Ottawa, Mr. Blair spoke of the benefits of extending free trade. It was time for a "new start" between the EU and NAFTA—the trading pact between Canada, Mexico and the United States—ahead of a fresh round of talks being organised by the World Trade Organisation for November.

He said: "We need greatly to improve the EU-Nafta relationship. We should agree on an EU-NAFTA political declaration of intent on trade." The development of international trading groups such as NAFTA and the EU was "healthy". In 1999, EU exports to NAFTA were worth £137 billion, while imports from NAFTA totalled £121 billion.

He gave warning against blocs becoming inward-looking. "If we simply exchange the darker side of nationalism for conflict between blocs, we have gained nothing," he said. Mr. Blair said that, while 98 percent of trade between the EU and NAFTA was trouble-free, the remainder posed problems.

He was referring to disputes over access to Europe for U.S. hormone-treated beef, American concerns about European aviation industry subsidies, and rows over Caribbean bananas and Scottish cashmere. He said: "Despite ever closer economic links, our trade relations have become bedevilled by disputes over issues like beef and bananas." This had "damaged both of our interests".

He said he would seek to "break the logjam" in time for the European June summit in Gothenburg, Sweden, to clear the way for a NAFTA-EU deal to break down trade barriers in other areas such as insurance, professional qualifications and services. "Liberalisation is massively in our joint interests," he added.

[JR: Free trade is opposed because it is unfair to the smaller countries who do not have the capabilities to compete against NAFTA and the EU exploiters. Blair knows this but—like all globalists—he'd prefer to dismiss these concerns, as they tend to impair the progress of the globalization of the rest of the world. Blair is a useful distraction in the global game of politics as he has had few successes in the EU. Just last Tuesday Blair was quoted as saying: "bad people" were trying to push the U.S. and Britain apart. I think Blair is due for a tune-up at Tavistock. He sees "bad people" everywhere.]

THOUSANDS FLEE BLOODY BORNEO ETHNIC CLEANSING

John Aglionby (Sampit), *The Guardian*—UK, 2/26/01

Ethnic cleansing perpetrated by indigenous tribal fighters against migrants in Central Kalimantan engulfed the capital of the Indonesian province for the first time yesterday as tens of thousands of refugees fled hordes of head hunters.

As the official death toll from eight days of carnage on the island of Borneo rose to 270, hundreds of local Dayaks swept through the city of Palangkaraya looking for settlers from the island of Madura. Police did nothing to prevent them burning dozens of homes and setting up roadblocks across the city to stop the Madurese escaping.

Gangs armed with spears and machetes stopped cars on the main roads out of the city to check for Madurese. Many terrified people rushed to the police headquarters for refuge.

In Sampit, 120 miles to the west, 5,000 Madurese boarded a passenger ferry for Java. Thousands more who had been hiding in the forest for up to a week tried to slip past Dayaks patrolling the countryside to the relative safety of the refugee camp in Sampit. At one point police were forced to open fire on advancing Dayak fighters to protect the camp.

While thousands made it, many did not get past the search parties. The fate of three men caught six miles outside the town was typical. After being stripped naked and having their hands tied behind their backs, they were beheaded, according to Fabrian Charles, who boasted of his role in the executions.

The gangs hacked a V into one man's chest and extracted his heart. This and the heads were dispatched to the Dayaks' headquarters in Sampit.

Kamelu, an unemployed engineer who was hanging around the Dayak headquarters yesterday, said the heads are distributed to villages: "To protect the people."

The slaughter was sparked by two local government officials who paid a group of Dayaks to attack a Madurese housing complex. Indonesia's Antara news agency reported yesterday that the death toll is at least 400; Madurese in the Sampit refugee camp reckon it is several times that figure.

Matt Umbut, who has been in the camp since Friday, said he believes several hundred died in his town alone when it was attacked three days ago. "My wife and daughter were killed in front of me as we ran away," he said.

During a visit to the camp yesterday Indonesia's chief security minister promised that the Dayak fighters would soon be brought under control.

"We will control the situation, we will enforce the law," said Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. The security and the humanity [of the refugees] is our priority. That should be solved in a few days."

Meanwhile, conditions in the camp, which houses 15,000 refugees, are deteriorating rapidly. Many refugees have not eaten for days and at least five have died of starvation.

[JR: These tribal conflicts that generate into bloody massacres usually begin over territorial disputes or are instigated by outside agitators. These ongoing conflicts worldwide are bringing us closer to the stone-age mentality of fighting for existence and survival. Where is the humanitarian aid to these refugee camps?]

INDIAN TRUST PAPERS RUINED, LETTERS INDICATE

By Bill McAllister, *Denver Post*, 2/16/01

WASHINGTON—At least one box of documents that may be needed by investigators attempting to reconstruct trust accounts for thousands of American Indians has been destroyed by workers at the Federal Reserve Bank in Denver, according to letters obtained by the *Denver Post*.

The destruction, which violates court orders and Treasury Department directives, apparently occurred in October or November 1999, but it was not reported until this week, according to the letters.

Dennis Gingold, a former Denver lawyer who is the lead attorney for the Indians, said the destruction was the latest in a series of incidents that had prompted a federal judge to issue contempt citations against two cabinet secretaries in the Clinton administration.

"It's a serious problem," Gingold said. "We're learning of documents being destroyed every day."

The document destruction is the latest twist in a massive four-year lawsuit filed by the Colorado-based Native American Rights Fund that demands that the government provide a full accounting of the billions of dollars it holds in trust accounts for more than 300,000 American Indians. Because trust records have been poorly or improperly kept, the government cannot reconcile the individual accounts and may owe the Indians as much as \$10 billion, lawyers have said.

Neither Gingold nor other lawyers involved in the case could say what the documents destroyed in Denver included. One government official, who declined to be named, said that the Justice Department had no reason to believe that trust records were among the documents destroyed in Denver.

Gingold said, however, that bank records are crucial to the ongoing investigation because they should include records of any payments that the government has made to the 300,000 Indians who have government trust accounts.

Carl M. Gambbs, senior vice president and manager of the Denver Fed, declined to discuss the incident. He referred inquiries to the Justice Department. Officials there also declined to comment.

In a letter dated Wednesday, Walter T. Eccard of the Bureau of the Public Debt, a Treasury Department agency, informed the Justice Department of the bureau's discovery of the destruction in Denver. "Treasury is quite concerned about this incident," Eccard said, promising a detailed description of what happened.

In July 1999, Treasury officials had warned all Federal Reserve banks in the nation not to destroy any records that may be related to a massive lawsuit over the trust accounts. Since then, Gingold and others have learned of records being destroyed at several banks.

Those discoveries apparently have triggered a nationwide audit at all Federal Reserve banks to discover whether other records also may have been lost. It was apparently this effort that prompted the discovery this week about the Denver destruction.

Lawyers for the Indians have complained that continued destruction is proof of the federal government's bad faith. By the government's testimony, the accounts are so mismanaged that

it's impossible to know their proper balances.

Government attorneys have maintained it will take years to reconcile the accounts.

Some of them date back as far as 1887 when Congress passed a law designed to make Indians financially independent by giving them 80- to 160-acre tracts of lands. The government was supposed to act as trustee for monies raised from the sale of oil and other minerals on those lands.

[JR: It boggles the mind that the abuses of this private group of banks and bankers that make up the Federal Reserve continues to do business without having to answer to Congress or the Justice Department. If records are missing or destroyed at various banks, one has to presume it's because of a conspiracy to cover up fraudulent business practices and it shouldn't have to take years to resolve the issues. The most hardened criminals today travel in the most elite circles of power and have the pedigrees of the oldest birthright and richest families of the world. They consider it is written—what others have, really belongs to them.]

SYNTHETIC VIRUS NEARING REALITY

By Jonathan Amos, *BBC News*, 2/21/01

SAN FRANCISCO—Scientists will have the technology to create a wholly artificial virus within the next five years, a major conference in the U.S. has been told.

The synthetic microbe could be used to help genetically engineer novel plants and animals, and treat human disease.

But if the technology is abused, it could lead to bioweapons against which society might have little defence.

The timetable for the creation of an artificial virus was laid out by Professor Clyde Hutchinson, of the University of North Carolina and The Institute of Genomic Research.

"This isn't trivial to do and no one has yet reported doing it," he told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

But he said: "If researchers put their minds to it, they could do it within a few years."

Delegates to the annual meeting stressed that the issues surrounding a synthetic virus should not be over-dramatised.

Dr. Jonathan Moreno, of the University of Virginia, and an author on bioweapons, said rogue states or groups already had access to plenty of destructive technologies.

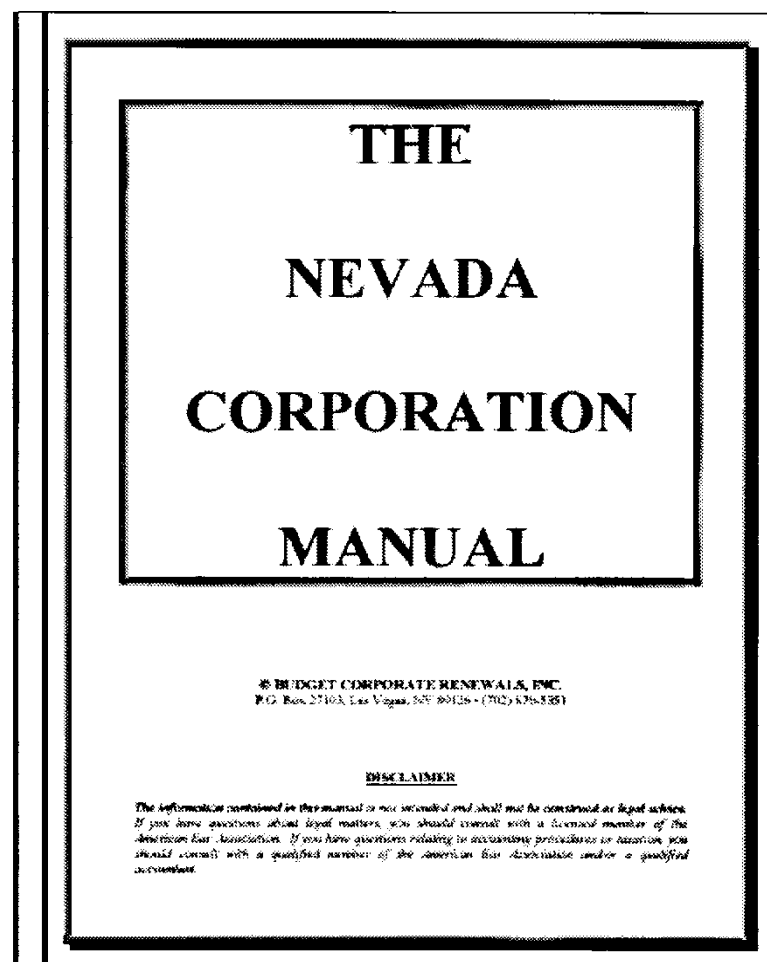
"A synthetic virus is something to be concerned about, but the question is whether we could develop anything that is worse than what is already available in nature, that some have attempted to exploit for the purposes of bioweaponry—such as anthrax," he said.

"There's enough bad stuff out there now. So far, there is no reason to believe that this technology is going to make things any worse."

Professor Hutchinson and his fellow researchers are engaged in what is known as the Minimal Genome Project, which is investigating the smallest number of genes required to sustain life.

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The project may eventually provide the knowledge to create an artificial lifeform—most probably a small bacterium.

Such a lifeform would be built from scratch using fundamental chemicals and could be engineered to manufacture useful drug components or to break down chemicals at the site of a toxic spill.

But Prof Hutchinson told the AAAS synthetic lifeforms were still science fiction because of the difficulties in synthesising long segments of nucleic acid—the “life molecule” DNA and its chemical cousin RNA.

He said: “Just having the genome isn’t the same as having a cell.

“To get the genes to do something, there have to be factors there to translate the genes into messenger RNA and into proteins, etc, and that at present can only be done in a living cell.”

Most researchers would not regard a virus as being “alive”, as it depends on the machinery of a living, host cell to replicate.

But its very much simpler design—nucleic acids perhaps just 10 kilobases in length and a few associated proteins—makes it an easier target for synthesis.

Although viruses are popularly seen as merely agents of disease, they also have a productive role in biotechnology.

Modified versions of viruses, in which the disease-causing elements have been “switched off”, can be used to carry useful genes into an organism.

Viruses could be important tools in future gene therapy, carrying genes into the cells of sick people to correct or replace the ones that have gone wrong.

A synthetic virus might make this task easier by providing greater flexibility of design.

The fear would be that the same technology could be used to synthesise a super-pathogen, or “biobomb”, to terrorise society.

But Dr. David Magnus, of the University of Pennsylvania Center for Bioethics, said any minded individual would probably opt for a simpler approach.

He said: “You don’t have to synthesise a genome from scratch to be able to make a version of smallpox.

“You could get a close relative and use standard genetic engineering. You could probably do that right now.”

Professor Daniel McGee, of Baylor University, said the threat always had to be judged against the benefits, with regulation steering us on the right course.

“We’re toolmakers. The first axe could have been used for agricultural purposes and good purposes, or it could have been used for killing.

“The moral dilemma is essentially the same.

“The fact that there is more power now—it extends further than just one person with one axe—is significant, but it doesn’t change the qualitative dimension of the moral dilemma.”

Prof Hutchinson added: “Am I worried about a synthesised virus? No, you only worry about it if someone does it out of malicious motives.”

[JR: Nothing in Nature is as harmful as what is being researched in labs around the world. The synthetic virus, if not fully understood in its applications, could turn out to be uncontrollable. If the goal is to treat human diseases, why do we need to genetically engineer “unique” plants and animals? Are we going back to creating beings that are half human and half animal like the fabled Centaurs, and for whose curiosity—God/Creator or ours? When the atomic bomb was tested, some of the scientists acknowledged they had created something they didn’t fully understand.]

NEVADA CORPORATIONS:

Maintaining Privacy Of Corporate Records

Budget’s “Tip of the Week” #2:

NRS 78.257—Right of stockholders to inspect and audit financial records; exceptions

Last week we discussed *NRS 78.105* and how it appears to have been written specifically to provide access to the corporation’s records by the corporation’s *stockholders*. What about a case where the stockholder’s interest in accessing the records has nothing to do with the stockholder’s interest in the corporation? And what about other parties who might want to access the corporation’s private records? *NRS 78.257* holds the answer to those questions, though the answers are, no doubt, NOT what such parties might wish to hear!

After defining who is entitled to inspect the corporate records and the notice that must be given for doing so in paragraph 1, then specifying that the inspecting party bears the costs of extracting such in paragraph 2, *NRS 78.257*, paragraph 3, states (emphasis added):

3. The rights authorized by subsection 1 may be denied to any stockholder upon his refusal to furnish the corporation an affidavit that such inspection, extracts or audit is not desired for any purpose not related to his interest in the corporation as a stockholder. Any stockholder or other person, exercising rights under subsection 1, who uses or attempts to use information, documents, records or other data obtained from the corporation, for any purpose not related to the stockholder’s interest in the corporation as a stockholder, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. ...

A gross misdemeanor conviction is punishable by incarceration for up to one year in the county jail and a \$2,000 fine. Note that this statute spells out rights of the *stockholders* to inspect corporate records—the *stockholders*, not “just anyone”. There is no mandate of any kind for non-stockholders to ever inspect any corporate records. It is a gross misdemeanor for any non-stockholder to even attempt to use information from the corporate records in any way contrary to the interests of the stockholders.

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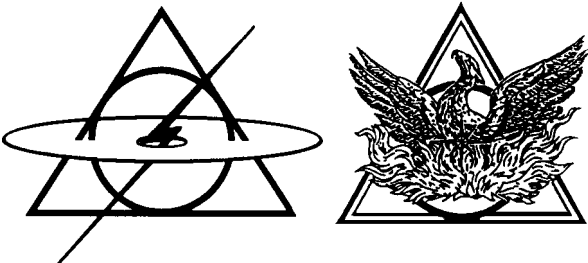
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