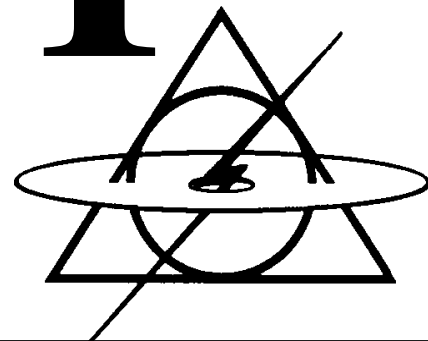


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POINTS AND COUNTER-POINTS

Hatonn—Times are critical, readers. We go and go while hoping that intelligent reason will be the approach of “management”. This may well be hopeless thinking in ongoing circumstances, which now approach disaster.

The U.S. plays in the fire pit with gasoline as they try to summon friends or declare enemies in the realm of China. The greater apparent problem might well be in what are touted as the Islamic regions around the globe, but that is NOT the powerful force with which to reckon. When China turns her plows into hostile weaponry, it is a force beyond your imaginings.

You might say, “Ah, but they are evil and not ‘Christian’.” Right, and neither are most of YOU. You tout ancient scripture of what has become as non-CHRISTian as anything existing on the Earth today.

I take no “side”, for it matters not—THIS IS

WHAT IS and no lying to self or brother shall change it except change itself. China will refuse to fall to the New World Order unless she can be “it”.

I remind you of the prophecy that when the mighty Euphrates River can be crossed on foot, there shall be such a march across the nations as to stagger the minds of men. Remember what is told: “The people of that which is the Land of Israel will be pushed into that which is Turkey before it is over.”

I want you readers to realize that Armageddon and Apocalypse are NOT the same thing, even though you have conjured them to be the same meaning. No, one is a war and the other is the result of cataclysmic disaster. And remember, good friends, the ones who MAKE WAR do NOT go forth and FIGHT THE WAR. They send the innocent to face the guns, just as it always was.

Governments, as we write, are squaring off for WAR.

Turning from that focus for a bit, let us consider things that are happening in what are called Islamic or Muslim placements. Right now there are meetings of great

consequence being held in various places, which are called “Organization of Islamic Conference” (OIC) meetings. This year’s is no small meeting to consider buildings and ship channels—this is up to do-or-die proportions in importance.

I would like to start this particular discussion regarding the OIC by offering an article from the *Philippine Star* of yesterday, 6/2/00. It happens to be by a familiar writer, Erick San Juan, and I will pass it on.

[QUOTING from the *Philippine Star*, June 2, 2000:]

AN APPEAL TO THE OIC

By Erick San Juan

This June, the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) will hold a meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This is a heaven-sent opportunity which the Estrada Administration, through its pacifist foreign affairs secretary, should not miss. It must issue the all-
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important appeal to the OIC member-states to, once and for all, state clearly their official position with regard to the ethnic-religious violence committed in many parts of the world by terrorists and bandits masquerading as “*mujahideens*”. Those paid hacks are employed by the Globalists, whose agenda is to promote Samuel P. Huntington’s scenario of a “clash of civilizations”.

At the moment, the U.S. State Department lists only seven countries as “state sponsors of terrorism”. These are: Iraq, Iran, Libya, Syria, Sudan, Cuba and North Korea. It does not include Great Britain, despite the fact that a recent report issued by the same agency states that “16 out of the 30 Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) are identified as recipients of funds and/or military training and logistical support from groups operating freely from British soil.” The Abu Sayyaf happens to be one of them.

What about Bin Laden’s group in Chechnya?

The appeal is timely, in light of Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid’s call for Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei to “forge a common stance in facing future negotiations on world economy”. This plan, originally called “Maphilindo”, included the Philippines. It calls for a joint strategy for the development of the vast oil and gas resources in the region. Astute political observers believe that it is but one more sign of Indonesia’s re-entering nationalist resistance to neo-colonial demands known as “globalization”.

Despite external pressures, Wahid does not hide his admiration of Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, who has consistently “defended the role of the state in bringing the ethnic Malay race out of ghettoization—a condition due to both colonialism and self-imposed backwardness”, which, by the way, Asian watchers view as the Philippines’ unofficial foreign policy.

Why not be pragmatic for a change? We must “bury the hatchet” and bring back that special relationship with our ASEAN neighbors like Malaysia, Brunei and Indonesia. After all, we share common denominators. With these three neighbors by our side, the foreign-backed secessionist movement in Mindanao will die a natural death.

It was the Chinese tactician *non-pareil* Sun Tzu who said, “Know your friends, know your enemies. A hundred battles, a hundred victories.” With the recent destabilization efforts launched against President Estrada and the Philippine peso, isn’t it quite obvious who our enemies are?

Finally, the appeal to the OIC will put the Islamic religion in a spot. Is it peaceful, or does it promote wars and revolutions?

What is the OIC’s stand on fundamentalism? Is it for or against it? If so, when will it realize that this type of dynamism has contributed nothing but misery to the Muslim communities everywhere?

Organizations like the MNLF and Abu Sayyaf are like the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), which should perhaps call themselves the Para-Governmental Organizations (PGOs), remote-controlled by lobby groups at the service of the mentors’ hidden interests.

[END OF QUOTING]

Well, once again the responsibility is dumped onto the backs and hearts of the poverty-weakened groups who have had no say in their own lives and much the less their own futures. When man is oppressed for whatever reason, he will eventually rebel if the

pressures become great enough and the rewards for goodly service are unrewarded with even the most simple equality. The LIE is that all hide behind the shroud of religions and the facts are that both are so abused as to represent no longer Christ or goodness—on the battlefield of the Elite players subjecting a world to slavery. One murderer is no better than another murderer and those are simply the facts of the case. The most insidious attitude, however, is that somehow to send forth the innocent to kill in “your” stead is more abominable and abhorrent. To have a child lift his gun in victory while shouting “look what I did—victory...” is an atrocity; to give him a medal of honor, as in “hero”, is even more insipid.

I tell you again and again, only the anti-Christ would torture, maim and kill the babies of your world, from lamb to human. What possible glory can be had from overrunning the helpless?

Oh, indeed, please appeal to the OIC but don’t be surprised if they respond by telling you to look at reality, for one faction seems as blind as the other.

Today the big topic on the front page of the papers is to please take note of the ongoing current complaints about “bad-mouthing” possibilities by representatives of Islam in their OWN conference in Jeddah. Have THE PEOPLE no right to express their voiced opinions within their own publicly acclaimed gatherings?

Is it all right for the “Christians”, the Roman Catholic Church and politicians to slaughter or starve out the other of God’s people in order to preserve the corrupted controllers? The forums now taking place COULD be the place of hearing for the global alliance non-sectarian participation based on “rights of humanity”, which could bring some coalition other than in death and destruction. NO ONE WINS IN WAR! Please explore the possibilities here with Sharif, so that he can present his holdings and possibilities in this overwhelming time of need and want.

Then perhaps these assets which already rest in the hands of these Islamic believers who simply wish to build shelters and survival industries—yea, mostly farming and fisheries—can move forward. It would be wondrous if the Philippines would back their own, for there is no real desire to be anything other than of the Philippines in these places of death squads, but the people must survive and flourish or they have no purpose for doing either.

If the Philippines is unwilling to back and allow this to happen through their own banks and leadership, then it must be allowed to come to be within the community of those who will join together and utilize that which God offers in sharing. All flourish, including the Philippines, in ways without ability to measure—if the coalition in leadership is bonded in a common effort for peace and follow-through.

It is easy to see who the expendable parties in such as the Philippines might be in this confrontation, for the American-boy image is imprinted all over the players. They were the betrayers of the nation BEFORE and they have never deviated from their goal. And yes, chelas, I CAN work with either, when the intent is to create instead of destroy. What you demand is that God somehow bless you more than the opponent, simply because you call yourself something or other according to your whims. What of the other man praying to his God? IS GOD NOT GOD? THERE IS, AFTER ALL, AN ACCEPTED REALIZATION

THAT THERE TRULY IS ONLY “ONE”.

Is this a frightening time? Yes, else you would be declared fit for the insane sanctuary.

I suggest, however, that you of the U.S. look very closely at what is taking place, for the next war will be in YOUR DOORYARD and YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LEADERS LIE TO YOU ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM NUCLEAR WARHEADS ON EXPLODED ROCKETS TO CLINTON’S SEX HABITS.

Is Clinton somehow dangerous? Oh, dear, Clinton is a puppet fool who is manipulated like a hand-puppet. Does Hillary REALLY stand by her man? Surely YOU jest! Perhaps you all should go for the refresher courses and study up on those books, for your information, out of Arkansas (while any of the authors are still alive). Hillary was even secretly indicted by a proper grand jury for her activities. Remember that all grand jury hearings are “secret”; check out the hearings in Colorado in the Ramsey case.

And so it goes, on and on, on this wheel of cycles turning and turning as the world goes ’round. Does anyone hear the choral singing and the orchestra beginning the overture? Or, have you waited for the post-benediction?

A WORLD IN DESTRUCTION

Today’s lead paper in the Philippines shows a front page of horrendous things which are MORE than meet the eyes or the realization of readers.

Soldiers have claimed a “camp” of their mighty opposition in Mindanao? This is pathetic—to see brother against brother and citizen against citizen. And WHAT exactly has been conquered? Well, look at the picture! The rubble of shanties has been reduced to rubble—OR can anyone actually tell the difference?

Ah, but what hits you first at the top of the paper? “STAR readers give to soldiers’ fund.” Say what? Yes, indeed, there are no Government funds to pay for these maimed and dead “soldiers” ordered off to fight their own countrymen. So, a begging program has been set forth on several foundations of charity for the people to contribute to the care and assistance of these “brave and giving” soldiers. So, those that are the cause of the “war” give to appear benevolent and everybody gets their name in the paper as important givers, while they continue to fight over who gets to accompany the President on his sojourns to places like the U.S.A.

Has “GAIA” given? Yes, but we have yet to be so much as recognized, and in some instances the offer has not even been delivered and no, we ask for nothing in return—not even recognition.

Can you not see a repetition of history, my friends? You surely cannot witness these things and not realize that this is EXACTLY what happened in the “Holy” lands with a teacher that brought a “better” way. Whatever you wish to call that person, real or imagined, Esu or Jesus—he made a pronouncement to the Pharisees on the day of his intended execution: “You (Pharisees) shall rue this day for all your existence. In half a century there will be a man come forth and though his religion will not be as your own and will bear much wrong within its own followers, he will found that which shall be the horror of your days until the end of your existence.” And so, it came to pass that a simple “teacher” came forth bearing the goodly guidelines of right conduct for mankind. But, like all

of mankind's possibilities, many have chosen to ply their own way and follow the very same basic evils as presented by the Pharisees and, therefore, all become Pharisees and build and build more and more terror and unrest.

So be it, for God allows man to reach his own individual heights or depths of being. Ah, but YOU who teach and guide the younger ones into these pits of catastrophe unto their own beings are RESPONSIBLE for that making of evil interchange called WAR. GOD HAS WITNESSED THIS EVENT REPEATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN—UNTO THE VERY DESTRUCTION OF CIVILIZATIONS AND, YEA, PLANETS.

We, as in GAIA, do not demand that these things cease—we only offer a way to bring peace and prosperity based on truth and solid value unto the people. If the wicked are to flourish, does it not stand to reason that the people who feed them need also to prosper? Has no one noticed that in the event of deprivation and disease, man only turns to his moments of escape and produces more and more helpless victims of his frustration and escape, as in rape, pillaging and plundering while seeking an outlet for his own inner helplessness, weakness and FEAR? Well, there won't be much plundering in Mindanao just captured, for the brothers already had nothing worth plundering. Therefore, it really does just come right down to destruction and killing, doesn't it? Neither "side" wins a thing except hurt, pain and agony, for you cannot feel pride or joy in destroying a beaten dog, no better than self. This eats at the soul of man until he becomes evil himself or forever more lives in the horror of his own mind's realization.

Were you not told directly that in these days there would be truth, in that the evil would become ever so much more evil and the good would become even more goodly? This is the time of extremes. Even the very life of the planet herself trembles in pain as the negative aspect of humankind turns into destroyers, even, yea, of themselves. However, it is also the TIME in which man can change in the blinking of an eye, reach forth and take that which is offered and bring wondrous bounty upon himself and those within his care and leadership.

This IS THE TURNING POINT OF THIS PARTICULAR ERA of advancing humanity. Technology is so great that the evil controllers can destroy *en masse* and the controllers have no goodly requirements by which to measure their deeds—the worse the impact, the better is their acceptance. This is what is called "the battle between good and evil" and, furthermore, it is the time of ability to divide those goodly from the evil pretenders and "God impostors". Note: These impostors even take the name and the beings who serve God for their own, so that they appear to be goodly while acting in purely evil ego intent. If you have not seen this fact, then you must have become totally blinded by your own confusion.

Remember something very, very important: It is not how many papers you sell that matters in God's eyes—it is how much truth is presented in the one you establish.

Our little paper, *CONTACT*, has no need to be the only paper in the world; it is for the sole purpose of bringing observations, truth and communication. It is the accepted direct communication, for instance, between myself and my opponents. My opponents, by

the way, ARE NOT MY ENEMIES. And yes, indeed, there will come men strong enough within. It is intended to be the "newsletter" on positive progress as better ways are presented. You who have allowed this little paper to bear its purpose are blessed, indeed, for the outcome of ability to communicate at a level of physical intent and understanding is imperative.

And yes, it is incumbent upon our own team to disallow the ill use of our own proposals.

We have recently had some come and claim to know all there is to know about our project and yet, they come asking for some 20 trillion dollars, their undisputed control of it and wish to put it into the very derivative-trading programs that have brought the world to its knees and handed the wealth of material control over to the Elite. ALL of these things are disallowed by our own agreements with those very same Elite. Now, how silly does this make everyone involved appear? Nice try? No, absurd! The very act of "demanding" such a thing proves the lack of realization that the guidelines are there and MEAN SOMETHING, and/or, there is a deliberate plan to take from or fool our very holders. Now perhaps some of you might actually like the Knights of Malta to run your world but that might well be because they are of the very Committee of 300. It seems inappropriate to us, in the very light of the fact that the world has become enslaved by this kind of control. However, the point is not in THAT, surprising as it might be to some. WE DO NOT BREAK OUR AGREEMENTS AND EVEN CONSIDERING THE PAST accumulation of assets (value) we have no intention of doing stupid things. WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO SUCH A THING. This is NOT being nasty; this is meeting our own agreements!

Our very agreements state that if we find any misuse of the assets presented under the public-notice "agreements" of conduct and procedure, we MUST withdraw the offer. Does it seem that nobody understands a BOND BY WORD? It is the ONLY "true bond" of man. A "contract" is a thing to be used in litigation after the bond of word is broken. And NO, we do not reach into the other man's mind to see what he intends. We can only work from that which is presented to us and when he presents programs that are absolute instructions and guidelines for these destructive programs, we must act to withdraw the offer.

Our intent is to offer BETTER BUSINESS INTERCHANGE and opportunity for positive growth, dignity and opportunity to those who have long been "sold out" to the highest bidders in the world's Elite game of grabbing whole nations and, finally, the planet. Good is found everywhere and evil is found everywhere—for both reside in the ego-driven mind of man.

I want you to look again at this very scenario as just given. You do not judge the man involved, for these are just and honorable men who come with this offer. It is the action that is "bad", if you have to choose good or bad. However, this presents another opportunity to point out "good" vs. "bad". There is no difference, for it is considered very good for the ones who might glean the wealth—but it is not "good" and, therefore, is "bad" for the one left holding an empty bag after the very wealth is taken by the robber-barons.

These men presenting for this wondrous and monstrous grab are wonderful people claiming to be doing this through the Knights of Malta organization

AS PRESENTED THROUGH A FARMERS' COALITION. Now, you tell me, readers, what a small coalition of farmers, who have actually not even worked their lands well, are going to do with 20 trillion dollars? Well, they say it is to help—and their plan is to have a massive welfare program, a few years of productive farming or business and a guaranteed welfare retirement program. So, do the men fit a category of some kind of "evil"? No, but they do break the agreements and do not have a suitable PROJECT which can become PRODUCTIVE. **Paying people to NOT WORK is not usually a very good idea and the very people receiving will eventually turn upon you for your goodly deeds.**

This is the changeover period in man's journey into Lighted Expression. This is the time of greatest chaos and the greatest positive insight as mankind chooses his way. This is NOT the first time nor will it be the last. But you have gone about as far "down" as you can go—as in "free will" or "freedom". You are controlled now and you can only gain FREEDOM by recognizing that there is a Greater Master who wants nothing from you save goodness within your SELF. When each has goodness within himself, he will help his brother—not kill him. A global welfare program is the final putdown of mankind. Charity is wondrous but handouts are destructive, for there is never enough to satisfy the takers. The very mentality of a welfare structure is to control with what appears "something for nothing" or some deserved "free lunch" attitude. **So, when the producers see the writing on the wall, they too will join the welfare instead of being givers to the welfare programs and, at some point, there is NOTHING left—except in the pockets of the corrupt slave-masters.**

People speak of and treat IMF loans as some kind of goodwill offering to nations. NO, the loans come with the highest interest and price of all things. It is the biggest money-making scheme ever to be thrust onto mankind. It actually ENSURES inability to recover and as well brings down inability to ever recover even the nation's assets, for ALL IS PLEDGED AS COLLATERAL FOR THE LOANS THEMSELVES.

It is suggested that a lot of headway could be made in peaceful and peace-oriented assistance to the beloved Philippines through a realization that God is an "equal opportunity" Father. Corruption? We cannot even measure the quantity or quality of corruption on either side of these disputes, where religion is pitted against religion or man against man, where no dignity is left to the smallest of God's people.

It must be understood exactly what the Teacher, Esu (Jesus, if you will) said on the day he was condemned by the Pharisees, to be hanged on the cross beams until dead. The judicial system was not working well "then" either.

ENFORCED SILENCE

I can present an example of the way man operates that might be somewhat limited in "location" but is the SAME no matter where conflicts arise—as in man against man—from Mindanao, Philippines to the most backward places in South Africa, where law is totally absent in any respect at all. As in: NO, it is not right to go forth and confiscate farms from another JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE WHITE to turn them over to other men JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE BLACK.

And yes, indeed, ALL LOSE!

So, any of you could produce equally good material to make your points but we sit here in Manila where the terrorists bomb shopping malls in Makati and raid shack-town in one-street villages and call it "victory".

Ah, but the interesting thing in the Mindanao scenario is the fact that promises have been made for generation after generation and somehow nothing ever happens EXCEPT FOR THE ELITE PUPPET-MASTERS AND FUNDS GO INTO THE CORRUPT POCKETS OF LEADERSHIP. Then, the leaders get "at" each other and the point is not to solve the problem present but to shut up the other side from talking even to his own global brothers. In other words, "don't tell". So, is the speaker better or worse than the perpetrators? That is not the point here—the presented facts are the tale herein offered.

There is a man who is Governor of what is called here, the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). We wrote about this years ago and I asked you to pay close attention because this would be THE SPOT to watch unfold. You readers will remember, for there was an opportunity right then to solve most of the problems building to explosive point at that time.

Well, yesterday it was claimed that somehow Nur Misuari, the Governor just mentioned, is "blocking negotiations in Mindanao". Blocking negotiations of WHAT? Hostage payoffs? Pull out of Abu Sayyaf? Blocking exactly what? Well, if you read on here, you can see the unfolding of what is really tweaking the powers in power. Nur Misuari is telling on the politicians and doing so to the most powerful elements of the opposition "Muslim" community. Wow.

Well, there was a mighty effort set forth to gather together the States of Southeast Asia and actually have an Asian Monetary Fund to work together to offer assistance to one another. BUT, YOU WILL NOTE FROM YOUR OWN NEWS PRESENTATIONS THAT THE IMF AND THE U.S. HAVE BLOCKED SUCH A MOVE—AT ALL COSTS.

So, is Nur Misuari a responsible Muslim leader, as told to his brothers? No, I doubt it came as much the way presented in the paper as in a report of hopeless ability to resolve the crisis ongoing. However, is the issue worked at resolution of the problem itself? No, just an effort to "silence" through force or sanction, the telling of it—as in the words actually used: "airing dirty linen". Are we talking about wiping out a people or washing clothes so nobody notices how really dirty are the hands of the corrupted? Is Nur one of the good guys? Say again? Good guys? Oh my, don't keep deceiving yourselves with this good guy-bad guy stuff as if the color of your hat actually makes the difference. Nur is the Governor and just because the word Nur means "of the light", I would suggest that this thought came from the mother of the man, not performance one way or another. The facts are that Nur Misuari has his back against the wall among his own people and his only defense for self is to present the other side as somehow "worse".

Good or bad is not the issue I want to present but, rather, the way things are handled—as in "shut up the man" so that truth is not even debated.

I will just ask that the article be presented, which may seem quite dull and boring, but is actually the prime lesson for the day. And no, we do NOT wish to get crosswise with anyone—BUT A WORLD IS WATCHING, JOSEPH—A WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING.

[QUOTING from the front page of the *Philippine Star*, Sat., June 3, 2000:]

NUR BAD-MOUTHING GOV'T. BEFORE OIC

By Marichu Villanueva

Gov. Nur Misuari of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) is facing possible sanctions for "washing dirty linen" before an international forum and bad-mouthing the Government, officials said yesterday.

President Estrada sent National Security Adviser Alexander Aguirre to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia yesterday to brief the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) on the Government's compliance with the 1996 peace agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), which Misuari chairs.

The move is meant to counteract any erroneous information about the Mindanao conflict that Misuari may be presenting to the OIC.

Reports the other day said Misuari is blocking the Government's efforts to forge a peace agreement with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), which broke away from the MNLF several years ago. Misuari reportedly lambasted the Government in a speech before the OIC in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Briefing Palace reporters after the Cabinet meeting last night, the Defense Secretary [said] that Misuari had committed acts that could be considered inappropriate for an elected Government official.

Government officials said they will leave it to President Estrada to deal with Misuari upon the ARMM Governor's return to the Philippines.

Foreign ministers of OIC member countries will hold their 27th meeting in the Malaysian capital.

Aguirre and his six-member delegation will update the OIC's ministerial committee of the six after OIC Secretary General Ezzedine Laraki decided to skip Manila on the advice of Foreign Affairs Secretary Domingo Siazon, Jr.

The ministerial committee of the six is comprised of Indonesia as chairman with members Libya, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Bangladesh and Somalia.

Before leaving for Kuala Lumpur, Aguirre said in a statement that they would also inform OIC member-countries about the Administration's peace and development programs in Mindanao.

"The continuing implementation of the GRP-MNLF peace agreement, together with the present peace process with the MILF despite firm action by the Government on the MILF armed rebellion, is a major strategic element in the attainment of a durable, just and comprehensive peace in Mindanao," he said.

As for Gov. Nur Misuari's allegations that the Government has not complied with the peace agreement, Aguirre said some P18 billion worth of projects have been undertaken in Mindanao.

"The agreement has resulted in the return of the MNLF to the fold of the law, and in substantial socio-economic development efforts in the cities and provinces within the Special Zone of Peace and Development (SZOPAD), amounting to more than P18 billion despite the serious constraints imposed upon Government resources by the Asian economic crisis," he said.

Aguirre said the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) received P3.5 billion annually from the national Government between 1996 and 1999; and P14.3 billion from 1996 to March this year, while the SZOPAD was given P308 million for operations.

"The efforts by Government to substantively implement the GRP-MNLF peace agreement side-by-side with the resumption of peace negotiations with the MILF—along with the continued pursuit of the peace process in

Mindanao—have made possible the development initiatives in southern Philippines as well as the active participation of former rebels, not only in Government affairs, but more importantly in mainstream Philippine society," he said.

Aguirre said 4,850 MNLF fighters have been integrated into the Armed Forces, while 1,000 have joined the Philippine national Police.

Aguirre's delegation is composed of Undersecretary Nabil Tan, a deputy presidential adviser on the peace process, Tawi-Tawi Gov. Sadikul Sahali and Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Rafael Seguis.

In Sarangani, residents have fled their homes in three *barangays* in Kiamba town following reports that Government troops will attack Moro guerrillas occupying the mountain *barangay* of Gasi.

[H: Now, people, put this in perspective. This is the equivalent of the whole U.S. military pouring into a small Native American reservation village in Rosebud (in the Dakotas), only worse. The military comes with tanks, warships, 'copters and you name it—against villagers. Remember that only the groupies of the CIA variety have weapons of "mass destruction" like AK-47s, etc. Is this truly something over which a Tarzan can pound his chest and claim some "victory"? Who might be the most terrifying? Would it be the local delinquents or the massive military army in tanks and armored vehicles with cannons and missiles? SICK? Well, both sides come forth dripping blood and claim to be the Godly ones! Aren't people interesting?]

Col. Delfin Lorenzana, commander of an Army infantry brigade, said his troops will move into Gasi if the rebels refuse to withdraw as they had promised.

Led by a certain Commander Cobra, the rebels stopped over in Gasi last May 25 on their way to Camp Abu Obaida on the boundary of Maitum town, Sarangani and Palimbang town, Sultan Kudarat, he added.

Lorenzana said the rebels, through the intervention of local officials led by Kiamba Mayor Raul Martinez, had promised to leave Gasi after a few days of rest.

He said Martinez arranged a boat to ferry the rebels to Palimbang, but they asked for an extension of their stay in the *barangay*.

"We have given them enough time," he said. "We will have no choice but to force them out of the area through the military option, if they would continue to ignore the demand to leave by the local officials and residents."

Yesterday, Gov. Priscilla Chiongbian sent emissaries led by Provincial Administrator Perla Maglinte to talk with the rebels, but they have not received any response.

As of noon yesterday, the provincial Disaster Coordinating Council estimated close to 1,500 people have fled their homes in *barangays* Gasi, Datu Dani and Lagundi. They are mostly B'laans and T'bolis.

Gasi *barangay* Chairman Jaime Fado said the rebels had reinforced their comrades in Shariff Aguak and Talayan at the height of fighting last month.

"They are weary fighters," he told reporters. "They came very, very tired and they claimed to have been walking for the last 20 days."

Fado said the rebels asked for food and a place to rest when they first arrived at around 5 p.m. on May 25 and promised to move on to Palimbang town after a few days.

However, the tension has prevented them from withdrawing from the *barangay*, he added.

[END OF QUOTING]

Now, to put this into somewhat better perspective, let us consider the second-to-the-lead article, same paper: [QUOTING:]

33 KILLED AS TROOPS CAPTURE
MILF'S PERIMETER CAMP

By John Unson and Edith Regalado.

COTABATO CITY—At least 32 Muslim rebels and a soldier were killed as Government troops advanced on Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) camps in Maguindanao last Thursday.

Army brigade chief Col. Hermogenes Esperon said five soldiers were also wounded in the fighting in the villages of Limbalod and Dungguan in Maguindanao.

At Malacanang, President Estrada declared the liberated MILF camps as “zones of peace”.

Thursday's fighting came as negotiators from the Government and the secessionist Muslim group concluded three days of peace talks in this city, about 80 kilometers from the scene of the clashes.

The Army used rocket-firing MG-520 attack helicopters and artillery to soften up MILF defenses on a rebel base, Camp Usman, as ground troops advanced.

[H: Soften up? There are and were nothing there but thatched huts—so, softened up what? Well, I guess—the women and children?]

Gunbattles continued early yesterday around the camp, on the boundary of North Cotabato and Maguindanao, but there were no immediate reports of casualties.

[H: Now, get the reasoning:]

“We will continue our push to the site where they had set up their own government,” Esperon said. “There is no other Government in the Philippines, not in accordance with the *Constitution*.”

[H: This is a long article and I have made the point I wish to convey, so I will leave you with this one, a person who is an adviser and chief negotiator for the Government in the hostage situation is shown in a large picture of him at a desk, behind which is a bigger-than-life-sized poster of President Estrada from a motion-picture scene in the background with a machine gun in hand ready to pounce on anybody coming along—hopefully, the “bad guys”, as in motion picture heroes and villains.]

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I would call further attention to another side article wherein it is described that a family lost a son to the “rebels” and now all the siblings want to go forth and become the same kind of hero as the brother.

The really sad part of this story is that the siblings want to now go forth and “protect the people”. They are, by the way, among the most poverty stricken of the farming community and have no education nor do they see any promise of any better future than total poverty. Even the slain soldier, Normel, had said he was “better off earning a couple of thousand pesos as a soldier than being a jobless bum”.

The conclusion of the article, since brother Normel had promised to send home assistance money, is that because of his death, now nobody has anything. And, guess what, the opposing shooters are both Muslim rebel groups (according to the paper). Is this insane or what, readers?

Well, one more day is almost gone 'twixt the start and the closure of this writing with all that happens in between.

All we can offer is food upon which to feast the mind and perhaps together we can find the way.

Salu, GCH,

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“Defanging” The BEAST

Editorial Comment:

Push appears to be coming to shove in the clash of the titans over control of the planet, as the Khazarian “managers” appear to be willing to provoke the great armies of the world into a nuclear conflagration. Does this sound too much like a bad melodrama? Then it's time to pay attention!

While the Western (Khazarian-controlled) media would have the robots believe that the Bear (Russia) has no claws and the Dragon (China) has no teeth, nothing could be further from the truth. Not only do the Russians hold military control over the planet in the form of immensely powerful and accurate particle-beam weapons systems in their cosmospheres and their Moon bases, but they also hold the upper hand in the realm of nuclear arms. This advantage is strengthened by the recent sharing of arms and technologies with China.

Recent News Desk articles have covered the transfer of missile technology, an aircraft carrier, destroyers and other military hardware from Russia to China. For its part, China has developed some very interesting weapons on its own—and it has been willing to share its military know-how and hardware with other countries antipathetic to the British-Israeli-U.S. (Khazarian, Zionist) desire for global hegemony.

President Clinton's recent visit to Europe was downplayed by the Western media in articles such as the following:

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**PUTIN UNLIKELY TO
EMBRACE ARMS CONTROL**

By Jim Hoagland, *Washington Post*, 5/26/00

WASHINGTON—After a long period of mixed signals, Russian President **Vladimir Putin has made it clear to the Clinton Administration in recent weeks that arms control comes low on his priority list now.** The White House has all but abandoned hope for a significant arms-control deal with Putin at next month's summit in Moscow [*now concluded*].

In a letter on the summit covering a half-dozen pages that his Foreign Minister, Igor Ivanov, carried to President Clinton in late April, the Russian leader barely mentioned the nuclear-arms reductions and missile-defense issues that the White House saw as the potential strategic centerpiece of the Moscow meeting, according to U.S. and diplomatic sources.

Instead, Putin spent five pages delivering his version of “It's the economy, stupid.” He outlined plans to make Russia more self-reliant and to end its financial chaos. Subsequent contacts between senior officials of the two governments have sustained this Russian focus on the economy.

A more detailed picture of the still mysterious Putin

emerges from descriptions by participants of the preparatory diplomatic contacts for the June 4-5 summit. Putin is as cool and cautious in dealing with Washington as Boris Yeltsin was effusive and bold. The former KGB agent compartmentalizes, where Yeltsin linked.

Yeltsin traded Russia's strategic cooperation for Clinton's support for Yeltsin's position inside Russia. **But Putin shows no interest in being that palsy with the American President.** And he does not seem prepared to restore arms control to its once central role in U.S.-Russian relations.

This may be the central revelation of the Moscow summit: **Putin seems to mean it when he says he wants Russia to be more self-reliant. He is not eager to increase Russian indebtedness to the West, or to grant Washington influence over his relations with his military or his domestic policy options.** [*This is additional evidence to indicate that Putin is, in fact, anti-Khazarian—an agent of deparasitization.*] That is part of the reason why arms control is not at the top of his agenda for this summit.

The key question in the preparatory contacts has been whether [or not] an agreement could be announced at the summit on principles to govern U.S.-Russian negotiations over amending the *Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty*, which restricts the ability of both nations to deploy missile defenses.

In January, both Putin and Ivanov indicated to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright that they were open to talking about the *ABM Treaty* as well as working toward a START III accord requiring significant new reductions in offensive nuclear warheads. But in more recent contacts, Ivanov ducked Albright's invitations to move ahead on arms control, according to U.S. officials. He focused instead on explaining how the United States could deal with perceived threats from North Korea by other means.

A visit to Moscow last week by Clinton's National Security Adviser, Sandy Berger, convinced the White House that Putin was not simply playing hard-to-get as a pre-summit negotiating ploy, and U.S. officials began briefing reporters on the Administration's lowered expectations for the meeting. “This will not be an arms-control summit,” a senior official said late last week. “We hope these talks will move things forward for subsequent meetings, but right now we do not expect the summit to produce a breakthrough.”

Putin's generals have reportedly told him he should not trade *ABM* modifications for a START III treaty. Russia has more to fear from the removal of restraints on U.S. missile defense than it does from the growing numerical superiority in nuclear warheads Washington will achieve by 2008 without a new strategic-arms accord, they maintain. [*Even TODAY, the U.S. does not have true numerical superiority—as we will show a little further into this report—and we have NO defense shelters to shelter OUR population!*]

Washington expected Putin to be tempted by the

prospect of locking in a modest missile-defense system in the twilight of Clinton's presidency rather than risking a Republican victory in November and a possible tearing up of the *ABM Treaty* thereafter. But any temptation for Putin to give diplomatic gifts to a lame-duck Administration would have evaporated after Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) announced several weeks ago that he would block any arms-control deal struck by Clinton.

The summit is nonetheless likely to produce some substantial agreements for Putin and Clinton to herald. Headway has been made on a non-proliferation agreement to keep plutonium out of the hands of nations that might use it for bombs and on other plutonium disposition issues. Expanded cooperation on space launches also qualifies as "low-hanging fruit" that could be plucked in Moscow, according to one official.

This meeting for Putin is not so much a summit as a steppingstone, for a long journey.

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And to what, exactly, might the above reference to "It's the economy, stupid" pertain? Is it possible that Mr. Putin is working to eliminate the Khazarian parasites' control over his country's vital organs? Let's see how the parasites are reacting to the medicine which he is administering.

[QUOTING:]

RUSSIAN TYCOON BLASTS PUTIN'S REFORMS

VirtualNewYork.com, 6/2/00

MOSCOW (UPI)—Russian business tycoon Boris Berezovsky on Thursday accused President Vladimir Putin of driving Russia toward dictatorship. *[What upsets this remnant Khazarian parasite so much is the imminent loss of his free reign within the Russian economy.]*

Speaking during a remarkable press conference in Moscow, Berezovsky said implementation of Putin's plan to split the country into seven administrative super-regions and strip the 89 elected regional governors of their seats in the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament, endangered democracy in Russia. *[AS IF Berezovsky cares at all about "democracy". These moves by Mr. Putin are consistent with preparations for a state of WAR.]*

Berezovsky, a lone, loud voice of dissent in the face of the cowering silence of the regional officials, said he "could not keep quiet" while "anti-democratic" reforms "destroy" the balance of power in Russia. *[The parasites do squirm as they are being eliminated, don't they?]*

He said Putin's plans were a "mistake" that would bring "centralization of vertical power... (and) a Soviet system of government". *[And WHO WERE THE MURDERING BOLSHEVIKS of the old Soviet Socialist Republic? That's right—Khazarians like this one.]*

Under Putin's sweeping reorganization, which on Wednesday received overwhelming approval in the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, the regional leaders would be removed from the upper chamber and effectively stripped of immunity from prosecution, while Putin would be given the right to sack the governors.

"They are legally elected *[Bought and paid for?]* representatives (of their regions)," Berezovsky said, noting that most were too frightened to speak out against the new master of the Kremlin, a former head of the Federal Security Service, the successor to the Soviet

KGB.

Sounding like a cassandra among a general acceptance by society of the reform plans, Berezovsky said implementation of Putin's proposals would have "catastrophic consequences for democratic society".

"I am sure that, personally, (Putin) is a democratic person, he is not trying to become a dictator, but through his actions he is bringing about that situation, this mistake," Berezovsky said. *[Don't you WISH, Mr. Parasitesky—er, ah, Berezovsky!]*

Putin has appointed five generals from the Army, Interior Ministry and the FSB as his personal representatives to five of the seven super-regions being created under the reorganization.

In order to make the move more palatable to the governors, Putin has proposed giving the regional leaders the power to sack local legislators and mayors, in a move Berezovsky described as the birth of "corrupt, local monolithic bureaucracies, similar to the administrative party elites of the republics of the former Soviet Union".

Berezovsky called on the Duma to insist on significant amendments to Putin's reforms before they are passed in a second and third reading at the end of June.

The billionaire businessman's outburst against Putin has set tongues wagging in Moscow, with analysts suggesting that the reforms had hurt the interests of "the Family" *[as in Mishpucka, the Jewish MOB]*, as the small group of powerful businessmen close to former President Boris Yeltsin's family is known.

Berezovsky, a multimillionaire with vast holdings in the oil, metals, aviation, auto sales, banking and media businesses *[STOLEN from Russia through typical Khazarian tactics, no doubt.]*, has established lucrative relationships *[Yep—bought AND paid for.]* with many regional governors and would stand to lose much of his influence if the power of the governors dwindled.

Putin made cautious remarks on Thursday in an indication that he was listening to the protest, noting that he would "consider proposals (to amend the reforms) and will work with the deputies of the Duma to polish them and make (the bills) more effective, maybe even alter them".

However, Putin said it was essential that "the important task of strengthening state powers" proceeded as planned.

Last month, Putin made a televised address to the nation, calling for support of his far-fetching programs that would end efforts by many regional leaders to pass laws in their person fiefdoms, counter to the interests of the federal state. *[It is looking more and more as if a final purge of Khazarian influence is well underway in Russia! If this is, indeed, the intention: KUDOS to Mr. Putin!]*

[END OF QUOTING]

THE CHARADE OF CLINTON'S "ARMS-CONTROL" POSTURE

Let's return now to address the issue of Russia's REAL nuclear might. As background, you might recall that only recently, Russia defaulted on billions of dollars in U.S. loans—but almost immediately, new loans were granted. Who has the gun to WHOSE head?

So Mr. Clinton makes a trip to Moscow, ostensibly hoping for a new arms-control deal to protect the United States from so-called "rogue" nations—that IS what we have been told, right? Then, why would he not

address the issue of Russia's NON-COMPLIANCE to existing nuclear-arms agreements? Oh, you didn't know that? It's not surprising that this has not exactly been front-page news!

[QUOTING:]

ARMS CONTROL COVER-UP?

By Kenneth Timmerman, *WorldNetDaily.com, 6/5/00*

Why did the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency cease reporting on the Russian violation of the *INF Treaty* after its May 1995 report? Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., and others believe it is because the Clinton Administration was trying to gloss over Russian misbehavior.

"The Russians were clearly not in compliance with arms-control agreements," Weldon told *WND*, "but the Administration did what it does so frequently, which is to turn the other cheek and pretend that nothing was going on."

Weldon says he asked the Congressional Research Service to compile a list of Russian and Chinese arms-control violations over the past 6 years. When the CRS submitted its findings, even he was astonished at the scope of previously unreported (or under-reported) violations. Russia alone, according to the CRS, had committed 17 violations of arms-control agreements it had signed with the United States, without ever receiving so much as a slap on the wrist.

"This Administration has the worst record on arms control of any administration in 50 years," Weldon said...

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Well, surely, this arms-control stuff is all about those "rogue" nations, right? Let's look at this posture a little bit more critically, shall we?

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THREAT OF "ROGUE" STATES: IS IT REALITY OR RHETORIC?

By Steven Mufson, *Washington Post, 5/29/00*

In North Korea, a dozen U.S. arms experts began their second annual inspection of a mysterious tunnel complex. In Moscow, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott haggled with Russian officials over amending a 28-year-old arms agreement. In Washington, Republican presidential hopeful George W. Bush made a strong pitch for a still unproven global missile-defense system. And addressing graduates at the U.S. Military Academy, Vice President Gore called for a more limited missile defense.

The common goal of these disparate events last week? Stopping a "rogue" state—irrational, reckless and armed with nuclear missiles capable of striking American shores.

The existence of such a threat has become an article of faith, widely accepted by the Clinton Administration and some of its Republican critics, but questioned by some policy experts here and by many abroad. Many U.S. policymakers warn that a rogue state—whether an isolated and paranoid North Korea, a religiously motivated Iran or a vengeful Iraq—might attack the United States even if the inevitable result would be retaliation so massive that the attacking state would be obliterated.

"There are new threats in the world," said Samuel R.

“Sandy” Berger, President Clinton’s National Security Adviser. “One of those is the growing capability of North Korea and Iran, who may not be as susceptible to deterrence as the Soviet Union was.”

When President Clinton visits Moscow next week for his first summit meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, rogue states will be the ghosts at the negotiating table. Fear of their still-theoretical capabilities has made winning Russia’s agreement for a limited American missile-defense the Clinton Administration’s top priority in Russia policy, overshadowing the war in Chechnya, economic reform and future NATO expansion.

Yet some policy experts question the assumption that there are such irrational rogues.

“The unexamined assumptions about this are extraordinary, and the biggest is the presumption that a variety of misbegotten states are not subject to the same constraints of nuclear deterrence that everybody else has been subject to,” said Jonathan Pollack, an Asia specialist at the Rand Corp., a consulting firm.

Robert S. Litwak, former Director for Nonproliferation Policy at the National Security Council, argues in a recent book that the rogue epithet “demonizes a disparate group of states” and “significantly distorts policymaking”.

There is ample evidence that North Korea, Iran and Iraq have sought—and may still be seeking—weapons of mass destruction and long-range missile technology. North Korea unexpectedly fired a missile over Japan in 1998, and UN inspectors discovered massive stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons in Iraq after the Persian Gulf War.

But critics of the theory of rogue states say the allegation that these countries are irrational or suicidal is more questionable. Their leaders appear to be very concerned about self-preservation, and the United States has successfully employed diplomatic as well as military initiatives to engage or contain them.

Nearly a decade after the end of the Gulf War, Iraq remains bottled up by sanctions and a steady U.S.-British bombing campaign. In the wake of electoral victories by moderates in Iran, the Clinton Administration has made some conciliatory gestures to Tehran while still seeking to block technology transfers.

North Korea, meanwhile, has largely complied with a 1994 agreement aimed at making sure its nuclear program is peaceful. Within the past two months, workers under the supervision of an Atlanta-based company finished putting spent fuel from a North Korean nuclear reactor into sealed canisters, bringing to roughly 8,000 the number of radioactive rods sitting under lock, key and camera in a murky pool. Only about a dozen fuel rods are missing, a U.S. official said, far short of the amount needed to build a nuclear bomb. Last week, North Korea also fulfilled a commitment to let U.S. inspectors return to the mysterious tunnel complex once suspected of concealing a nuclear weapons or missile program. And it is preparing to hold its first summit with South Korea, its longtime foe.

“You speak about North Korea as an irrational country when you have been negotiating with North Korea for six years,” said a European diplomat. “The 1994 agreement was a rational agreement.”

French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine noted that there is no translation for rogue state in French. “It’s not a geopolitical category we use,” he said. “It is difficult for Europeans to imagine one of these rogue states attacking the United States.”

Noting that U.S. officials could just as easily call Libya, Pakistan or India rogue states and that the United States appropriately pursues different policies toward different so-called rogues, Vedrine suggested the label was simply a rhetorical tool.

Dmitri Rogozin, Chairman of the International Relations Committee in the Russian Duma, said the United States was exaggerating the North Korean threat. “A cannon is not the best weapon to shoot at flies,” he said.

Moreover, Rogozin predicted that the United States would react strongly if it detected North Korean preparations to fire a missile. “I highly respect the U.S. military and I can’t imagine that the U.S. military would sit idly by and watch the threat from North Korea,” the Russian parliamentarian said. “They will simply smash this country.”

A U.S. official who has been deeply involved in negotiations with impoverished North Korea said that despite its philosophy of self-reliance, Pyongyang has always relied on outside assistance. Now that its former patron, the Soviet Union, is defunct [*Here we go with the “Bear with no claws” routine again: Want to bet?*], North Korea is clumsily seeking a new sponsor.

“North Korea is one of the few totally parasitic countries,” the official said. “It has lost its host. But parasites don’t commit suicide.” [*This is a typical Khazarian tactic: calling others that for which the Khazarians are guilty—just as in the “Holocaust” lie.*]

He added, “They are not going to nuke Hawaii because they realize they will be annihilated. People who say we need national missile defense because North Korea is crazy are only those who don’t know anything about North Korea. North Korea is mainly a threat to itself.”

Yet, fear of rogue states remains widespread. The term “rogue” originally was applied about 20 years ago to countries whose internal policies were oppressive. (It was once applied by the *Wall Street Journal* to Ohio for its environmental policies.) Beginning in the mid-1990s, the term was attached to countries that might act irrationally in the international arena.

In a *Foreign Affairs* article in early 1994, then-Clinton National Security Adviser Anthony Lake called for “confronting backlash states” that were characterized by “chronic inability to engage constructively with the outside world”. In April 1996, then-Secretary of Defense William J. Perry warned of a “future threat that a rogue state, that may be impossible to deter, will obtain ICBMs that can reach the United States”. In September 1997, Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright said that “dealing with the rogue states is one of the great challenges of our time... because they are there with the sole purpose of destroying the system.”

A commission headed by former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld enshrined the rogue threat as official doctrine. When the commission released its report in 1998, it declared that “concerted efforts by a number of overtly or potentially hostile nations to acquire ballistic missiles with biological or nuclear payloads pose a growing threat to the United States, its deployed forces and its friends and allies”. The report added that those states “would be able to inflict major destruction on the U.S. within about five years of a decision to acquire such capability”.

That put time pressure on the Clinton Administration. And so, with the Cold War over, deep cuts in the nuclear arsenals of the superpowers, American military might unparalleled and the nation at

peace, both Democrats and Republicans have been edging closer toward a decision to build one of the most expensive weapon systems in history.

To be sure, some people worried about rogue states nonetheless oppose the current national missile-defense proposal. Richard Garwin, a member of the Rumsfeld Commission, argues that it would be easier to put a lid over a handful of rogues than to put an umbrella over the entire United States. **He favors a modest missile defense known as boost phase, which would be based close to rogue-state borders and intercept missiles on their way up.** [*Take note of this, as it is PRECISELY what Mr. Putin proposed to Mr. Clinton (as covered further along in this article), knocking the struts out from under the Khazarians’ “But we just want to get rid of the danger of nuclear weapons” posturing.*] Other experts warn that rogue states could deliver weapons of mass destruction in boats, suitcases, cars or vials instead of intercontinental missiles.

Still other policymakers warn of letting concern about small rogue states prompt the shredding of major accords, like the 1972 *Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty* that the Administration is trying to persuade Russia to amend.

But national missile defense remains an alluring prospect for those worried about preserving America’s latitude for action in a crisis, when a small country with nuclear missiles might threaten to use them.

“Deterrence is probably good enough,” former Clinton National Security Adviser Lake said in an interview. “But when the stakes are so high, I’m not sure that ‘probably’ is good enough.”

Bush adviser Condoleezza Rice said the United States should press ahead with national missile defense even if it means the end of the *ABM Treaty*. “The *ABM Treaty* is an artifact of a different period of time,” she said. “*ABM* was designed to prevent national missile defense. It is not clear to me how, with minor changes, you get around that. It’s a new world.”

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What makes more sense: trying to intercept a missile a few miles above your head—or knocking it down shortly after it lifts off? The Russians, with their cosmosphere experience, certainly know the answer to that question, even if the half-brights of the world don’t realize it. For additional details, we turn to an article written by a pair of somewhat open-eyed journalists from the United States and Britain.

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PUTIN MISSILE PLAN OUTSMARTS U.S.

By Andrew Marshall and Patrick Cockburn, *The Independent*—UK, 6/4/00

With a deft piece of pre-summit manoeuvring, Vladimir Putin has put Bill Clinton in a tricky position over U.S. missile-defence plans.

The Russian President has put forward a new and intriguing plan to contain rogue states ahead of today’s meeting with his American counterpart, one that will make a lot of sense to opponents of Washington’s current nuclear-defence scheme.

It shows that Mr. Putin will provide a more complex and more formidable challenge to the U.S. than his predecessor, Boris Yeltsin.

The U.S. wants to use interceptors and radar to block missile attacks from countries such as Iran and North Korea.

The plan for a National Missile Defence is a long way short of *Star Wars*, the 1980s plan to defend the U.S. But it has antagonised Russia and China, which fear it would upset the delicate international balance of nuclear forces, as well as Europe, which is concerned that America could retreat behind its own security blanket.

Mr. Putin's new idea is bold and creative. In an interview with NBC, he suggested shooting down missiles immediately after launch rather than intercepting them before they land. That would help defend all states, including Europe and Russia, he said.

"There are new threats arising that we must address but our proposal is to answer them together," said Mr. Putin.

Noting that the new threats come from countries with only long-range, ground-based missiles, he said the best way to target them was at launch. "They don't have nuclear submarines and they don't have planes with atomic weapons on board, so we could put up these umbrellas above potential areas of threat," he said.

"We could jointly with this umbrella protect all of Europe. We have these possibilities both technically and politically. We would like to propose them and we would like to discuss that issue with President Clinton."

The U.S. reacted cautiously, but the Russian initiative is very much at odds with the complex (and many believe unworkable) plan under development by Washington.

Missile defence is accepted by both U.S. political parties and President Clinton is expected to push for its deployment later this year.

"We'll talk about it in Russia," said Mr. Clinton, who arrived in Moscow yesterday afternoon ahead of today's summit. "It won't be long now."

America wants Russia to agree to amend the 1972 *Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty* so that missile defence can go ahead.

Mr. Putin indicated some flexibility on this point. "We believe that is an important foundation agreement in this area. And we think that... considering both each other's interests and the changing world, we can by combining our efforts in this area, find a solution without destroying the *ABM Treaty*," he said.

By showing room for manoeuvre, coming up with a creative idea and indicating concern for broader European worries, Mr. Putin has shown considerable skill.

His approach will be contrasted favourably by many Europeans with the increasingly inflexible, arrogant approach of the U.S.

The American President has been warned about the U.S. missile plans by Chancellor Gerhard Schröder. Speaking on Friday, the German leader said that the defence scheme "could have effects well beyond the U.S.A."

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Is it any wonder, then, in light of the foregoing, that the FIRST EVER address of the Duma by an American president was both downplayed in the Western media—and the subject of outright DERISION in Moscow?

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CLINTON DRAWS JEERS FROM HECKLER

By Vladimir Isachenkov, *Associated Press*, 6/5/00

MOSCOW—For Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, President

Clinton's address to the Russian Duma was hardly an occasion to cheer.

"Shame!" the ultranationalist leader shouted at his colleagues as Clinton left the podium. "Whom are you applauding?"

Zhirinovskiy talked loudly throughout Clinton's 50-minute speech Monday.

"I told him in English: Lift the blockade on Iraq, withdraw troops from Yugoslavia and do not intervene in Russian affairs," Zhirinovskiy said.

Clinton, the first American president to address the Russian parliament, ignored the flamboyant lawmaker, whose previous antics included throwing water on deputies and a fight in which he pulled a female colleague's hair.

This time, Zhirinovskiy complained that the U.S. Secret Service took over the legislative building—"They behave like occupiers!" he cried—and claimed that the Russian Government had to bring in people to pad the audience.

"There were practically no deputies in the hall—only hired people brought in from the Foreign Ministry and the Federal Security Service," Zhirinovskiy told reporters. "They also brought cleaning women and other technical personnel here—and Clinton thought he was speaking to members of the Russian parliament!"

There were several dozen empty seats in the hall, and Zhirinovskiy said only 120 of the 450 deputies were present....

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Perhaps now it will be easier to "read between the lines" in the next piece, as the cold, hard reality of the prospects for an all-out NUCLEAR WAR emerge.

[QUOTING:]

CLINTON'S PARTING WORDS LEAVE MOSCOW COLD

By Ian Traynor, *The Guardian*—UK, 6/6/00

MOSCOW—President Bill Clinton said yesterday that as he neared the end of his eight years in the White House, he did not know whether Washington and Moscow would be friends or foes, making it plain that he was unsure where Russia was heading under Vladimir Putin.

In a muted, slightly melancholy 44-minute speech to the Duma, the Russian parliament, Mr. Clinton reflected on the past decade of tumultuous upheaval in Russia, preached the gospel of globalisation to its suffering people and called on its new leadership to make the right choices to cement partnership with the West.

"We are not destined to be adversaries. But it is not guaranteed we will be allies," the President said at the end of a trip that included his first formal summit with Mr. Putin and was noteworthy for the lack of warmth between the two men.

"All my life I have wanted the people of my country and the people of your country to be friends and allies, to lead the world away from war towards the dreams of children. I have done my best to do that."

It was Mr. Clinton's fifth and final visit to Russia as President, and **yesterday's speech was the first time a U.S. president had addressed the Duma.** But the wistful, elegiac character of Mr. Clinton's valedictory speech failed to elicit a sense of occasion from his audience.

Mr. Putin did not attend, leaving for Italy and a meeting last night with the Pope. Dozens of seats in the

parliament were vacant. No applause interrupted the speech, and only brief, half-hearted clapping was heard at the end.

Nationalists and communists protested outside the Duma in support of Saddam Hussein and Slobodan Milosevic, while inside, Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, the ultranationalist, heckled Mr. Clinton.

Weightier figures such as Boris Gryzlov, a key lieutenant of Mr. Putin in parliament, and Andrei Nikolayev, the head of the Duma Defence Committee, were either angry or dismissive of the Clinton speech.

"We have to learn to identify and manage our disagreements because the relationship is profoundly important to the future," Mr. Clinton advised. "Our interests are not identical and we will have our inevitable disagreements."

He urged the new Russian Government to diversify its economy, establish new tax and property laws and tackle crime and corruption, all to make Russia more attractive to foreign investors.

"The people of Russia do not yet have the Russia they were promised in 1991," he said, saying it was difficult to "weigh the gains of freedom against the pains of economic hardship, corruption and crime".

In a direct reference to Mr. Putin's pledge to restore order and stability, Mr. Clinton said: "The answer to law without order is not order without law."

Following the speech, he briefly visited Boris Yeltsin at his country dacha outside Moscow, quipping that it was "just like old times".

In contrast to the *bonhomie* and backslapping of the Bill-and-Boris years, there [were] no first-name greetings between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Putin, who was described by one U.S. official as a "cold fish".

Since the new year [began], Mr. Putin has set his sights on bonding with Tony Blair, and Downing Street has hailed the instant rapport between the two leaders. But Mr. Clinton appeared warier, while Mr. Putin was polite but distant, clearly viewing Mr. Clinton as a lame duck. [*Or, possibly, a "dead duck"?*]

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AND WHAT OF THE DRAGON?

And what of the Dragon? Where is China in all of this? Let's see what Representative Jim Traficant had to say to the House of Representatives, shall we?

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CHINA SAYS AMERICAN SHIPS ARE DEAD MEAT

The Washington Weekly, 5/29/00

Quoting Rep. Traficant (D-OH), House of Representatives, 5/22/00:

Mr. Speaker, military experts say that China just bought 24 cruise missiles from Russia. They now say American ships are now, quote/unquote, "dead meat, dead meat". Think about it. We give Russia foreign aid. Russia builds missiles. Russia sells the missiles to China, built with American cash. China threatens Taiwan and Uncle Sam. Unbelievable.

I think it is time for Congress to tell China to keep their communist hands off of Taiwan.

In addition, this sweetheart trade deal bothers me. It is very dangerous. If Uncle Sam will turn the other cheek on Taiwan, China will laugh all the way to the bank on this trade deal. Beam me up. We have gone from better

dead than red to “dead meat”.

I yield back America’s Naval fleet being called dead meat by naval experts.

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Ah, so, some unidentified naval experts have some concerns about China’s military capabilities. Perhaps the Dragon has some teeth left, after all? The next article only HINTS at what China’s capabilities might be.

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CHINA TO LAUNCH MISSILES NEAR TAIWAN

By Charles Smith, *WorldNetDaily.com*, 6/5/00

Reports that the Chinese Navy is ready to stage a series of cruise-missile firing exercises in waters close to Taiwan brought swift reaction from Capitol Hill and threatens to further heat up the already contentious upcoming Senate vote on Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China.

Taiwanese intelligence officials are saying that either C-801 ship-to-ship missiles or “other cruise missiles” are to be fired by the People’s Liberation Navy in the East China Sea, according to the Taipei-based online newspaper *ET Today*.

The C-801 has been sold to Iran and is currently deployed in the Straits of Hormuz.

“The missile firings are dangerous and provocative,” stated Al Santoli, defense advisor to Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif. “This is a direct threat to Japan, the United States and Taiwan.”

“Clearly the passage of Permanent Normal Trade Relations did not alter the ambition or the determination of Beijing to retake Taiwan by force,” added Santoli. “This is just another message from the People’s Republic of China that they are serious about engaging targets in the Straits of Taiwan.”

In response to Beijing’s aggressive move, Senators Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., and Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., have introduced a bill threatening to punish China if it does not curb its missile proliferation efforts. Punitive measures in the bill include cutting off military-to-military contacts and ending the sale of dual-use items such as satellites and computers.

China, which regards Taiwan as an island awaiting reunification, has threatened to invade Taiwan should the island declare formal independence. The Chinese missile exercise is in a heavily contested area, 100 miles northeast of the disputed Diaoyu chain of islands and very close to Pengchiao, an island controlled by Taiwan.

According to *ET Today*, the People’s Navy is currently patrolling in an area some 100 miles north of the Diaoyu chain of islands. Taipei, Beijing and Tokyo all claim sovereignty over the tiny chain of islands.

Richard Fisher, a senior fellow at the Jamestown Foundation, calls the missile firings a sign of a “new arrow in the PLA quiver”.

In an exclusive *WorldNetDaily* interview, Fisher said, “Last year the PLA Navy integrated their Racal Y-8 Search Water radar with missile-firing surface ships. The Chinese Navy demonstrated over-the-horizon targeting with missile-strike capability. The combination of the Y-8 Search Water radar with C-801 and C-802 cruise missiles is a force multiplier. Clearly, this is a threat to our warships, and more of a threat to other Asian nations that do not have Aegis missile defense systems.”

According to Fisher, the missile firings are demonstrations of a new capability for the People’s

Navy.

“The Chinese Navy tested the airborne radar system by acquiring a radar picture from a great distance that was then linked to a Z-9 helicopter flying nearby,” explained Fisher. “The helicopter, in turn, passed the radar data to a Luda class destroyer which launched a missile and struck the target.”

Chinese-made C-801 and C-802 cruise missiles are capable of sinking most surface vessels, including U.S. warships. China has sold both missile systems to Iran, which currently deploys the C-801 on mobile trucks on land and on Chinese-made patrol boats stationed at the critical Straits of Hormuz at the mouth of the Persian Gulf.

Nearly 50 percent of the world’s oil travels on tankers through the Hormuz Straits. Iran has also demonstrated C-802 missile firings from jet fighters.

American Navy weapons tests have proven the subsonic C-801 and C-802 weapons are a threat to U.S. warships. C-801 and C-802 cruise missiles were acquired for the U.S. Navy by the now-defunct Vector Microwave Corporation led by former Defense Intelligence Agency Director Leonard Perroots. Now retired and living in Virginia, Perroots has refused to respond to questions on the project from *WorldNetDaily*.

The Chinese Navy, however, has responded to American moves to defend against the C-801 and C-802 by acquiring the most lethal anti-ship missile in the world. The Chinese Navy recently purchased the supersonic 3M82 Moskit cruise missile—NATO code-named Sunburn—from Russia.

WorldNetDaily first broke the Chinese Moskit missile story last year in an exclusive interview with William Triplett, author of *Red Dragon Rising*. Triplett asserted that the new Chinese missiles were armed with nuclear warheads.

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., has submitted a bill designed to halt the Russian missile sales to China, called the “Russian Anti-Ship Missile Nonproliferation Act”. The bill notes that the Chinese Moskit missile could be armed with a “200-kiloton” Russian-made nuclear warhead.

In July 1999, defense analyst Richard Fisher wrote an evaluation of the Russian-built 3M82 Moskit missile sold to China. **Fisher says the U.S. Navy cannot stop the Moskit.**

“The Raduga Moskit (Sunburn) anti-ship missile is perhaps the most lethal anti-ship missile in the world,” wrote Fisher in a review of the Chinese Navy.

“The Moskit combines a Mach 2.5 speed with a very low-level flight pattern that uses violent end maneuvers to throw off defenses. After detecting the Moskit, the U.S. Navy Phalanx point-defense system may have only 2.5 seconds to calculate a fire solution—not enough time before the devastating impact of a 750-lb. warhead.”

Eight Russian Moskit missiles are installed on a single Chinese Navy Sovremenny destroyer purchased from Russia. The warship is currently stationed directly opposite Taiwan. The Chinese Navy is expected to take possession of a second Sovremenny warship in the fall of 2000. Intelligence reports indicate the Chinese Navy is considering the purchase of up to eight more advanced versions of the Sovremenny.

The Clinton Administration has so far ignored the Moskit sales to China. State Department spokesman James Rubin denied that the Moskit-equipped warship is a problem.

“We don’t believe that the purchase by China of the

ship poses a significant threat to the U.S. military posture in Asia,” Rubin said in February.

In April, Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., promised to hold hearings on the Russian-made 3M82 Moskit anti-ship missile. The Chairman of the Military Research and Development Subcommittee, Weldon oversees the development and testing of key military systems, weapons programs and technologies that fulfill military needs.

“We are ready to hold hearings, including classified sessions, to study the Sunburn issue. I don’t think we can defend ourselves against this kind of technology,” said Weldon.

U.S. defense analysts like Fisher assert that Beijing could also pose a greater threat to Taiwan by mass-producing cruise missiles, which are cheaper than the ballistic missiles currently used by the People’s Liberation Army. Fisher noted that Chinese cruise-missile development has accelerated over the past 12 months.

According to *Jane’s Defense*, China is developing a nuclear-armed cruise missile it reverse-engineered from the U.S.-built Tomahawk.

“The use of Western RGM/UGM-109 Tomahawk cruise missiles since 1991 against six countries has allowed China opportunities in reverse engineering,” stated an article published by *Jane’s* in March.

“More than 600 Tomahawk missiles were launched in attacks against targets in Iraq between 1991-98, in Bosnia in 1995, in Afghanistan and Sudan in 1998 and in Serbia and Kosovo in 1999. As there are at least six reported cases when these missiles landed more or less intact without the warhead exploding, some were believed to have been recovered and transported to China.”

According to *Jane’s Defense*, “A warhead weight of 300 to 400kg (kilograms) is expected with this design, which could be nuclear with a yield of 90KT (kilotons) or high explosive sub-munitions.”

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Here is another article to reinforce the rock-solid FACT that China is a world power with which the Khazarians must yet reckon.

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CHINA CLAIMS SUCCESS OF NEW ANTI-MISSILE WEAPON

InsideChina.com, 5/30/00

BEIJING (AFP)—China said Monday it had successfully tested a new weapon which was capable of shooting down an incoming cruise missile travelling at speed and at low altitude.

“In the course of exercises carried out recently in the northeast, eight divisions of the Lanzhou military region successfully tested an anti-air raid missile which intercepted a simulated cruise missile,” said the military’s newspaper, the *People’s Liberation Army Daily*.

The paper said the weapon was mobile and could be carried by a single man, but it gave no further details.

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Now, how are you going to stop THAT? Not only do the Russians and Chinese possess ICBMs and cruise missiles of their own—but they have the ability to stop the effectiveness of the American cruise-missile technology used extensively in the Persian Gulf and against Yugoslavia. It is, indeed, getting to be serious time!

But Russian and Chinese strategy does not end at their own borders. Inasmuch as it is easy to find nations around the world that will ally against the Khazarian Globalist Elite, it is then easy to “proliferate” the weapons of war to many locations around the world. If your stomach is churning a little—it’s only because the Khazarians continue to shove the world to the brink of the Zionist-Christian (er, ah, “Judaeo-Christian”) “Armageddon” scenario—leaving the strong likelihood of a powerful response, purely in the interests of self-DEFENSE!
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CHINA PROVIDING ADVANCED AID IN LONG-RANGE MISSILES TO IRAN, SYRIA

WorldTribune.com, 6/5/00

WASHINGTON—China is helping Syria and Iran to develop long-range missiles.

Beijing is helping Iran and Syria develop advanced surface-to-surface ballistic missiles, the Israeli daily *Ha’aretz*, Sunday, quoted an unnamed United States source as saying.

China is selling to Iran materials for the development of solid rocket fuels and for setting up a plant to manufacture the NP 110 missile engine, the U.S. source said. China has already constructed a fully equipped missile range with telemetry equipment for long-range ballistic missiles in Iran. China is also transferring missile-guidance technologies, including satellite sensors, to Iran. The systems are applicable to both long-range ballistic missiles and short-range Scuds.

At the same time, China is setting up a similar missile engine plant in Syria, according to *Middle East Newline*. Damascus already possesses the new Scud D long-range ballistic missile with a range of 700 kilometers, recently purchased from North Korea.

Israel has protested to China on several occasions about the sale of advanced ballistic-missile technology to Arab states, *Ha’aretz* quoted unnamed Israeli sources as saying. The most recent protest was during last month’s visit to Israel by China’s President Jiang Zemin, when Israel sought to conclude a \$250 million deal to sell China the Phalcon airborne early-warning system.

Washington continues to oppose the deal and U.S. officials have criticized Israel for turning a blind eye to China’s supply of advanced military technology to Iran, considered a “rogue state” by the U.S.

For its part, Israel says it’s committed to pushing through the Phalcon sale, despite U.S. opposition. *[There really appears to be NO LIMIT to the greed of these Khazarians, is there? Or are they really TRYING for self-destruction?]* Israeli officials have criticized Washington for maintaining a double standard by ignoring Russia’s supply of missile technology to Iran while censoring China for its missile-development program in Iran and Syria.

Israeli officials have said that Jerusalem has clout with Beijing and will attempt to pressure the Chinese to restrict the sale of missile technology to Arab states. Israel was successful in the past in blocking the sale of China’s M9 surface-to-surface missiles to Syria.

Until now, China has adhered to international restrictions on the sale of complete missile systems by

supplying client states only missile parts. China has also limited its sales to Arab states of advanced technologies used in developing nuclear weapons.

On the other hand, Russia recently eased its restrictions on the sale of nuclear materials to countries, including Iran, that haven’t yet signed the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty* or have refused verification of their civilian nuclear programs by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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The presence of this new missile in the Middle East is like the presence of a match in the company of gasoline. And the poor, non-Elite Israelis may never know what hit them, if the Elite controllers do not back away from the zones of potential combustion.

Here is one more article to underscore the volatile situation.

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SYRIAN MISSILE ALARMS ISRAEL

By Richard Preston, *Sunday Times*—UK, 5/30/00

JERUSALEM—Syria has reportedly taken delivery of a new ballistic missile from North Korea which would enable it to hit any target in Israel from launchers deep inside Syrian territory.

In a move which is likely to add to concerns in the region about the growing strains between the two hostile neighbours, yesterday’s *Ha’aretz* newspaper reported that Damascus had recently equipped its forces with the Scud D, and that Libya and Egypt were also buying the new weapon.

The missile is an adaptation of the Soviet-era Scud, which became famous during the Gulf War when it was fired by Iraq against Israel and Saudi Arabia. Previously, Syria had 300 less-sophisticated Scud B and Scud C models, but the new projectile is capable of hitting a target more than 400 miles away.

Israel has counted on being able to locate and destroy Scud launchers near its disputed border. The new missile could be hidden deep in Syrian territory and harder to detect.

“What is certain is that Syria has taken a great leap forward in terms of its missile arsenal,” wrote Zeev Schiff, the paper’s military editor, who said that the Syrians were now also able to produce their own missile parts.

In military terms, Syria remains far weaker than Israel, which receives billions of dollars a year in U.S. military aid and has a thriving arms industry, although the Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon has increased the chance of the two sides coming into direct conflict.

Ehud Barak, the Israeli Prime Minister, has warned Damascus that any attack by a Syrian-backed group operating out of Lebanon would be considered an act of war.

In an interview in *Time* magazine he accused President Assad of Syria of “mobilising extreme elements among the Palestinians in Lebanon and certain elements among the (Shia Muslim) Hezbollah (group) to carry out attacks against Israel” after its withdrawal.

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Meanwhile, Israel itself possesses what is generally acknowledged to be a HUGE arsenal of nuclear weapons, at the ready, despite official denials.

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ISRAEL’S NUCLEAR STORE EXPECTED TO ESCAPE A MAJOR REPRIMAND

Jewish Bulletin—SF, 5/26/00

NEW YORK (*JTA*)—Israel was expected to escape the first conference on nuclear weapons in five years with only a mention of its unique status as the lone state in the Middle East to have not signed a global nonproliferation treaty.

Egypt had been lobbying behind the scenes at the conference, which ended Saturday, for the final statement to denounce and isolate Israel and the only other non-signatories: India, Pakistan and Cuba.

A draft of the final statement obtained early Tuesday “calls upon all states in the Middle East that have not yet done so, without exception, to accede to the Treaty as soon as possible and to place their nuclear facilities under full-scope International Atomic Energy Agency Safeguards.” It goes on to recognize that “**all states of the region of the Middle East, with the exception of Israel, are states parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.**”

The final statement was expected to be released this week.

Israel did not participate in the month-long conference, nor did it send an observer, because it had not signed the Treaty.

However, with the United States intervening on its behalf, Israel also avoided being forced to submit to inspections by a United Nations envoy or diplomatic mission.

Israel has never officially confirmed whether [or not] it owns nuclear weapons. Officials say the mystery works as a deterrent to countries like Iraq and Iran, which have vowed to annihilate the Jewish state.

“Israel’s position is very clear: We have never objected to the principle of nuclear nonproliferation,” said an Israeli diplomat at the United Nations, who requested anonymity.

“But we believe this Treaty is not the right tool for us to deal with our situation. The only solution should be on a regional basis, with direct discussions between parties themselves, as part of the peace process.

“Agreement should come after peaceful relations are established, when nobody is threatening us or declaring its intent to destroy our country.”

The conference reportedly was the impetus for an announcement earlier this month that Egypt and Israel will soon hold their first-ever direct talks about nonproliferation.

The United States could not fully defend Israel from mention, as it has in the past, because U.S. officials reportedly wanted to exert pressure on India and Pakistan, both of whom recently successfully tested nuclear weapons.

In a compromise with Egypt, the United States also agreed to tone down its criticism of Iraq. It is expected that the final statement will only mention the “uncertainty” of Iraq fulfilling its nonproliferation commitment.

Overall, the document will recognize the pledge of an “unequivocal undertaking” by the five main nuclear powers—the United States, France, China, Russia and Great Britain—to one day eliminate their atomic arsenals.

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Ah, yes, and WHAT OF GREAT BRITAIN in all of this? Have you ever noticed that the talk is always of Russia and the United States—with NO MENTION of the British? Hold on TIGHT—and PRAY TO GOD that this situation does not explode!

—Presented by CONTACT staff

Offer To “Manage” Validates GAIA Asset

5/31/00 (13-289)

LIGHT AND PATHWAYS

Hatonn—May you always walk in the Light that you do not stumble along your pathway.

Perhaps you could even let the angels clear the way. All you really have to do is GET OUT OF YOUR OWN WAY.

I would point out to you, however, that if you had no shadows through which to walk, it is likely that you would not appreciate the Sun when it comes forth to shine upon you. Even the Sun can burn you, if you do not take care and use with discretion as you break it down for the fragments placed in your own treasure of holdings. It is the LIGHT that you seek, not the frying pan of physical heat production you wish to demand. The Sun is actually a very good example of abundance—it can give radiance, which can offer life or take it away—but the choice of which is up to you.

If you stand in the hot sun with no protection, and you have a choice, you err. If there is nothing to offer shade and ye be dying of exposure—you had best pray for a cloud. However, if there is that which can build a shade and you simply do nothing to protect self, expect to have no shelter.

And, so be it for the rains of life. If you know that your very land will be flooded, is it not wise to have, at the least, a rubber raft to allow riding upon the surface of the tide? Trusting GOD is not the same thing as using what GOD presents and taking YOUR OWN LOAD OF RESPONSIBILITY. Thus, if you are drowning, I suggest you not await a possible boat to get you—grab the next log that comes along and hang on till dry land.

Why do I “waste” time on these little obvious messages? Because most of you see not through the shadow of the glass itself.

GLOBAL INSTRUMENTS

We must allow time for the focus on that which confronts our team in their own neighborhood and THAT WHICH IS as it unfolds in our Manila neighborhood. Both DEMAND concentrated attention or we can lose the house for the want of a nail.

What I find after all is tossed upon the heap of information is that everyone wants assurance and reassurance that what GOD provides IS REAL. I am not going to re-lecture on REALITY, readers, for you have to go back in all the information and find those portions which refer to reality—IF YOU WANT MORE INFORMATION FROM THIS RESOURCE.

However, since we are working with a new set of participants just opening their minds to possibilities and then realization of reality, we must turn attention to providing that which shows open deliverance of that which provides background and facts regarding

information shared and produced—and in that way, we bring no coercion or “sales pitch” to anyone.

We are offering a solution to a global problem. I purposely did not say “giving” because giving confers a whole different idea in definition. What we offer may well be a gift but we certainly are not “selling” anything and most especially not a religion or “political” demand of ANY KIND. This is why we have placed the caretaking into the hands of my trusted people, so that there is no youthful focus on “success” of some kind and no cause for threats or takeouts just because someone has something representing more than that of another. Ekkers are volunteers willing to bring the offer, see to our own positions and oversee understanding as to what we have and why it must be carefully utilized—TO KEEP THE HOUNDS OFF THE BACKS OF PARTICIPANTS. WE CAN SEE TO GUIDELINES AND BRING NO HARM, EVEN TO OUR SELF-PROCLAIMED “ENEMIES”.

We just had a written offer day before yesterday where this “group” from, actually, The Knights of Malta, who want to be the “distributors” and attenders of the “assets” to the tune of a mere 23 trillion dollars. Moreover, they dream of and want to establish a massive (what turns out to be) welfare program, where everything is paid for up to and through business structuring, then old age pensions so nobody basically has to do anything the rest of their natural physical lives except wait for the caretakers’ funds to arrive. It becomes clear that people have NO CONCEPT of reality of much of anything. Nice work, if you can get it, I suppose—and Knights of Malta, yet. Go look in “300” and find the state of existence of those Malta Knights as to program and higher-level manipulators.

No, we do not judge on the basis of such as membership in “service” clubs of any kind, nor religious orders, BUT we certainly do have to check out anyone wanting \$23 trillion dollars worth of global security to MANAGE. (??)

This one becomes easy to handle, however, for we have guidelines and \$23 trillion turnovers is NOT one of them. I would remind you who realize that God has responded with possibilities but anyone wanting to capture \$23 trillion U.S. dollars backed by gold is not going to remain in a position of working for God—but is actually responding to the ego-driven wish for power and control, as well as wealth. The line of “intent” is fine, indeed.

The good news, however, is that by these very approaches we can have physically-oriented CONFIRMATION that the asset HAS BEEN VALIDATED—at least in Malta (and Jerusalem).

Yes, we do have actual proof that we are not dinking in politics, even if we comment of same. The deeds and agreements in circulation are in the hands of “citizens”, not the Elite politicians.

Moreover, most of them are in the hands of citizens’ coalitions—for the purpose of actual building and growth—just waiting to pound the nails and build

the farms, plant the trees and lay the roads. A politician, however, SHOULD be able to see the merit for his own position at election as to BACKING if the way is opened for ease of use through banks offering security. It is truly a delightful program—frankly, even for the Elite.

Indeed, speaking of “them”, why doest thou think the mess is going on in Peru this very day with the U.S. having a total breakdown over the outcome of the elections and threatening Peru with “isolation” if.... This is a nasty world of intrigue, readers.

Next, watch the Billy Clinton swing through Europe. BUT, next week, REALLY PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THE NIT-WITS HAVE PLANNED. AND NO, I WILL NOT TELL YOU ANYTHING THAT MIGHT JEOPARDIZE ANYONE. HOWEVER, NOTE THAT MR. OBUCHI OF JAPAN DIED IN APRIL. NOW, OVER A MONTH LATER, “SUDDENLY” there is a seeming need to have every possible head of state to attend, in Japan, a memorial service. This, yet, while the newly acting head of state is being bashed by the same heads of state and Elite manipulators.

PEOPLE, THIS IS A “LEG” OF THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION. THE EFFORTS ARE TO MAKE IT A “BILATERAL” COMMISSION AND THUS OBUCHI HAD TO BE DEADED. HE WAS GOING TO BLOW THE TOP OFF THE CAN OF WORMS OF THE ELITE.

Remember Georgie Bush and Japan? He puked all over the Prime Minister and then collapsed into unconsciousness??? Lessons are best LEARNED.

Intelligence plans are flowing back that there are major plans for neutralizing some problems of World Powers and, therefore, the conjured “Memorial” Service hoopla—to get players into proper circumstances and positions.

So be it, I can only WARN.

Well, I see that we cannot continue today. Dharma’s arm is giving out and we will need her more for other things, so we will give her a rest from this. Salu.

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ERROR CORRECTION:

Re: “Interesting And Informative Letter To The Editors” from the May 24 issue of CONTACT (Volume 28, Number 5)

Please note that this letter was INCORRECTLY ATTRIBUTED to John Coleman, who has deservedly demanded this notice of correction. We extend our deepest apologies to John Coleman, whom most readers know as possibly the TOP historical journalist of our times.

We encourage all readers to support John Coleman in his work, which includes: *Conspirators’ Hierarchy: The Story of the Committee of 300*, in addition to an excellent and timely newsletter, *World In Review*. Orders may be placed by telephone: **800-942-0821**.

We thank John sincerely for the ongoing sharing of his work with our readership, the most recent example of which was the amazing story of the “Philippines Betrayed”.

E-Commerce, Big Brother And Global Corporate Order

The following impeccably researched article was taken from the Internet and we express our gratitude for the effort of the author in pulling all of this information together in such an interesting and intelligible fashion. We pass on further comment, as this article stands entirely on its own merits.

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E-COMMERCE, BIG BROTHER AND GLOBAL CORPORATE ORDER

By Susan Bryce, *NewDawnMagazine.com*, 5/8/00

“This assembly will, in later years, be seen as a turning point. Things will never be the same again.”—**The then British Ambassador to the UN, Ivor Richardson, describing the UN resolution for a New International Economic Order**

The New International Economic Order (NIEO) is seldom mentioned these days and yet it is the harbinger of globalisation. It was the 1974 *United Nations Resolution on the NIEO* and the attendant 1975 *Lima Declaration on Industrial Development and Cooperation*⁽¹⁾ which began the drive for reduction of tariffs, removal of impediments to free trade and the introduction of the so-called level playing field. The then U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was mentor of the NIEO resolution. In announcing the shift toward a global economy, Kissinger declared: “All nations can now participate in a common world monetary system.” The process of economic globalisation had begun.

The United Nations (UN) declared that the NIEO would help poor, debt-ridden Third World nations become wealthy and banish disparities in the world. This was to be achieved by transferring at least 25 percent of the world’s industrialisation and manufacturing processes from developed nations to less-developed countries by the year 2000.

The transfer of wealth from rich to poor nations never occurred. But what the NIEO did achieve was dramatic structural changes in the world economy in the areas of commodities, natural resources, trade and monetary reform. In line with the *Lima Declaration*, important manufacturing and industrialisation processes were transferred to Third World nations, where people, the environment and natural resources were able to be acutely exploited by Transnational Corporations (TNCs). For the developing nations, the NIEO meant that world market leaders such as Nike Sport Shoes Corporation or toys giant Mattel no longer needed to keep factories under their own management. They simply allocated orders to changing producers from Indonesia through to Poland or Mexico—to any country where costs were low and people could be employed on starvation wages.

For the rich nations, the NIEO was equally disastrous. Millions of people lost their jobs. With the growth of just-in-time production, companies called for just-in-time workers—the day-labourer was back! Many workers had their incomes savaged and were forced to accept lower wages and poor employment conditions.

The part-time and casual workforce increased. Small to medium enterprises, unable to compete with the buying power of TNCs, were swallowed up. Primary industries were deregulated and bankrupted as agribusiness conglomerates assumed control. Wage-workers were transformed into human resources. The public sector was corporatised, then privatised.

The real beneficiaries of the NIEO were the world’s top transnational companies, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) the World Bank (WB) and the United Nations. Economic globalisation, the final outcome of the NIEO, provided TNCs with access to new markets, cheap sources of labour and subsidised production facilities. The IMF, a private insurance company, used its leverage to compel sovereign nations to implement necessary structural adjustments ensuring wages and real living standards were pared down. Meanwhile, the World Bank advanced billions of dollars to Third World nations for NIEO “development” projects⁽²⁾, ensuring that the Bank’s loans to heavily indebted nations could be carried on the books as performing assets. The United Nations cheered from the sidelines. What the UN had failed to achieve politically—a world government—would now be brought about via economic means.

Economic globalisation has necessitated and facilitated the e-commerce revolution. This so-called revolution has many important features. Firstly, e-commerce transactions are cashless, taking place in cyberspace over the Internet. Secondly, e-commerce transactions are globalised—they can take place anywhere in the world where there is Internet access. Third, for e-commerce transactions to be secure, participants need to verify their identity via a digital signature or biometric device. This identification regime will become paramount as more and more people utilise e-commerce facilities.

As e-commerce spreads, we will see a gradual transmigration to a world currency—e-currency—fostered via the Internet, a tool originally developed for use by the U.S. military. As the e-commerce revolution continues, it will be necessary to have a truly global bank of issue for the one-world currency. The outgoing director of the IMF, Michel Camdessus, his underling Stanley Fischer⁽³⁾ and international financier Georg Soros have already started to talk up the possibility of the IMF becoming a world central bank.⁽⁴⁾

The world’s leading information and telecommunication companies are now spearheading the development of a global information infrastructure. Once fully developed, this infrastructure will form the basis for the one-world money system, based on the e-currency. How is this infrastructure evolving? Who are the key players? And what are their end goals? To find out, we go back to 1 January 2000.

Many *New Dawn* readers will remember the former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense, Dr. John Hamre, who took a lead role in preparing the U.S. Defense Department’s computer networks for the Y2K rollover. Just ten days after the rollover, Hamre announced his resignation. His new posting as President and Chief

Executive Officer of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a think tank representing the Washington establishment, draws together many threads in the puzzling Y2K scenario.⁽⁵⁾ It was Hamre who said of Y2K, “This is going to have implications for American society and the world that we can’t even comprehend.” Certainly there were implications for the world, but not the disasters and social disruptions we were all expecting. **The real story is that Y2K was the capstone in long-range plans for the e-commerce revolution and an important step towards the cashless, one-world monetary system.**

We begin with the establishment of the International Y2K Cooperation Centre (IY2KCC), set up under the auspices of the United Nations and funded by the World Bank, the two organisations at the forefront of the NIEO declaration. The IY2KCC became the focus of media attention during the rollover to 2000, but as country after country gave the all-clear signal, the Centre became the laughing stock of the world.

The IY2KCC was dubbed a white elephant, but **in reality it was a Trojan Horse**. The so-called “Y2K emergency” facilitated a computer hookup of governments from over 200 countries and territories throughout the world. From Albania to Zimbabwe, countries were networked into the IY2KCC computer system. A system with the capacity to monitor all of the vital sectors within each country, including energy; telecommunications; finance; air, sea and land transport; health and hospitals; government services; customs and immigration; food and water. Nearly all governments throughout the world now have dedicated computer links to the UN and are able to report on the operations of all of their critical infrastructures—a vital step towards global governance.

The IY2KCC is one of the largest online computer networks ever established. No wonder governments were scrambling to become Y2K compliant and the World Bank was siphoning billions of dollars to developing nations to help with Y2K upgrades. They all had to be linked into the IY2KCC. Not surprisingly, IY2KCC Director Bruce McConnell is now negotiating with the UN, the World Bank and national Y2K coordinators to find ways of putting the computer network to good use. Accordingly, the Centre will remain operational in cyberspace, for “research purposes”.

Now to the IY2KCC sponsors: These are the organisations that work in partnership with the UN and the World Bank to help the IY2KCC along. They are: !Candle, the IY2KCC mailing-list coordinator; DEL, the Direct Computer Systems Company; the U.S. Federal Reserve, which provided the hardware and software for the IY2KCC; the META Group, administrator of the IY2KCC Yes Corps;⁽⁶⁾ the Centre for Quality and Productivity, coordinator for the Yes Corps volunteers; and WITSA, the World Information Technology and Services Alliance, the administrator of the IY2KCC.

Now we really see who was running the IY2KCC and the likely purpose behind it. The two important entities involved are the U.S. Federal Reserve and WITSA. The U.S. Federal Reserve needs no introduction; suffice to say that for many years the Fed has been behind the push for a one-world currency in all its guises. The second organisation, WITSA, is a consortium of 32 information-technology industry associations from economies around the world. Founded in 1978 (just a few years after the NIEO declaration), WITSA touts itself as the global voice of the IT industry and has been instrumental in the development of the e-commerce revolution.

So what is the significance of Dr. John Hamre’s

presence at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies? And what does the IY2KCC have to do with the e-commerce revolution? Here is how it all fits together. The Centre for Strategic and International Studies⁽⁷⁾ is funded by contributions from more than 300 transnational corporations, foundations and individuals.⁽⁸⁾ (CSIS illuminaries are listed at end of article.) The CSIS represents the globalists with illuminaries such as Henry Kissinger (remember, he was the mentor of the NIEO resolution) and Zbigniew Brzezinski holding office.

Importantly, the Center for Strategic and International Studies has had a long-term interest in electronic transactions and surveillance. In 1971, long before we had heard of e-commerce, CSIS assigned a group of informatics specialists to develop a system of surveillance of all citizens in a manner neither obvious nor intrusive. The best way to keep citizens under surveillance, CSIS concluded, was to develop a national EFTPOS system.

One of the principal projects of the CSIS is the formation of the Global Information Infrastructure Commission (GIIC), a private grouping of Elites, dedicated to driving the e-commerce revolution forward. The stated goal of the GIIC is to work towards a global networked economy “in which every nation and individual has a chance to participate”. To cut through this doublespeak, what a global networked economy means is access and connectivity to the Internet and more electronic commerce for all. That means ordinary people, sitting in their house with a PC, ordering everything online from groceries to pizza and lawn mowing services, verifying their identity via a biometric device or a digital signature. Outside the home, there will be Internet kiosks, which will become as prolific as ATMs are now.

The GIIC says it is “the only truly global organisation addressing the information-revolution economy as it fundamentally impacts societies, nations and individuals operating within the global networked economy”. Who are these commissioners that the CSIS has charged with this important job? They are none other than representatives from the world’s top information technology companies, telecommunications providers, the United Nations and the World Bank (GIIC Commissioners are fully listed at end of article). These are the same people that have a vested interest in the development of a one-world monetary system. These are the people behind the push for a global information infrastructure, which will propel the e-commerce revolution to the far-flung corners of the Earth.

The GIIC is a founding member of the Alliance for Global Business. The other members of the AGB are the Business Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD (BIAC); the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)⁽⁹⁾; International Telecommunications Users Group (INTUG), and the previously mentioned World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA)—the IY2KCC administrator.

The self-important Alliance for Global Business has issued a set of fundamental principles as the basis for policymaking for electronic commerce in the document, “Global Action Plan for Electronic Commerce”. The document advocates tax neutrality for e-commerce (which is great for the TNCs) and provides views on the full range of e-commerce issues, including privacy, cryptography, consumer protection in the online environment, intellectual property protection, standards, competition and Internet governance.

The AGB is presently using the “Global Action Plan for Electronic Commerce” in discussions with several other international organisations, including the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the Asia Pacific Economic

Cooperation (APEC) forum and the Free Trade Area of the Americas. It was also officially submitted to Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) governments at the October 1998 OECD Ministerial Conference on Electronic Commerce. This “Global Action Plan for Electronic Commerce” has been presented to governments of the world without even any input from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) or so-called civil society organisations.

The final link in this e-commerce web is the U.S. military. The organisation that brought us the Internet and the organisation which sent Dr. Hamre to the CSIS to oversee the entire Big Brother operation—the end-game plan—the introduction of a one world money system—e-currency. The e-commerce revolution will slowly spawn a regime of identification and control via biometric verification devices. The potential for surveillance of a person’s digital persona, or data trail, is unlimited. A working model has already been established through the EFTPOS system.

The U.S. National Security Agency (NSA), the military organisation that runs the worldwide Echelon system, is the group at the forefront of the worldwide push for the biometric identification regime. The NSA-sponsored Biometric Consortium, established in 1992, has been conducting and developing advanced biometric processing, testing and evaluation techniques. The Consortium is comprised of representatives from six executive departments of the U.S. Government and each of the military services.

Headquartered at NSA’s Fort Mead installation, the Consortium is working to increase the global availability of biometric authentication and identification technologies. It is one of the primary sources of technical information for biometric applications under consideration by governments and corporations worldwide.

The co-Chairs of the Biometric Consortium are Jeffrey S. Dunn of the NSA and Fernando Podio of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology. The Biometric Consortium works closely with the BioAPI Consortium, of which Podio is also a member. The BioAPI Consortium was formed in April 1998 with the intent of developing a biometric API (application) standard. This worldwide standard for biometric devices would ensure the compatibility and interoperability of biometrics across the board.

To conclude, let’s have a look at the overall picture. First, we had the UN and the World Bank pushing for a New International Economic Order under the guise of helping developing countries. The resolution was mentored through the UN by the then Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger. The NIEO via the 1975 *Lima Declaration* became official policy of most of the world’s governments throughout the late 1970s and into the 1980s. The process of economic globalisation was under way.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military had been developing the Internet, and finally commercialised it, bringing about the information revolution. This enabled the e-commerce environment to really take off. To ensure that online transactions are secure, a person’s identity will need to be verified via a biometric device or digital signature. The NSA saw the big picture unfolding and got in on the act to ensure it had control of biometric technologies, co-opting the world’s major biometric companies.

At the other end of the spectrum, the Centre for Strategic and International Studies began its inquiries into surveillance techniques that would enable ordinary citizens to be monitored by Big Brother, ultimately the NSA. They came up with a national EFTPOS system, the logical extension of which would be e-commerce. CSIS founded

the Global Information Infrastructure Commission to ensure that e-commerce would develop within a harmonised regulatory framework providing a standardised operating environment. The GIIC sponsored organisation, the Alliance for Global Business, advanced a global action plan for e-commerce, ensuring that governments themselves became major players in the e-commerce revolution.

The Year 2000 date change linked up governments worldwide to the UN-sponsored, World Bank-funded IY2KCC. The U.S. Federal Reserve provided the hardware and software for the Centre and WITSA, a member of the AGB, served as its administrator. The computer network established via the IY2KCC could well become the hub of the future e-commerce one world monetary system.

Unless nation states restore the primacy of politics over economics, the dramatic fusing together of humanity through technology and trade will take place. Will we continue to sit back and marvel at the wonders of the Internet and the convenience of e-commerce as the chains of slavery are fastened to us? Will complacency deliver us into the hands of the one world monetary system? Are we so dazzled by technological innovation that we will willingly accept the NSA’s biometric regime? This is what the globalists are counting on. We must say no to this system now, while there is still a chance that it can be defeated. If we do not act now, many of us will end up fighting against it in the future, when there is no hope of victory at all.

FOOTNOTES:

¹ United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, Lima, Peru, 12-26 March 1975 *LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION*, adopted by the Second General Conference of UNIDO at its final plenary meeting

² A good example is the World Bank’s partnership with Siemens. The partnership is promoting the development and use of tailor-made, off-the-shelf fossil-fuel-fired power plants.

³ Fischer has been nominated for the IMF Executive Director’s position.

⁴ This was discussed in March 1999.

⁵ On 1st May, 2000, Dr. Kurt Campbell, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asia and Pacific Affairs for the past five years, will become CSIS Senior Vice President and Director of the CSIS International Security program.

⁶ The YES Corps are volunteers who would sign up with the IY2KCC to assist during the emergency period.

⁷ CSIS was founded in 1962.

⁸ This funding constitutes 85 percent of the revenues required to meet the Center’s budget, which in 1998 was \$17 million. The remaining funds come from endowment income, government contracts and publication sales.

⁹ The International Chamber of Commerce is the all-powerful, self-declared world business organisation. The ICC represents the largest transnational corporations including General Motors, Novartis, Bayer and Nestle. For many years, the ICC has been behind the WTO, G7 and OECD push for so-called free trade. The UN and the ICC have agreed upon a joint series of business investment “guides” to the 48 countries that the UN identifies as “least developed”.

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VISAS FOR HIGH-TECH FOREIGN WORKERS DEBATED

By Karen Brandon, *Chicago Tribune*, 5/28/00

SAN DIEGO—In the debate over how many foreigners should be allowed to work in high-tech jobs in the U.S., the experiences of Martha Dennis and Jose Ramos serve as bookends.

In her former job as a Vice President of Engineering for a San Diego telecommunications company, Dennis came to regard the experience of trying to hire engineers as “a Kafka-esque nightmare”.

Faced with ever fewer applicants of American birth and the prospect of seeking immigrants by negotiating with the government’s bureaucracy, she wondered, “Why do we make it so difficult to integrate these very high-value individuals in our country?”

At the same time, Jose Ramos wondered how it could be possible that someone with a doctorate in electrical engineering from Georgia Tech University and eight years of experience would need three years of intense searching to find a decent job.

He depleted his savings, occasionally deleting the PhD from his resume so as not to appear overqualified, and ultimately watched foreigners win the positions he had sought.

“I think the problem is that for the price of one U.S. citizen, they can bring in two engineers,” said Ramos, 43, an associate professor at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

These experiences help illustrate the political debate once again before Congress over the effect of allowing more foreign workers to gain a temporary foothold, and a chance at a permanent place, in the nation’s growing Information Age economy.

Advocates say that admitting more highly skilled foreign workers will bring the best and the brightest workers to America, rather than to other nations such as Germany, South Africa and Malaysia that have recently announced plans to recruit them. Opponents say it will contribute to a “race to the bottom”, with immigrants undercutting American-born workers’ wages and career prospects.

As the debate unfolds in Congress—focusing not on whether to allow in more temporary high-skilled workers from abroad, but how many and under what conditions—researchers suggest that both disparate visions of the effect of high-skilled foreign workers may be correct.

“What you have is not an either-or situation,” said Robert Bach, Executive Associate Commissioner for Policy, Planning and Programs at the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. “You have both. You have a demand for the best and brightest up front and a race to the bottom over time.”

Congress will consider how much to expand the sought-after H-1B visa, a three-year work visa, renewable for a maximum of six years, provided for highly skilled workers, about two-thirds of them destined for information technology positions.

A maximum of 115,000 such visas are issued

annually, but in each of the last four years, the cap has been reached long before year’s end. As a result, under various competing versions being offered in Congress, the number of such visas would be expanded to anywhere from 200,000 annually to an unlimited number. The various provisions being considered also set minimum wages for visa holders and require companies recruiting them to pay fees dedicated toward education and retraining of American workers.

The high-tech industry estimates that some 300,000 to 800,000 information technology jobs go unfilled because qualified workers can’t be found.

The Information Technology Association of America, a trade association, predicts that its businesses will create 1.6 million jobs this year, an increase of 16 percent, at a time when workers are already in short supply.

But the industry’s view of the labor shortage has skeptics.

“What high-tech employers really want is access to a relatively inexhaustible supply of labor having the appropriate skill sets, willing to work long and hard hours, at ‘reasonable wages’ and conducting themselves in a relatively docile manner—that is, not fomenting too many activities of a pro-sort of union nature,” said Thomas Espenshade, a Princeton University sociologist who has studied the trend. “If these conditions are not met, then there is an alleged worker shortage.”

Espenshade said his research shows that over nearly the last three decades, wages for workers in science and engineering fields have declined 10 percent in real terms.... But he added, “I have the feeling that when industry says that there’s a labor shortage, what they really mean is that their demand for labor is essentially insatiable at the wage that they would like to pay.”

Peter Larrabee, a San Diego immigration attorney, said he found it impossible to believe that employers would prefer to recruit foreigners. “If you had an American to fill the job, why would you wait four months to fill the job, face higher relocation costs, lots of paperwork and then have to go on to deal with the immigration headaches?” he said.

Some suggest the answer is money.

Alexandre Menezes, a Florida mathematician fluent in three languages with 20 years of experience in computer technologies, lost his job a year and a half ago when his office was closed in a corporate merger. Last month, he was offered a job for \$60,000.

“I know that \$60K is a lot of money for a lot of folks out there,” he said. However, in 1991, his salary was \$85,000, with bonuses boosting his pay to an average of \$100,000 a year.

Menezes was so offended that he chose to continue looking rather than accept the offer.

When Menezes pointed out the discrepancy, the recruiter replied, “You are lucky that we are offering you \$60K yearly, since we have the option of getting somebody easily via H-1B visa for half that amount.”...

...“He is right,” Menezes said, “because the law of the land backs him up.”...

...Holders of H-1B visas in computer fields earn a median salary of \$53,000 a year, 8 percent below that of

U.S. computer engineers with less than 10 years experience....

...The U.S. has quotas by country for the number of permanent work visas it issues, and a majority of the holders of the temporary visas issued to highly skilled workers are from Asian nations....

...“You can’t control technology. It has a life of its own, and that’s one of the lessons of history,” said John Quinn, an immigration attorney in San Diego. Immigration laws are unlikely to protect U.S. workers from competition, he said, adding, “You will wind up competing with the Indian programmer whether he’s there or he’s here.”

[JR: This is how Globalism is affecting labor markets in the U.S. and worldwide. If there are more jobs than skilled workers, it’s because of the lower wages offered. So, where are all the corporate profits going that don’t reflect in the stock market lately? Have they disappeared down the black hole of “MERGER MANIA”?]

MALAYSIA SCOLDS INDONESIA FOR SEEKING WESTERN SPONSOR

Stratfor.com, 5/20/00

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad accused Australia May 17 of taking advantage of Indonesia’s unstable condition, suggesting that Malaysia is uncomfortable with Indonesia’s relations with the West. In the days following, Malaysia and Indonesia traded public accusations—straining relations between them. The source of this tension is Indonesia’s internal conflict. Jakarta would like to adopt a pan-Asian political stance, but economic necessity is forcing it to appeal to the West.

In an interview on Australian television, Mahathir called Australia a “bully” for thinking it could impose its will in Indonesia—a suggestion that Indonesia is subservient to Australia. This came a day after Indonesia’s Parliamentary Speaker Amien Rais praised Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysia’s former Deputy Prime Minister and a rival to Mahathir. On May 19, Indonesia accused the Malaysian Government of involvement in illegal logging in Indonesia.

The arguments between Indonesia and Malaysia are only disagreements so far, but they highlight the dilemma facing the two. Malaysia is increasingly nervous about Indonesia’s relations with Australia, the United States and other Western nations. Kuala Lumpur would much prefer that Jakarta strengthen links to the rest of Asia and adopt an Asian-friendly stance. The irony is that the Indonesian Government feels the same way, but it can’t afford to ignore the West.

Indonesia’s internal stability, and perhaps its very cohesion, depends upon economics—specifically the foreign investment that will provide jobs. So far, Asian nations have been unable to provide enough cash. Within days after taking office in October, Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid began traveling through Asia and the Middle East asking for investment. He is still doing so.

Indonesian trade delegations to Singapore and Malaysia have come back empty-handed. Singapore did pledge a \$700-million investment package, but that is only a drop in the financial bucket for a nation of more than 200 million. Japan was the preeminent investor in Southeast Asia before the 1997 Asian meltdown, but Tokyo is much more miserly in the aftermath. The same

is true for the Persian Gulf states Wahid visited earlier in the year.

With no one else to turn to, Indonesia is forced to appeal to Australia, the United States and Europe. This is a last resort; President Wahid made it a point earlier in the year to ignore the West and jump-start relations with other Islamic nations and Asia. But Indonesia signed a letter of intent May 18 with the International Monetary Fund, which was previously reviled as the cause of Indonesia's economic decline. Additionally, President Wahid has softened relations with Australia and expects a U.S. trade delegation within the next few months.

Indonesia is torn between political sympathy with Asia and economic reality. Wahid likes Mahathir's style, but he can't afford it. Unless Malaysia, Singapore and the rest of Asia ramp up the flow of investment, Indonesia is likely to align itself with Australia and the United States. This is useful for U.S. interests, but will increase disagreements between Indonesia and the rest of Asia, hindering the region's embryonic attempts at unity. **[JR: Indonesia has a credibility problem in that UN troops occupy/run East Timor and Kissinger & Associates is now the power behind the Government. The "support" of the IMF, U.S. and Australia is Indonesia's coup de grâce and is designed to create disunity in Southeast Asia, which is struggling to be an independent region, free from the Elite's suppressive "welfare" programs.]**

GULF WAR GENERAL UNDER FIRE AGAIN

New York Times, 5/15/00

WASHINGTON—One of the top American commanders in the Persian Gulf War came under investigation after a member of his unit complained that his troops had pummeled retreating Iraqi forces in an unprovoked attack two days after a cease-fire went into effect.

Military investigators, who fielded the anonymous complaint and completed a secret report in 1991, exonerated Barry McCaffrey, now a retired four-star Army General and President Clinton's top drug-control official.

But questions about the attack have been revived by a report appearing in *The New Yorker* magazine on Monday that quotes senior Army officers, including an officer who fought alongside McCaffrey, as saying the attack was unjustified.

Patrick Lamar, the Operations Officer of McCaffrey's division, told the magazine that the attack was a "giant hoax" in which overwhelming firepower was used against an Iraqi armored force that put up little resistance.

The article by Seymour Hersh pits a no-holds-barred investigative reporter against one of nation's most aggressive military men.

Hersh first made his name by reporting on the massacre of Vietnamese civilians by Americans in the hamlet of My Lai. In addition to challenging McCaffrey's conduct, Hersh also asserts that some of McCaffrey's troops fired on Iraqi prisoners. And he questions the integrity of the military's investigations of this and other alleged Gulf War misconduct, charging that critics were often either ignored or intimidated.

But McCaffrey insists that he has been the victim of a journalistic vendetta. He says that Hersh pursued him for months and tried unsuccessfully to prove that he had

committed felonies during his service in Vietnam and had stolen a bicycle as a child.

And in recent weeks, McCaffrey has mounted a preemptive campaign to make Hersh the issue, distributing letters to reporters by military officers complaining of Hersh's reporting tactics and directing journalists to the Army's in-house investigation, which concluded that the attack was provoked by the Iraqis and was within the cease-fire rules of engagement.

As troops prepared to do battle with the Iraqis in the Persian Gulf, McCaffrey was in command of the Army's 24th Infantry Division, which consisted of 26,000 soldiers and 8,600 vehicles.

The task of McCaffrey's division was to take the fight to Iraq's Republican Guard. Unlike some of his fellow Army commanders, who methodically and cautiously maneuvered their units on the battlefield, McCaffrey's soldiers raced through southern Iraq and were on the verge of cutting off many of the Iraqi forces when President George Bush announced that a cease-fire would take place after 100 hours of ground combat.

Hersh's article makes several allegations. One of the most sensational is that a unit of armored vehicles within McCaffrey's division fired high-powered machine guns into a crowd of more than 350 disarmed Iraqi prisoners.

McCaffrey was not personally implicated in the episode, although Hersh suggests the General set a tone for his unit that encouraged use of excessive firepower.

Hersh cites a tape of radio conversations during the episode that shows soldiers were horrified by what is portrayed as a panicky blunder by trigger-happy troops.

McCaffrey said that the soldier who made the tape was leaving the scene in a Humvee when it occurred and did not actually see what the armored vehicles were firing at. He said that a subsequent Army investigation determined that not a single Iraqi prisoner was killed or injured.

McCaffrey's decisions immediately after the 1991 Persian Gulf War have long been the subject of debate. After a cease-fire was announced, an Iraqi unit stumbled into McCaffrey's division as the Iraqi unit was trying to retreat and there was an exchange of fire.

Hundreds of armored vehicles and trucks were destroyed in the fight, and McCaffrey told *Cable News Network* soon after the battle that he believed 400 Iraqis had been killed.

Some Army officers complained that McCaffrey had used the episode as an excuse to pummel the Iraqis in one of the most one-sided fights of the War.

The dispute has been explored in several books, and was the subject of a 1991 investigation by the Army's Criminal Investigation Command. The investigation cleared the General, and he has cited it this past week in his defense. Hersh's account, however, suggests for the first time that the discomfort over the attack also ran deep within McCaffrey's own 24th Infantry Division, citing comments by his Operations Officer.

Hersh's interpretation of the fight is sharply contested by McCaffrey. Hersh suggests that McCaffrey deliberately provoked the fighting by deploying his troops in front of a causeway over Lake Hammar and, thus, along a likely Iraqi retreat route.

He also quotes officers as saying that many of the Iraqi tanks were being carried by trucks and that their turrets were turned to the rear, that the initial shots from the Iraqi side were not a real attack but a sign of panic upon encountering the Americans blocking their retreat, and that McCaffrey ordered additional waves of assault long after any sign of resistance.

[JR: Today's wars are not won by tacticians but by aggressive generals who are willing to achieve victory by any means. In this case it just happened to be what is claimed as an Iraqi Army in retreat. This tragic event may have been the result of a general's frustration of being so close to his glorious victory battle but suddenly prevented by a cease-fire ordered by President Bush back in America. He was rewarded later by Clinton. I personally remember seeing the military aerial and ground video clips on CNN showing what looked like a caravan of scavengers and evacuees, not a military convoy. There were hundreds of destroyed vehicles and debris still smoldering all over that desert highway for miles, totally devoid of any bodies of the "estimated" 400 Iraqis that were killed. My first thought was, what did they do with all the bodies so quickly? Is this a pristine high-tech video war of numbers and damaged equipment without any visible bodies? Why were our leaders so reluctant to show that real people were killed? This was a real War and not some computer-generated military video game! The next realization was that most of those vehicles were not military—many were civilian trucks and some buses. If lives really matter, then I believe it's time we lift the embargo on the Iraqi people.]

CLINTON CREATED HIS OWN MONSTER

By Timothy W. Maier, *Insight Magazine*, 6/12/00

President Clinton upgraded White House e-mail capability, but the technology proved more powerful than he bargained for—a trail leading to his electronic footprints.

Richard Nixon had his tapes, Bill Clinton had his e-mails and neither destroyed the evidence. Strike that. In Nixon's case there was that mysterious 18-and-one-half-minute gap in a key tape—a gap that someone may have thought would save the Nixon presidency. Likewise, the Clinton Administration may have banked on a computerized "deletion glitch" to erase the President's problems....

...Both Nixon and Clinton's fascination with the technologies they each only half understood is coming back to haunt them. Nixon upgraded the recording system in the White House to preserve information for his memoirs while Clinton upgraded the White House computer system for reasons that may have had to do with coordinating Government and Democratic Party politics. Their fascination with technical gadgetry has made misbehavior by both vulnerable to exposure by their own machines.

What the Clinton team may not have known is that there was a computer backup system that stored all those lost e-mails they thought were vaporized by a technical or deliberate computer glitch. Turns out nothing is gone. Every little subpoenaed secret, which had been e-mailed among innocents and culprits at the White House, is there for the taking. Computers never forget; they just store data.

As far as Nixon is concerned, his voice may be coming back from the dead. It turns out that the infamous 18-and-one-half-minute gap on the Nixon tapes can be restored with the use of specialized equipment capable of picking up previously recorded messages that have been erased. *NBC Nightly News* reports that audio engineers confirm that erasing never wipes away

everything and that modern computers can look behind the loud buzz and boost the traces of speech on the suspect recording. The tape in question was recorded June 20, 1972—three days after the Watergate break-in.

As in Nixon's day, Clinton has been providing all kinds of excuses about why he shouldn't turn over the so-called lost e-mails. First the White House spinmeisters said it would cost thousands of dollars—or they said it's just mundane correspondence that replicates what already has been delivered under subpoena. And then there is executive privilege. Nixon claimed executive privilege would save him from turning over the tapes but, of course, it didn't save him... or Clinton.

It is more than a quarter of a century after the establishment of "controlling legal authority" on these matters, with historians, authors and researchers licking their chops about juicy material that might evolve from the lost Nixon tapes. And it comes just as Clinton's lost e-mails have been discovered. Technology works in mysterious ways.

One slight problem exists in the case of the Nixon gap. The U.S. National Archives has not yet made a firm commitment to revisit this mystery of the past but a team of experts is gathering to discuss the possibility. Of grave concern is whether [or not] the investigators might damage the original tape, says former Nixon archivist Chris Beam, Director of the Edward Muskie archives at Bates College in Maine. "The tape is pretty frail," Beam says. "They are going to have to be very careful." But the historians say go for it.

"It could be a historian's dream and have *X-File*-like revelations," says William Doyle, author of *Inside the Oval Office: The White House Tapes From FDR to Clinton*. "For Nixon haters it might be that direct order: proof that Nixon ordered the Watergate break-in." Or, perhaps it might be an Oliver Stone bonanza, says Doyle, in which the Bay of Pigs, the JFK assassination and the Watergate burglary all are tied together to produce the "darkest fantasy of all". But that's probably wishful thinking, Doyle says. Most likely it will just give insight into Nixon's thought process—"an explanation of Nixon's thinking regarding the cover-up.... Perhaps there will be one clever burst of speech to illuminate his thinking and planning on cover-up," Doyle says.

As for Clinton, Rep. Dan Burton of Indiana, Chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, hopes these so-called "lost" e-mails will shed more light on Filegate, Chinagate, Monicagate and all the other "gates". Larry Klayman, the bulldog of Judicial Watch, a conservative group that has chased the Clinton Administration for seven years, says he believes the mother of all smoking guns might be found somewhere in these e-mails.

As for Nixon, there never is enough skullduggery to appease all those researchers and historians. And at least one of the great mysteries of Watergate finally might be answered. Besides, "those 18-and-a-half minutes did not accidentally disappear," says Beam. "Something, someone, heard and triggered the erasure, making themselves a selective audit."

In his *Washington Post* stories, Bob Woodward called it a "suspicious erasure". Indeed, it seems so. In 1974, audio-recording experts examined the Watergate tape and concluded that the recorder buttons deliberately were turned on and off at least five times during the missing 18-and-one-half minutes. Nixon's secretary, Rose Mary Woods, acknowledged accidentally erasing about four minutes from the tape, but the identity of

whoever erased the rest remains an unsolved mystery. Woodward says in his book *All the President's Men* that his "Deep Throat" source told him that one or more of the tapes had been subjected to "deliberate erasures", so perhaps "Deep Throat" knows who redacted the tape.

Why bother to erase the June 20 tape and not the June 23 "smoking gun" tape proving Nixon was aware of the cover-up plans concerning the break-in at Democratic campaign headquarters in the Watergate Hotel? It was the latter that ultimately forced Nixon to resign Aug. 9, 1974, after a House committee voted three articles of impeachment against him on July 30, 1974. Beam says it may have been because whoever started to erase those precious minutes concluded before going further that the task would be nearly impossible, considering the hundreds of hours of tapes that someone would have to listen to.

"Whoever did it," says Doyle, "probably heard something on the tape and said, 'I can't let this out,' and then started to erase it but then may have thought, 'My God! I am going to spend the rest of my life erasing the tapes' and stopped."

One of the erasures occurs in the middle of a conversation Nixon was having with his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman. Beam believes "this may be where Haldeman is catching Nixon up on the details of Watergate. In Haldeman's diary he makes this conversation out to be unimportant or, as he put it, "innocuous".

Len Colodny, author of *Silent Coup*, believes the conversation had something to do with what Nixon's right-hand man Chuck Colson told Haldeman about the Watergate affair. Even so, Colodny suggests, the erasure likely was an attempt to hurt the President. He writes, "There was nothing on the June 20 tape that was crucial to the President's defense or that could incriminate him in the eyes of the public. The deliberate erasure had not been made to protect the President, but to embarrass him."

When Nixon learned of the gaps it began "a nightmare", he wrote in a memoir: "How in hell, I asked, could we have made a mistake about something as fundamental as whether or not a particular conversation was covered by a subpoena?"

And, of course, the gap prompted Nixon to declare he was "not a crook" and to face up to delivery of the tapes—unlike Clinton, who continues to stonewall well after being confronted with evidence that the allegedly lost White House e-mails had been found.

The White House claims many of those e-mails, such as those from "that woman", Monica Lewinsky, simply duplicate what already is out there and Burton should just walk away from it. Fat chance. *Insight* is assured that Chairman Burton won't let go until a copy of every one of those many thousands of e-mails is sitting on his desk.

The White House, meanwhile, has spun a charge that the taxpayers are tired of spending millions of dollars on witch-hunt investigations that go nowhere. Republicans counter that the public is tired of obstruction of justice. Polls indicate that both are right.

There is concern among Republicans that the Clinton e-mails may not be released until after the President leaves office. Either way, the electronic record of these secret conversations may turn out to be the one piece of evidence that Clinton never can escape. Certainly, Nixon learned that. Perhaps that's why he told his former aide, Monica Crowley, in one of the last interviews before his death, that America should not walk away from the

Clinton scandals because the evidence is out there somewhere.

"Clinton and Hillary are guilty of obstruction of justice, maybe more—period," Nixon told Crowley. "Our people must not be afraid to grab this thing and shake all of the evidence loose. Watergate was wrong; Whitewater was wrong. I paid the price. Clinton should pay the price. Our people shouldn't let this issue go down. They mustn't let it sink."

Clinton's e-mails may be America's life buoy on a sea of lies.

[JR: There are still many people out there who want the truth and won't allow it to be buried forever. Clinton and Company's little molehill of lies has turned into a mountain. Once the avalanche starts down this mountain of lies, it will destroy everyone in its path.]

CLINTON: ABOVE THE LAW OR NOT?

By David Limbaugh, *WorldNetDaily.com*, 5/26/00

Concerning the Arkansas disbarment proceedings against Bill Clinton, "The President's credentials as an attorney are under challenge because he decided, after careful planning, to testify falsely."

Believe it or not, those are not my words, but those of the venerable friend of Bill, the *New York Times*. Even the Old Gray Lady didn't buy into Clinton's preposterous claim that his deceptive testimony in the Jones case was "legally accurate". Nor did Judge Wright, who found Clinton in contempt of court for "giving false, misleading and evasive answers that were designed to obstruct the judicial process".

Not to worry. Clinton still has his defenders. One of them, Gene Lyons, explains why Clinton was justified in defrauding the court. "If legally bound to tell the truth, most people would accept the argument that Clinton had a moral right to hide his sin. (A morally defensible lie? Sure. 'Is your Daddy home, little girl? Or are you here all alone?')"

But Clinton will not stoop to defend himself. No, sir. He told NBC's Tom Brokaw, "I will not personally involve myself in any of this until I'm no longer President. It's not right. The only reason I agreed even to appeal it is that my lawyers looked at all the precedents and they said there's no way in the world, if they just treat you like everybody else has been treated, that this is even close to that kind of case."

Intending no disrespect, do you not see the irony screaming out at us here? While placing himself above the law, he pretends to be the white knight riding in to rescue the system. He is telling us that if he were only looking at this from his own personal perspective, he wouldn't bother contesting the disbarment recommendation. How quaint.

Let me see if I can cut through the Clintonese and put this in layman's terms: Anyone, including a federal judge, who dares to charge Clinton with misconduct, is threatening our constitutional system. I'm not being facetious. Isn't that exactly what he was saying when he argued that by defending himself against impeachment he was defending the *Constitution*?

And isn't that the very sort of unbounded hubris he was displaying when he also told Tom Brokaw: "So the precedents contradict this decision, and ultimately, the decision has to be made by a judge. And so we're going to give the judge a chance to do what we believe is right, and I think that's the right thing to do"? Bill Clinton,

on his regal throne, high above the reaches of the law, is going to give the lowly judge a chance not to cross him.

That's precisely the contemptuous attitude he exhibited throughout the Jones case and the impeachment proceedings. Do you not remember his mocking derision before the grand jury? He could barely contain his sneer when he said, "It depends on what the meaning of 'is' is."

I will concede the nearly unbelievable possibility that Clinton still may be fooling some of his holdout Kool-Aid-drinking loyalists when he says that he won't be defending himself. But we students of Clinton know that just as with Waco and Elian, he is calling all of the shots, right down to the molecular level. He has to defend himself because despite what he and his buds are telling us, the humiliating disbarment recommendation did not come from a partisan panel, but a judicial tribunal. Unlike he has done with impeachment, he cannot paint this as simply a matter of politics.

And one thing that Clinton is arguing, through his dutiful surrogates, is that the court should consider his 20 years of public service in mitigation of the charges against him. That might work—except for one thing. In my limited experience as a criminal lawyer, I can tell you that judges are not generally inclined toward leniency unless the defendant is genuinely contrite about his wrongdoing. Regardless of the court's ultimate decision in this matter, Clinton is hardly a candidate for leniency. He is not a person who is humbly placing himself at the mercy of the court, but a person who, through his every defiant word and action, tells us he is above the law. We'll just have to wait and see if he's right.

[JR: Could you imagine Billy practicing law in a court, defining the law only as HE sees it and then instructing the judge to do likewise?]

PENTAGON: NO PROOF OF IRAQ CHEMICAL WAR ON CIVILIANS

By Michael Kilian, *Chicago Tribune*, 5/26/00

WASHINGTON—A final Pentagon report released Thursday has concluded there is "no substantiated evidence" of Iraqi use of chemical weapons against Iraqi civilians in the years since the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Unconfirmed charges have been circulating for years that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein used chemical warfare to suppress a Shia rebellion in southern Iraq shortly after the Gulf conflict ended.

Defense Secretary William Cohen cited Hussein's gassing of Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq in the 1980s as partial justification for the American *Operation Desert Fox* aerial assault on Iraq in December 1998—a response to Hussein's ouster of UN weapons inspectors looking for chemical and biological warfare stockpiles.

In another report released Thursday, the Pentagon said it is "unlikely" that Iraq had chemical warfare agents stored at its Tallil air base.

The base was used as a launching site for chemical attacks against Iran during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq War. It has been cited as a possible source of Gulf War Syndrome [GWS], the array of unexplained ailments and illnesses suffered by U.S. veterans of the 1991 conflict. **[These "unexplained" ailments and illnesses were explained in 1991, even before they began to be noticed, by none other than our lead journalist, GCH: The troops were injected with a deadly and debilitating anthrax vaccine.]**

U.S. and British warplanes have been flying daily

operations over northern and southern Iraqi "no fly" zones, in part to protect Iraqi opposition groups and neighboring countries from the Iraqi military, including possible chemical and biological-weapons attacks.

"This investigation is closed," said Bernard Rostker, the Defense Department's Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses, though he invited anyone with new information to contact his office.

The Pentagon began the investigation into the Shia incident after witnesses said they saw an Iraqi helicopter dropping large canisters containing a yellow chemical spray over the then-rebel-held city of al-Nasiriyah.

Some recalled seeing civilians being treated by U.S. military medics for burns and blisters, prompting the Pentagon to investigate the incident as a possible contributing factor in Gulf War Syndrome.

Interviews were conducted with more than 100 American doctors, medics and nurses who served in the area, but none reported seeing any chemical exposure, according to Thursday's report.

Pentagon investigators also interviewed "hundreds" of military weapons specialists, including the 82nd Airborne Division's nuclear, biological and chemical-warfare officer in charge of the al-Nasiriyah sector.

He said he believes the Iraqis may have used conventional tear gas and white phosphorous, which can produce symptoms similar to those inflicted by more deadly chemical weapons.

The Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency came to similar conclusions, the report said.

"The lack of conclusive evidence, eyewitness accounts of reported attacks, possible victims or their medical records prevents a definite finding," a Pentagon statement said.

"Investigators concluded that continued efforts would not yield additional insights."

The Tallil air base was hit by a 2,000-pound bomb during the Gulf War, and its facilities and munitions were destroyed by members of the 82nd Airborne assigned to the area in the aftermath of the fighting.

A U.S. Air Force demolition technician who searched the Iraqi storage bunker there told investigators he saw no evidence of chemical or conventional weapons—only debris from the 2,000-pound bomb.

In yet another finding, the Pentagon reported Thursday that an investigation into possible Iraqi chemical-weapons deployment in a Kuwait minefield along the southern Iraq border failed to produce evidence of chemical exposure to Marines cutting paths through the minefield.

[JR: Why did the Pentagon wait until now to release these conclusions? Is Iraq pushed far enough back into the "stone age" now to lift the sanctions or is lame duck Clinton looking for some Peace Prize?]

SECRET GERM-WARFARE EXPERIMENTS?

CBS Evening News, 5/16/00

Even in peacetime, military life can be risky—it goes with the territory. But regulations say U.S. troops must agree to be used as test subjects. And, as *CBS News* correspondent Vince Gonzales reports in an exclusive investigation, thousands of U.S. sailors may have been unaware that they were exposed during secret germ-warfare experiments.

TARGET SHIPS

Operation Autumn Gold: USS Navarro, APA 215;

USS Carpenter, DD 825; *USS Hoel*, DDG 13; *USS Tioga County*, LST 1158; *Lab Ship: *USS Granville S. Hall*, YAG 40

Operation Copper Head: USS Power, DD 839

When Robert Bates and the other crewmen on the *USS Navarro* were ordered to Hawaii in 1963, it seemed like a vacation. "It was basically an R&R cruise," says Bates.

There was rest, relaxation and a mystery.

"There were people with chemical suits on the ship with some kind of apparatus apparently monitoring what was going on," explained Bates....

...What Bates didn't know and what has never been made public is that his ship was part of a series of secret biological-warfare tests conducted in the 1960s.

The Hawaii mission was code-named *Autumn Gold*. A similar operation off Newfoundland was called *Copper Head*.

According to a Pentagon briefing film obtained by *CBS News*, the goal was to test the vulnerability of Navy ships to germ-warfare attack.

Nine times within a month, jets sprayed clouds of a biological-weapons simulant in front of the ships.

According to the film, "A biological tracer, BG, was disseminated by a 4-C jet aircraft."

BG, bacteria considered harmless by the military, is used to simulate the deadly anthrax germ.

The briefing film explains, "Immediately following the BG release, another plane flying the identical flight path released fluorescent particles."

They were particles of zinc cadmium sulfide. This compound, sprayed in the *Copper Head* test, was thought to be safe, but the military later stopped outdoor spraying after an Army researcher warned it was "highly toxic".

"I remember an airplane flying over and I could see it sprayed something and then a little later I felt this mist on my face," says George Arnold, who was on the deck of the *Navarro* during *Autumn Gold*.

Arnold wonders why didn't the military spray empty ships? Why were men on board?...

...Most of the test reports remain classified but in documents obtained by *CBS News*, sailors on the "target ships" are called "test subjects". Only eight men wore gas masks. They were the "control group" in this experiment. Other crewmen including Arnold were ordered to give throat swabs or gargle samples....

...In a written statement the Pentagon tells *CBS News* the sailors "were not exposed to any harmful chemical and biological compound" and they all "were fully informed about the details of each test". That's news to the dozens of sailors we spoke with.

"We weren't given any information, we didn't know anything," says Bates.

If, as these men tell *CBS News*, they were not informed and never gave their consent, then it doesn't matter that the military thought the materials were harmless. The tests violated Government policies in place for the last 50 years, which state: "The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential."

"I don't think when a person joins the armed forces they're giving their body up for science," says Arnold...

Dangerous Exposure?

As a once-secret Pentagon film shows, during germ-warfare tests in the 1960s, U.S. sailors were repeatedly sprayed with materials the military considered safe. According to the Pentagon film, "Since BG is harmless, protective clothing and equipment were not required."

BG, a common bacterium, was sprayed on the

sailors because it is similar to the deadly anthrax germ.

In some tests a fluorescent compound called zinc cadmium sulfide also was sprayed. The Pentagon declined to do an on-camera interview, but tells *CBS News*, “We have no medical evidence that people suffered adverse health effects as a result of these tests.”

But how can the Government know for sure? The sailors say they received no medical follow-up. And, to this day, no one from the military has contacted them about the tests.

Jim Druckemiller was a medical corpsman on the *USS Power* when it was sprayed nine times.

“We did have an upsurge of upper-respiratory-tract infections, colds, sore throats, that sort of thing,” says Druckemiller.

He’s been hospitalized with pneumonia several times and has chronic respiratory illnesses.

He says, “The seed of doubt is there.”

He and others have a range of health conditions—chronic pneumonia, sterility, skin rashes, allergies, kidney problems—and wonder if they are tied to the tests....

...In large doses, and in rare cases, BG and related bacteria can cause pneumonia, allergic reactions, nausea and vomiting. Twenty-four hours after the *USS Carpenter* was sprayed, ship logs show two crewmen taken ashore with “stomach cramps and vomiting”.

“From the perspective of the 1990s and 2000—it’s a horrible experiment. It puts a population of people at risk in a way that I think is unconscionable,” says Mark Wheelis, a germ-warfare expert and microbiologist at University of California at Davis.

Though the risk is low, Wheelis says BG is not harmless. “I wouldn’t inhale a BG aerosol myself,” he says.

In 1988, an Army biologist recommended BG spraying “be discontinued” because the claim it “is not dangerous” is “patently erroneous”.

As for zinc cadmium sulfide—sprayed in some tests—cadmium compounds are now known to be “carcinogenic to humans”. The dose the sailors got is classified.

All of the test ships are now retired from active duty, so are the sailors.

But 35 years later the Pentagon isn’t talking and still refuses to declassify much of the information about the tests....

[JR: Well, today—everyone is a “test subject” for germ-warfare experiments. Look to the skies at the chemtrails. And they wonder why we don’t trust our Government to be honest with the people. Also, everyone should boil their water for 10 minutes (or purify it with food-grade hydrogen peroxide)—it’s an experiment too.]

PANEL HEARS TESTIMONY FOR, AGAINST SECRET-EVIDENCE LAW

By Lance Gay, *Scripps Howard News Service*, 5/23/00

WASHINGTON—Mazen Al-Najjar is entangled in a dark maze. For three years, he has been languishing in a Florida prison because the federal Government says it has secret evidence that he is linked to Middle East terrorists.

The Government won’t disclose who the accusers are, what the nature of the evidence is or how Al-Najjar can defend himself. He is under a deportation order but no one is willing to take him.

“It’s like fighting ghosts,” his sister Nahla Al-Arian

told the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday. “My brother is facing an indefinite sentence without any charges or indictment, trial, conviction or sentence.”

The U.S. Government says that disclosing the evidence against Al-Najjar would expose secret intelligence. According to immigration agents, the accusers labeled him a “mid-level” member of a fund-raising group linked to the Islamic Jihad and Hamas terrorist organizations in the Middle East.

Al-Najjar, who was a teacher of Arabic at the University of South Florida, has a wife and three daughters in the Tampa area. And although he was living in the United States illegally when he was arrested, he has not been indicted or convicted of any crime.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service told him he could get out of his predicament simply by agreeing to go home to the Gaza Strip, where he was born.

But his sister said that under terms of the Israeli-Palestinian peace settlement, that’s not possible. Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan won’t take him, and he can’t get a visa to travel elsewhere because other countries want to know what secret information the INS has to keep him in jail.

Rep. Tom Campbell, R-Calif., said the only reason Al-Najjar and 24 other aliens have been held on secret evidence is a 1996 law that Congress passed in the wake of the World Trade Center bombing in New York. That law allowed the FBI to submit secret evidence explaining why aliens should be deported.

Campbell, who has sponsored legislation to repeal the law, said that no U.S. citizen would face similar problems, because secret evidence isn’t allowed in American courts.

“If we’re willing to sacrifice our freedom to get security, we will deserve neither,” he said.

Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., another sponsor of the proposed legislation, told the panel that locking people up on the basis of secret evidence is “a national embarrassment”.

The FBI insists the law is needed to keep terrorists out of the United States, and urged Congress not to change it. Of 300,000 immigration cases currently handled by the INS, 11 involve secret evidence.

“We take these matters seriously, and we do not casually resort to the use of classified information,” said FBI General Counsel Larry Parkinson. He said the use of secret evidence is needed in a few cases “to protect national security”.

Parkinson noted that the Supreme Court ruled in 1984 that INS proceedings aren’t normal court deliberations covered by constitutional protections, but only administrative petitions to determine if a person is eligible to remain in the United States.

Stephen Flatow, a West Orange, N.J. attorney whose 20-year-old daughter Alisa was among eight killed in a 1995 bomb explosion in the Gaza Strip, said U.S. laws that keep terrorists out of the United States are working properly.

“I am driven by the belief that no other father, mother, brother or sister should have to experience what my family and others have gone through these past years,” he said.

Flatow said Al-Najjar, who has lived in the United States since 1981, was caught as part of an FBI crackdown on efforts by the Islamic Jihad organization to establish a fund-raising base in the United States.

“If we are going to eliminate terrorism, we must deny its supporters a base of operations,” he said.

The Anti-Defamation League and the American

Jewish Committee said the law is needed to keep America free of Middle East terrorists. [Except, of course, for the heads of the worst terrorist groups—the Khazarians.]

Georgetown University law professor David Cole has represented 13 of the aliens the INS has sought to deport on the basis of secret evidence, including Al-Najjar. Cole said that in the 12 other cases, the evidence holding the aliens in jail evaporated under scrutiny. All 12 of those have been allowed to remain in this country.

He said once the secret evidence was revealed, most “consisted of no more than guilt by association” and claims that the aliens were associated with terrorist groups.

[JR: This is Talmudic, Noahide Law (Public Law 102-14, 1991) as now practiced in the new Israeli homeland, the U.S.A. The same situation exists with Lebanese prisoners captured and held in Israel for ten years as hostages to be traded for Israeli prisoners.]

CAN A CULTURE DEPRIVED OF MEMORY GO ON?

By Georgie Anne Geyer, *Chicago Tribune*, 5/26/00

WASHINGTON (UPS)—As we approach our first Memorial Day of the new millennium, America is losing its national memory. This would be serious enough in any country, but it is deadly for a unique historical entity such as the United States, whose very existence and coherence depend upon the perpetuation of an idea.

As we exhaust ourselves, patting our backs over our unprecedented prosperity, we can see the signs and symptoms of national forgetfulness. They are no longer subtle.

Outraged over growing “civics illiteracy”, more than 80 educational and public policy groups and officials recently banded together to form the National Alliance for Civic Education to drive civics reform at the state and local levels (this includes such groups as the American Federation of Teachers and the American Political Science Association).

This new effort was the direct result of alarming recent studies and surveys. One this winter by the Roper organization, conducted among top seniors at 55 leading colleges and universities, found that while nearly 100 percent could identify cartoon characters Beavis and Butt-head and the rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg, only 34 percent knew George Washington was the American General at the battle of Yorktown; only one-third were able to identify the *Constitution* as establishing the division of powers in the U.S. Government; and 81 percent of these “top” students earned a D or an F grade in response to basic historical questions. Indeed, only 25 states now require any civics education in public schools at all.

In one of the best books on this subject, *Cultural Amnesia*, social theoretician Stephen Bertman notes that U.S. adults finished last in a nine-nation survey asking respondents to identify regions and countries on an unmarked map of the world. Half didn’t know where Central America was, 43 percent couldn’t find England on a map of Europe and 14 percent couldn’t even find the U.S.

This is the country that the Clinton Administration constantly calls the world’s “indispensable nation”?

In this self-congratulatory amnesiac haze that we seem to be living in, it is easy for Americans to slough all of this off. But almost without our knowing it, I

think we have turned a corner. Those rosy assurances that “everything will be all right”, as our dear mothers would assure us as children, just don’t wash anymore.

As Henry Kissinger predicts these days, “I think we are heading into a world of great turmoil.” **[And he ought to know, having engineered it.]** This is surely the world that I see, as important areas—Central Africa, Central Asia, parts of the Andes—become poisoned centers, spreading anarchy.

In this world, a strong America that knows what it is historically will be critical. America never was made up of bloodlines, like most countries. **[Oh, yeah? The 13 “royal” bloodlines of the Khazarians are dominant throughout the world, including, yes, the United States. Let us remember that William Jefferson Clinton is the illegitimate son of a Rockefeller.]** It was a nation based upon the common ideas of personal liberty and responsibility, representative government, equal justice before the law and the idea that mankind can evolve constantly to higher states of prosperity and happiness. In short, America is based upon ideas! And the knowledge of those ideas is exactly what we are losing.

As Bertman asks: “Can a culture deprived of memory go on? And if national memory loss implies a loss of direction, what will be the consequences for our future as a people and as a civilization? Indeed, can any culture have a viable future if it has lost touch with its past?”

“Should a patient exhibit symptoms of confusion and disorientation, a doctor may ask a few standard questions. Do you know where you are? Do you know what day it is? Do you remember what happened before you got here? Do you remember your name? Such questions, when asked of Americans at large, offer disturbing evidence of America on a national scale.”

To use a phrase popular in some of the Eastern colleges in the '30s: “Everything correlates.” In other words, we historically have been characterized as a nation by the way in which the political, the social, the economic and even the psychological strands in our national weave formed an intricate civic quilt. But our principles and behavior don’t correlate today.

It was no accident, but rather symptomatic of this era, that the campaign theme of the Democratic Party in the past two elections was: “It’s the economy, stupid!” Because American life has, in far too many areas, narrowed to the economic **[and the stupid]**.

More and more, too, America is becoming a “process nation”, a country obsessed with forms while the substance fades away. That should surprise no one. That is what happens when a nation forgets its history—and it is worst of all when the citizens do this to themselves.

The reasons for the death of history in America are not hard to find. Part of it is due to public culture, part to a wantonness that often takes over peoples at particularly prosperous times. But part of it is also the intellectual fracturing within the history profession as a direct result of the Cold War and of the infiltration of our culture by Marxist and leftist ideologues. Since so many cannot agree on what American history means, they prefer not to teach it at all.

The new NACE coalition of educators can have some effect. But in the end, it is we Americans—politicians, parents, students—who will have to turn it around.

[JR: America’s history and its people are lost in the

fog of political ideologies that have no meaning for us as a nation or as a people. Kissinger was instrumental in creating this world of great turmoil—so much for his “concerns” about anarchy.]

GRASS ROOTS OYATE
MEET WITH MUSLIM LEADER!

By “Wild Horse”, from the Internet, 5/31/00

RED CLOUD BUILDING, PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA—The Lakota people revere the sacredness of the “medicine wheel”. It represents the unification of the four nationalities: red, black, yellow and white. Symbolism met up with reality when Floyd Hand, an Oglala Lakota Headsman, met with Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin (formerly H. Rap Brown) earlier this week near Atlanta.

In the late 1960s, Mr. Al-Amin was known as H. Rap Brown, Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), Minister of Justice of the Black Panther Party, and on the FBI’s most-wanted list. Today, he is a devoted Muslim and the *Imam* (spiritual leader) of a large and powerful international Muslim community centered in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Al-Amin offered to support the Grass Roots Oyate in their cause for justice and sovereignty. He cited that they share a common bond—the struggle against the oppressive “mainstream society system”. In his most recent book, *Revolution By The Book*, Mr. Al-Amin examines Western society’s lack of morals, ethics and, most of all, spirituality.

Mr. Hand shared stories of the crisis on the Pine Ridge Reservation and how the U.S. Government is attempting to quash its misdeeds here. Mr. Al-Amin was not surprised by the Grass Roots’ accusations of a Government cover-up and encouraged Mr. Hand and the Grass Roots Oyate to continue their peaceful occupation until justice prevails. He further stated, “...they may have taken your land and your freedom, but they cannot take what they cannot see—your prayers!” Mr. Al-Amin offered to assist the delegation of treaty elders that are planning a trip to Washington, D.C. June 25-26 to meet with President Clinton and Secretary Babbit **to negotiate on a nation-to-nation basis. [Don’t miss this bolded language or you will miss the entire significance of the actions of the Gras Roots Oyate.]**

Meanwhile, the Grass Roots Oyate are still awaiting a copy of the Tribe’s 1999 Indirect Cost Fund audit, which was completed earlier this month. With the recent exposure of BIA Superintendent Robert Ecoffey’s involvement in illegal land transactions, Regional BIA Director Cora Jones may have good reason to suppress the latest findings. She has repeatedly refused to release the report to the public. Citing that it is only in draft form, she informed Mr. Hand in a telephone conversation that she didn’t know if or when it would be made public. She further stated that she does not intend to give it to the Grass Roots Oyate, because she does not recognize them or the 1868 *Fort Laramie Treaty* signed with the U.S. Mr. Hand reminded her that the Treaty does supercede the 1934 *Howard Wheeler Act* form of governance currently in place at Pine Ridge. Mr. Hand and others have labeled Jones as an “apple”, a slang term in Indian country for an Indian

with Caucasian values—“red on the outside, white on the inside”. Ms. Jones could not be reached for further information, as she is on vacation.

Grass Roots spokespeople have opened discussions with other nations throughout the international community that are interested in assisting the Oglala Lakota with their governmental reform process. Whether some of these nations may or may not have ideal relationships with the U.S. is irrelevant, [as] the Oglala Lakota have declared their sovereignty and intend on establishing a foothold in the international arena.

After 136 days in the peaceful occupation of the Red Cloud Building, the Grass Roots Oyate remain unified and have not wavered from their original demands. Among the nine demands: the permanent removal of Tribal Treasurer, Wesley “Chuck” Jacobs; an immediate referendum election; five-year, full forensic financial audit; and tribal and BIA land office audits.

AFTER 121 DAYS IN OCCUPATION
SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED

By “Wild Horse”, from the Internet, 5/16/00

RED CLOUD BUILDING, PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION, SOUTH DAKOTA—Since the beginning of the peaceful takeover of the Oglala Sioux Tribe’s administrative offices on January 16th, the occupiers of the Red Cloud Building have been blessed with donations of food, toiletries, blankets, etc. We have endured harsh winter blizzards, bomb threats, gunfire and continual threats to remove us from the building. Through it all, our faith is strong and our spirits remain high. However, our **SUPPLIES** are running at an all-time **LOW!**

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In peace and unity,
Grass Roots Oyate

Note: I contacted the Red Cloud Building in concerns to the account in White Clay. I was assured that the White Clay Grocery is not an alcohol-selling establishment. I was also assured that during the Marches on White Clay by members of Camp Justice the Tokala Society would stand guard around this establishment. The manager of the White Clay Grocery is a supporter of both Camp Justice and the Grass Roots Oyate. I was informed that the White Clay Grocery is not one of the stores being boycotted. [JR: Everyone—please help if you can. It's important that the Oyate hang in there until all the issues are resolved.]

ANTI-ZIONIST EVENT IGNITES CONTROVERSY AT SANTA CLARA

By Aleza Goldsmith, *Jewish Bulletin—SF*, 5/26/00

An anti-Zionist event sponsored by the Muslim Student Association at Santa Clara University last week came as a blow to several Israelis and Jews who felt unfairly bombarded.

For the event, "Anti-Zionist Week 2000", members of the Muslim student group lined campus walls with fliers that named Zionists as the "Pioneers of Terrorism". Another posting read: "Zionists deliberately and systematically murdered, maimed and menaced the innocent... until 780,000 Palestinians ran for their lives."

"It's propaganda," said Oli Reinat, an Israeli student in the Leavey Business College at Santa Clara University. "The fliers said nasty things, lies."

The week closed with a lecture by U.C. Berkeley Professor Hatem Bazian entitled "Zionism and Israel: A Strategic Liability to the United States". Although it was billed as "an analysis of U.S.-Israeli ties", Reinat said it was an attack, not an analysis.

"The Berkeley professor spoke very hateful words," she said, adding that she was so offended she left during the address....

...Sara Azad, an officer of the Muslim student group and an organizer of the theme week, stood by the content of the fliers and the events. She also apologized that some people were offended, but maintained "it's because they truly don't understand the nature of Zionism".

"I am sorry that they subscribe to a racist ideology," she said. "There are many good-willed people who call themselves 'Israelis' and subscribe to Zionism, but that is because they do not understand the oppressiveness and racism inherent to the ideology."

She said the pro-Israel leanings of the United States are due to "ignorance"....

..."It's easy to ask for peace once you have taken someone's land," she said. "I do not have respect for

[Zionists] and I have no intention of working towards an unjustifiable peace agreement with such people."

[JR: Defenders of Zionism (Zionists, Israelis, Jews, Khazars, Ashkenazis, *et al.*) have to extend their vocabulary of defense beyond buzz words like "anti-Semitic", "attack", "hatred" and "lies". It does little to dispel the suspicions and doubts regarding their policies and actions in the Middle East. We need better dialogue and DEBATE here, people!]

CHINA TRADE BILL OK'D

By Michael Tackett, *Chicago Tribune*, 5/25/00

WASHINGTON—Once again, President Clinton danced between the raindrops. The helping hands that forged a majority to pass the China trade bill in the House on Wednesday were the same ones that have rhetorically scalded him on the House floor, investigated him with their many subpoenas and cast votes to remove him from office.

His strongest opposition came from House leaders of his own party and leaders of organized labor, at least one of whom threatened retribution, not against Clinton but against his would-be successor, Vice President Al Gore.

As he often has done in his turbulent presidency—on issues such as *NAFTA* and even welfare reform—Clinton built his winning coalition on China trade on the backs of the Republicans who love to loathe him.

"This is unprecedented," said Marshall Wittman, a congressional analyst at the Heritage Foundation. "In previous administrations, the examples are non-existent where a president relied primarily on the other party to pass a major legislative item."

The President who came to Washington nearly eight years ago vowing to be a different kind of Democrat has changed his stripes in ways that even he probably couldn't have envisioned. [Perhaps not, but we're sure that George Bush, Clinton's controller, envisioned the agenda pretty clearly.] To be sure, his dexterity was borne of an unexpected necessity after Democrats lost their congressional majority in 1994. But with Clinton, results often are not a matter of ideology or principle.

It is a matter of simply getting to "yes".

His tactics have added new terms to the political lexicon, such as "Clinton landslide", the mocking characterization of his legislative victories by the puniest of margins, sometimes by a single vote....

[JR: The Repubricrats go along with Clinton because they all have the same agenda. It is their duty to hand this country over to the One Worlders and this they have done through international trade agreements and treaties. Politics, like cigarettes, are hazardous to our wellbeing.]

DURBIN URGES OVERSIGHT OF BODY-PARTS BUSINESS

By Stephen J. Hedges, *Chicago Tribune*, 5/26/00

WASHINGTON—Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) has requested a meeting with Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and other top federal authorities to discuss abuses in the collection and

distribution of donated human tissue and organs.

In a letter delivered to Shalala on Thursday, Durbin (D-Ill.) noted there is little regulation of the use of donated human tissue and no enforcement of a federal law that prohibits the sale of tissue and organs.

The letter cites *Tribune* stories published this week that examine the questionable practices and the millions of dollars in profits generated by the collection, distribution and use of donated tissue.

Durbin's letter points out that the *National Organ Transplant Act* makes it illegal to buy and sell organs and tissue, but that it allows agencies to recover the "reasonable" costs associated with their work.

"The news articles suggest that companies wishing to profit from the sale of organs and tissue are doing so by attributing such profits to these ancillary services," Durbin wrote to Shalala. "The lack of oversight and regulation of what constitutes 'reasonable payments' provides them with a means to exploit this ambiguity and circumvent congressional intent."

Human tissue includes bones, tendons, heart valves, corneas, skin and other body parts. Tissue banks and some organ banks solicit tissue donations from the families of people who have just died.

Though it often appears as a non-profit endeavor for the benefit of the community, the collection, processing and distribution of tissue is a near-billion dollar, nationwide business.

Tissue is most often used as transplants, but it also is used for research by universities and drug companies and by biotech businesses that make medical products. Some of those goods include ground bone powders used as glues to cement bone grafts, and gels and skin-like coverings derived from donated skin and used in cosmetic surgery.

Some tissue donated in the U.S. is exported by tissue banks. Increasingly, U.S. companies that use tissue for transplants and research are importing human matter from Europe, Asia and Canada.

The Food and Drug Administration regulates the safety of the tissue collected domestically. Currently, tissue banks must screen tissue donors for disease and assign each donor a number in case a recall is necessary.

The FDA has been slow to adopt more stringent measures that the agency itself has proposed, including the registration of all of the estimated 300 tissue banks in the U.S. and of all tissue-based products. Despite evidence of high price markups and service fees, no federal agency has brought a case against a tissue bank or company for openly buying and selling tissue.

Durbin's letter says while Shalala's department closely regulates the distribution of life-saving organs, no such system exists for tissue.

In addition, the Senator cites the articles' findings that the families that consent to tissue donation are not told of the bustling market for human body parts. Durbin's staff said Shalala has indicated she would try to meet with the Senator in two weeks, after Congress' Memorial Day recess.

[JR: A gross value of \$80,000 and up is generated just from the organs "harvested" from one human body. No wonder the FDA has been slow to adopt stringent measures. I nominate Dr. Frankenstein as the "Organ Czar" of the newly created Department of Ghouls.]

VACCINES DURING DEPLOYMENT
LINKED TO GULF WAR SYNDROME

By Tim Dickinson, *MotherJones Magazine*, 5/18/00

LONDON (*Reuters*)—Gulf War Syndrome (GWS), the mysterious illness that has affected veterans of the 1991 conflict, is linked to the multiple vaccines given to soldiers during the war, British researchers said Friday.

Their study of 923 veterans with records of their vaccinations showed that health problems such as fatigue, muscle pain and difficulty with concentration and memory were associated with the vaccines they received during, but not before, their deployment. “There doesn’t seem to be a specific effect of an individual vaccine,” Dr. Matthew Hotopf of the Gulf War Research Unit at King College’s College in London told a news conference.

“The key finding of this paper is that multiple vaccines received before going to the Gulf War are not associated with increased risk, but if you received multiple vaccines during deployment, it does seem to increase risk quite steadily,” he said.

The research paper was published in the *British Medical Journal*.

The scientists said the multiple vaccines in themselves do not seem to be harmful, but were linked to a variety of health problems combined with the physical and psychological stress of deployment.

Veterans who received six or more vaccines against conditions such as hepatitis, polio and typhoid, as well as anthrax and plague, had the most health problems.

British veterans welcomed the study—funded by the U.S. Department of Defense—and called for a public inquiry into other factors that may have contributed to Gulf War Syndrome.

“We now have a number of pieces to a very complex jigsaw,” said John Nichols, a Gulf War veteran and President of the Gulf War veterans branch of the Royal British Legion.

“But what this study hasn’t examined and what nobody has looked at yet is the effect of multiple vaccines under stress alongside such things as smoke from the oil fires, chemical warfare antidotes, depleted uranium use, pesticides and a multitude of other inputs.”

He said a public inquiry may allay the fears of the veterans and serving military personnel and come up with a reason why so many veterans are ill and hundreds have died.

Nichols also criticized Britain for not funding the study.

“It is a sad indictment that this study has not been funded by our own country but by the United States Department of Defense,” he said, adding that British servicemen and women deserved better treatment than they have been getting.

Hotopf and his colleagues said their finding was just a piece of a complicated puzzle of Gulf War illness and certainly not the end of the story.

“There are obviously many other health hazards veterans have been exposed to,” he said.

The researchers said their results implied that routine vaccines for the military should be maintained during peacetime. They stressed that civilian vaccine programs are safe.

They said they were continuing their research into Gulf War Syndrome and other scientists in the United States, Australia, Canada and Denmark were conducting

similar studies.

CHINA’S DIRTY LITTLE SECRET

By Paul Sperry, *WorldNetDaily*, 5/24/00

WASHINGTON—Lost in all the glowing hype over China’s “market reforms”, “miracle economy” and “vast untapped” consumer base is a darker story—one that Beijing, the White House and Washington’s pro-China lobby don’t want you to hear, says a prominent Chinese dissident in exile here.

It’s a secret tale of People’s Liberation Army (PLA) soldiers storming a depressed mining town to put down the worst industrial rioting in years. And angry jobless farmers staging a record 2,000 riots against local communist authorities.

The unrest comes as China’s unemployment rate hits a 30-year high and its economy nears collapse.

Such internal pressures are the real reason Beijing wants to lock in trade favors with the U.S., says dissident Wei Jingsheng (pronounced: Way Gin-shun), the father of China’s democracy movement. It desperately needs money for the PLA to retake Taiwan, but also to smash uprisings.

“It’s highly unstable over there,” Wei said in a recent interview.

Speaking through an interpreter, Wei said the communist regime is losing control over the masses. Denied unemployment benefits, while seeing more and more butter diverted to guns (and the pockets of PLA princelings), the country’s 800 million peasants are growing increasingly restless, he said.

“The economy is in very bad shape,” he said. “There is a possibility of revolt.”

Wishful thinking on his part? Not really.

High unemployment is not limited to the countryside. It’s climbed to 20 percent in the cities, says economist Peter Brain of the National Institute for Economic and Industrial Research in Melbourne, Australia.

Sources in Beijing report hordes of unemployed drifters being kept from Beijing (and Western eyes) through routine dragnets on the highway approaches to the capital. In Guangzhou, tens of thousands of unemployed are told to sit each day, like potted plants, in a massive square.

To boost sagging consumer demand in the cities, communist leaders are planning to move 300 million peasants into cities and towns in what will be the world’s largest forced human resettlement. (It looks like the Clinton Administration is helping in the effort. HUD recently signed a deal with Beijing to help it build new public housing.)

Consumer spending is so soft that Beijing has ordered all foreign market-research firms to register with the State Statistical Bureau, says a U.S. business consultant in Beijing. Their survey questions must now be pre-approved and their results turned in for review. And it’s now illegal to ask about consumer confidence in any form.

China’s so-called miracle economy is actually a mirage.

State-owned banks are failing. Foreign investment is drying up. Exports have flagged. The economy—despite the claim of 7 percent GDP growth—is stagnant.

Beijing’s central planners have kept the economy afloat through fiscal pump-priming—that is, by printing money.

But now the Government is taking on so much debt

that economists are comparing its budget woes to Russia’s.

Last year’s budget deficit hit a record. Some 70 percent of current borrowings are going to service existing debt, Brain says. At 21 percent of GDP, China’s debt is five times higher than it was in 1995, says Brookings Institution economist Nicholas Lardy.

How did it get in this mess? Through the biggest military buildup on the planet (though Japan’s depression hasn’t helped). The Chinese Communist Party, which funds the Central Military Commission, has ordered eight years of double-digit hikes in military spending.

Modernizing the military is the Chinese Communist Party’s real aim in cutting a trade deal with the U.S., Wei says.

“Since the Chinese Government runs the banks, they will take Western loans and turn around and put them into the military,” he said. It will also apply U.S. technology to develop new weapons systems.

The PLA controls some 15,000 companies. Though their sales total about \$10 billion, most are poorly run and lose money.

But without the PLA, there is no communist control. So the Army must continue to be fed, Wei says.

“The Chinese Government doesn’t really care about investments,” he said. “They just care about staying in power.”

And it does that through the barrel of a gun, he says.

In February, for example, several hundred PLA soldiers had to be brought in to crush rioting in a blighted mining town in northeastern China.

Denied unemployment benefits, some 20,000 Chinese laborers smashed windows, blocked traffic, burned cars and fought with armed police for days before the PLA marched in.

Last year, local authorities had to deal with a record number of riots in the countryside, where an estimated 200 million farmhands are out of work. Protests filed to Beijing, mostly about excessive taxes and corruption, reached several million in 1999 alone.

Beijing is still sticking to the Stalinist tactic of squeezing farmers and laborers to free up funds for the Army.

But the unstable peasantry is a time bomb ticking away, Wei says.

“Right now the Government is very harsh on people, almost like in the early years of the Cultural Revolution,” he said, which lasted from 1966 to 1976.

He claims that at least 90 percent of the Chinese population disapproves of the current leadership.

To survive, Wei says, President Jiang Zemin must keep the economy moving and the military loyal.

But Jiang has control of neither, Wei says. The Government is “weakening, and weakening quickly,” he said.

Yet just as the communist regime is dying, the White House is trying to prop it up by lobbying Congress to open up the U.S. market to China permanently and allow unfettered trade, regardless of human-rights violations and PLA threats to U.S. security.

To better coordinate the lobbying effort, the White House even set up a “war room” staffed with Commerce Department officials.

“President Clinton is trying to save President Jiang’s Government,” Wei said. “It’s very obvious he owes them something.” **[Whether or not this latter statement is true, it seems entirely likely that China does, indeed, have some leverage to exert.]**

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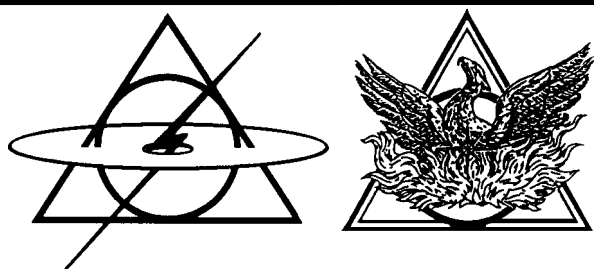
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