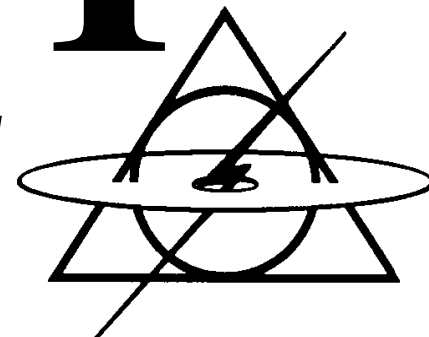


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EJE—RE: RP NEWS: SOLIVEN, TATAD, OLIVARES, BSP & EIR

Since we cannot “interpret” the local news without exposing ourselves to some criticism, we will choose some representative editorials and analyses from local papers in an attempt to fill in the blanks we may have left in prior writings. We hope that this will provide enough of an overview of the situation here so that you readers will be able to see that almost anything can happen next. So as not to come off as melodramatic, we should also say that we are not frightened or even uncomfortable—it appears to us here that these shocks and jolts could be birthing pains, so we live most of the time in expectant anticipation to see what comes out. We might also observe that, from out here where the news may be less “well-managed”, things at home in the U.S.A. do not look all that rosy which, at some point, may make our program for

reestablishing both individual and national sovereignty become quite attractive to less sophisticated nations that have looked to “the West” for leadership.

Most of you will recall that Mr. Soliven is the publisher and a contributing commentator to *The Philippine STAR*. He was invited to Mrs. Arroyo’s U.S.A. State Visit in April and has been acting a bit “beholden” since then. That rose may be fading a bit, which tickles us because other publishers tend to go along with him and if he breaks loose from the censorship, the news could become a bit less biased.

[QUOTING *The Philippine STAR*, August 8, 2003:]

BY THE WAY

By Max V. Soliven

It’s still a doublecross

The radio commentators have been calling the GMA administration’s refusal to honor the commitment of its own government panel of negotiators, led by no less than Ambassador (and former Armed Forces Chief of Staff)

Roy A. Cimatu, which led to

the peaceful surrender of the Oakwood mutineers or putschists, a “doublecross”.

In Filipino or English, you all know what a “doublecross” means.

As Cimatu, the other negotiators and this writer have been reiterating, what was pledged in exchange for the surrender of the 256 officers and men holed up inside the Oakwood luxury apartments was trial under military justice. It was imperative to convince them to lay down their arms, and defuse or disconnect all the explosives and bombs with which they had mined the surrounding area, from the Glorietta, Rustan’s, the parking lot, the edge of the Inter-Continental Hotel and Shoemart. And so what was offered by Cimatu and our group was that the putschists would be tried under the “Articles of War”.

In unequivocal terms, what was promised was court martial and submission to the military justice system.

The President sent yesterday a Cabinet member to me to discuss the issue, and the line I was given was that the charge being filed in a Regional Trial Court

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didn't violate that pledge, because, as the gentleman argued, "There's a law that requires rebellion, attempted overthrow of the government and coups, to be tried by civilian court." *Sanamagan*. This is hair-splitting, double-dealing, renegeing on a pledge—and, sad to say, downright disheartening.

The argument advanced for the switch was that the Oakwood mutineers had not been promised that their offense would not be tried in addition elsewhere, not just under the "Articles of War"—would you believe?

* * *

In those tense hours when it was a matter of "live or die", and when the military rebels had their fingers on the detonators, switches and tripwires that, conceivably, could blow up the most visible part of the Makati business district (including themselves—and us who were inside—of course) and were brandishing all their machineguns, automatic weapons and other ordnance, why didn't the President send the lawyers from the Department of Justice into the building, carrying copies of the revised statutes, and declaring: "And by the way, you scum, we'll also try you in the RTC for rebellion, planning to assassinate the President, *et cetera*, so surrender now!" I suspect, the irritated and already desperate putschists might have riddled those brave prosecutors with holes, just to express their indignation.

It's so easy to wave the statute books and make sanctimonious noises after rebels have surrendered their weapons and explosives, and a bloody firefight has been avoided between already impatient government troops and armor outside and entrenched rebel defenders, which might have turned the area into shambles that Sunday, July 27.

The government negotiators, headed by Cimatu, who had the express authorization of Malacañang, did what it could to avert that tragedy. The agreement was that the mutineers go "back to barracks" and be tried under the "Articles of War". *Susmariosep*. Now that they're in prison, they're being doublecrossed. And the government negotiators are being doublecrossed, too.

The government is right to throw the book at the putschists, mutineers, rebels, or whatever you may call them, but it has to do so under the Articles of War, as was pledged to them. This is the basis on which they gave up. Why not, indeed, court martial? The possible penalties are not light—they include long-term imprisonment or, in the extreme, death by firing squad.

The government can go after their so-called "sponsors", backers, funders, masterminds, or any individuals implicated in the alleged coup d'état by charging them in the civilian justice system all it wants—and it must—since those plotters, conspirators, whoever they may be, weren't covered by that July 27th surrender agreement in the Oakwood.

This is the vital distinction.

But let's not doublecross the surrendered rebels of the Oakwood, please.

I don't believe the President wants her government to be known and remembered as a government of double-crossers.

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I was astonished yesterday afternoon to hear that the Department of Justice (DOJ) is insisting on trying the detained officers and men in Regional Trial Court Branch 13.

DOJ's Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuno appeared on ANC television's *Top Story* to declare that the procedure would be to issue a commitment order and inquest.

What he said next astounded me completely. When asked about the question of "double jeopardy", he said that if it is instituted, the military Court Martial should not try the case of "mutiny" because this should be done by the RTC! What about the pledge made by the government negotiators at Oakwood to the mutineers that they would be tried under the Articles of War? Zuno scoffed at the idea. He asserted that the DOJ had nothing to do with that agreement because, he claimed, and I quote verbatim, it was "*a military to military negotiation*".

Dead wrong, Mr. Prosecutor Zuno. It was never a military to military negotiation. The head of the negotiating panel, who had expressly been sent into the Oakwood by Malacañang, was a civilian. This is Ambassador Roy A. Cimatu. Sure, he is a retired general and former Armed Forces Chief of Staff, but since he retired he has been a civilian. Undersecretary (USEC) for Special Concerns Abraham Puruganan, although he is a former Major, has been a civilian for many years. I am a civilian. True enough, many of the negotiating group are still serving officers, but it wasn't a military negotiation.

We simply wanted to get the putschists to surrender without bloodshed. And Ambassador Cimatu and his almost impromptu fellow negotiators accomplished that undertaking.

Some wiseguy might crack that, if Cimatu is already a civilian and indeed given diplomatic rank as Ambassador by the President so he can supervise the welfare and evacuation of overseas Filipinos living and working in war-endangered areas, why is he usually referred to, still, as "General"?

In response, I guess, I'll have to recount what happened to Evita "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" Peron, whose fame was renewed worldwide by the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical on Broadway, and the subsequent movie, *Evita*, starring Madonna.

Evita Duarte Peron (1919-1952) clawed her way up from abject poverty through steely determination and the increasingly unscrupulous use of her beauty. She hopped up the ladder from one influential lover to another, until she lucked-out with General Juan Peron—and used her own personal charisma to help propel him to power, well, by a coup supported by her masses of *descamisados* or workers.

The Iron Lady from Buenos Aires, at the height of her powers, was sent by her husband on a tour of Europe to win friends for Argentina. Although she met adulation in some places, she was booed and reviled in others. When she got to northern Italy, as she was chauffeured through the streets of Milan, escorted by a retired Admiral, she was angered when the crowds shouted, "Whore! *puta!* prostitute!"

Furious, Evita turned to her escort: "They are calling me a *puta!*"

"Don't be offended, please," the retired Admiral remarked soothingly. "That's all right. I haven't been to sea for fifteen years, yet they still call me Admiral!"

I didn't make this story up. It came from *The Little Book of Anecdotes*, edited by Clifton Fadiman (Little, Brown & Company, Ltd., Canada, 1985).

Why does the administration sound so vehement about forcing the trial of the failed mutineers or putschists into the Regional Trial Court? Perhaps, with the DOJ under Justice Secretary Simeon Datumanong and the Department of Interior and Local Government under the very zealous DILG Secretary Joey Lina, it will be more convenient to rope in and include the military rebels' suspected masterminds, sponsors, godfathers, etc. and expand the thing into a case of alleged armed

rebellion launched to overthrow President GMA—and as some of the zealots have already been darkly insinuating, "assassinate" the Chief Executive.

Now comes Brig. Gen. Victor Corpus, returning from Seoul, to allege that the premature discovery of the power-grab had aborted the arrival of bigger forces of rebels set to arrive in Manila and thus compelled the 300 or so soldiers to move earlier than scheduled and seize only the Oakwood. (Corpus claimed the original target date had been August 2.)

Judging from poor Victor's previous record of unsuccessfully trying to "prove" through all-out media attack the other year the existence of hundreds of millions of dollars in narco funds stashed away in U.S. banks by Senator Panfilo "Ping" Lacson, and the complete turn-around one of his key witnesses, Ador Mawanay (of "cellphones by the thousands" notoriety), let's see what happens to his latest revelations. If a conspiracy exists, it must be exposed and crushed. Those of us who were prisoners and victims of Marcos martial law have no stomach or fondness of military juntas or dictatorships. However, I suppose Corpus' irrevocable "resignation" from the post of chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of The Philippines (ISAFP) was merely cosmetic. For, it seems, he's today working even more closely with Malacañang—having lost none of his power—as a member of the President's security team. Tsk, tsk. So much for the much-publicized great "resignation".

And, of course, the convenient weapon of a Presidentially-declared "state of rebellion" (smells like "martial law" in a different perfume bottle) can be utilized in many clever ways.

As for me, I've been used for many years to having my telephones tapped, but now my Deep Throat informs me there's increased tapping and surveillance on all my movements. My, my, what a compliment. Since they did this to me during almost a decade of the Marcos "martial law" hegemony, it feels, actually, like a happy homecoming. Bring in the clowns.

Defense Secretary Angelo T. Reyes, through his pals and supporters, appears to be fighting a desperate battle to show he's got the full support and confidence of The Establishment, both civilian and military. Especially "military", since he was one of the targets of the young officer putschists' grievances—they had demanded his resignation or removal.

His chief boosters, classmates from Philippine Military Academy 1966, still working with him or with the Department of National Defense (DND), are trying to get the members of PMA Class '66 to sign a "manifesto" declaring all-out support for Reyes.

Retired Rear Admiral Ed Varona (who's currently Director of the AFP Arsenal, the agency which issues the bullets and weapons), Vice Admiral Louie Fernandez (a former Vice Chief of Staff) and retired Commodore Artemio Arugay, for example, are trying to round up the 60 or so former classmates of '66 to attend an urgent "signing" session in Camp Aguinaldo tomorrow night, Saturday, at 7 p.m. How many or how few will come? Let's see.

According to a number of classmates, half the class seems to be reluctant to sign. The PMA '66 class president, retired Lt. Gen. Victor Mayo, former Vice Chief of Staff, earlier sent word he was ill and wouldn't go to sign but the "committee" took the proposed manifesto to the hospital and got his signature. Give them "A" for effort. But why such a great effort?

[END QUOTING]

Again, and hopefully not to be too melodramatic, the building we are in, on the 24th floor, is well within rifle range of the Oakwood. There were Special Weapons teams on the top of this building and the one across the street to counter the snipers posted on the Oakwood by the “rebels”. Let us pretend that only lightning strikes in the same place.

You have been introduced to ex-Senator Tatad, who was the first influential Filipino we met after arriving here in 1998. He is a journalist by profession, and a good one as you can see by his writing. He was mildly against Estrada during the “impeachment” and wrote a book very critical of Estrada but when Attorney Alan Pagua wrote his little book explaining that the “succession” of Mrs. Arroyo was actually a coup, Mr. Tatad did a double-take and has since written some excellent material regarding the Constitution, Philippine politics, etc., all of which demonstrate a measured maturity not commonly found here. His “take” on the Oakwood incident is a bit different than some, well worth noting because it helps to understand some of the convolutions and chaos we have encountered here.

[QUOTING *The DAILY TRIBUNE*, August 5, 2003:]

THE REAL COUP

By Francisco Tatad

It is now clear as day that under the shadow of the failed July 27, 2003 mutiny, President Arroyo was able to confect her own coup. By proclaiming a “state of rebellion” before the junior officers’ siege collapsed, and keeping it to this day, Mrs. Arroyo pulled it off. It has not legitimated the illegitimate, but it has tempered the debate on her legitimacy.

The rebel group had accused the President of planning to declare martial law in August. Given the constitutional scenario, this had failed to persuade. Everyone knew that martial law would need the consent of Congress and be good for 60 days, extendible only with the consent, again, of Congress. It now turns out that Mrs. Arroyo need not proclaim martial law to exercise its powers. “State of rebellion” suffices.

Proclamation 427 accompanied by General Order No. 4—renders martial law unnecessary. Unlike martial law, it does not need congressional consent and is not limited to 60 days. Mrs. Arroyo can use it to exercise martial law powers without proclaiming martial law.

This is not to say the proclamation is valid, constitutionally. It does not appear so. Although rebellion is a constitutional ground for the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus and the proclamation of martial law, the term “state of rebellion” does not exist in the Constitution in the same manner that “state of emergency” or “state of war” does. It cannot, therefore, grant Mrs. Arroyo powers not granted to her by the Constitution or by law.

State of rebellion is a political invention meant to strike terror in the hearts of those who had opposed President Joseph Estrada’s arrest and detention after Mrs. Arroyo’s seizure of the presidency in 2001, and those “Whom she may now wish to link to the ‘continuing rebellion’” which only she and her administration can see. This is ominous, to say the least.

The unexpected arrest of Ms. Ninez Cacho Olivares, publisher and editor-in-chief of *The Daily Tribune*, at dawn yesterday, on charges of criminal libel filed by President Arroyo’s lawyer, although ostensibly not

related to rebellion, has a chilling effect, given the atmosphere created by the proclamation and the corruption and politicization of the judiciary. Unless the proclamation is soon lifted, it could create a worse evil than the one it is trying to cure or prevent. It could end up fulfilling its own prophecy.

Aside from its questionable constitutional basis, there are several wrong things with the proclamation.

First of all, while the proclamation was premised on the Magdalo group’s takeover of Oakwood Hotel in Makati City, the state of rebellion covers the entire country.

Second, while the mutineers insisted throughout their 20-hour siege that they did not intend to seize political power, but merely wanted to voice serious grievances against Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and Mrs. Arroyo, the latter insist on calling their unwelcome demonstration a coup.

Third, while the demonstration collapsed when no popular support appeared, either from the public or from the military, and the mutineers had been sent back to barracks “for processing”, the President insists on keeping the state of rebellion indefinitely.

Administration spokesmen speak of a larger conspiracy to justify this policy. This must be proved. A rebellion must be actual and visible to the naked eye before it can be called by its proper name. There must be an armed rising against duly constituted authority. Our previous Constitutions spoke of imminent threat of rebellion, but the current Constitution talks of actual rebellion only.

Then there is the question of “duly constituted authority”. Does the fact that someone as thoroughly misinformed as one foreign minister close by describes the Arroyo regime as “democratically elected” make it “duly constituted authority”?

What would happen if the Magdalo group had said their purpose, aside from denouncing corruption and crime in the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), was to correct a grave mistake their superiors had committed against the Constitution in 2001 and to restore “the duly constituted authority”? Would anyone have described it as rebellion against “duly constituted authority”?

Now, if the mutineers had no plans of seeing political power and they had made no attempt to attack any government personnel, property, or activity, and their illegal demonstration had ended after peaceful negotiations, why is an indefinite state of rebellion desirable or necessary?

What is the failed mutiny compared to the open rebellion being waged by the CPP-NPA and the MILF everyday? Yet why is there no uniformity or parity of policy as applied to those insurgencies?

Despite the collapse of Soviet Communism and the increasing liberalization of the Chinese communist system, the CPP-NPA’s declared objective is still to capture state power and establish the last communist government on Earth.

Communist guerrillas engage our troops in the field; they tax peace-loving citizens whom the government cannot protect; and they execute criminal offenders according to their own justice system.

Has Mrs. Arroyo proclaimed a state of rebellion to contain this major armed challenge? Nothing on record shows she has. To the contrary, she has authorized negotiations with the Filipino communist cell in Utrecht.

By the same token, the MILF continues to inflict heavy casualties on our own forces. Its announced objective is to create a separate, independent state in

southern Philippines. Has Arroyo proclaimed a state of rebellion to deny them this objective? No. To the contrary, she has authorized fresh negotiations with the secessionists, with the help of the Malaysian government.

If these large ongoing rebellions have failed to provoke the President into proclaiming a state of rebellion, what does she find so dangerous in the failed Magdalo mutiny that she should respond as she has? Is she so afraid of losing the support of the generals whose mutiny gave her Malacañang, or has she decided to use Proclamation 427 and General Order No. 4 for her own purposes, specially as 2004 approaches?

Under the Constitution, any citizen may demand a judicial review by the Supreme Court of the factual basis of a proclamation of martial law or the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus. The same principle may be invoked to seek a judicial review of the factual basis of Mrs. Arroyo’s state of rebellion.

But with the very low regard for the integrity and political independence of our Justices, very few are likely to consider that option. President Arroyo will have to show the way. She will have to lift her proclamation voluntarily, lest the people find it necessary to show her that there is, indeed, an actual and ongoing rebellion.

[END QUOTING]

Ninez Cacho-Olivares, publisher of *The Daily Tribune*, is one strong lady and a journalist by birth. The *TRIBUNE* is about the only “opposition” newspaper (printed in English) left, and certainly the only one daring to confront the Arroyo administration. The following is a description of the Arroyo counterattack illustrating the childish tricks these people resort to when they have no “case”.

[QUOTING **EDITORIAL** from *The DAILY TRIBUNE*, August 6, 2003:]

ROTTEN TO THE CORE

Libel suits come with the territory of any journalist and are acceptable, as long as the procedures are regular and rules, as well as the law, are adhered to by those who opt to file the suits.

But libel suits in the Philippines have become a sitting president’s and his political allies’ weapon to harass, persecute, if not muzzle, the critical press in this country.

There are established rules when it comes to libel complaints. A public official or even a public figure is deemed fair game by the media. But in this country, under a thoroughly prostituted justice system, no libel suit filed by the powerful is ever dismissed by the prosecutors or the judges even when clearly there is no case of libel.

This is evident in the way prosecutors dismiss libel suits that are not lodged by the powerful in government.

But libel cases filed by presidents, their spouses, their political allies and their personal lawyers, flourish in this country, as these are never dismissed by prosecutors.

In the case of the *Tribune* publisher and editor-in-chief Ninez Cacho-Olivares and the complaint filed against her by F. Arthur “Pancho” Villaraza, the personal lawyer of Gloria Arroyo, naked power was at play, and intended to harass and persecute Olivares for exposing Villaraza and presidential aides in a big-time \$70-million extortion attempt on German airport investor Frankfurt AG (Fraport), as based on a taped conversation between Fraport officials and their lawyers.

In that tape, it was made clear that Villaraza had demanded a \$20-million fee to be paid offshore to an entity in Hong Kong, in exchange for his services, to include fixing up the problems facing Fraport on its investments in the country.

It is noted that despite the series of exposés on the corrupt practices of the Arroyo aides and the President's personal lawyer, the Palace refused to conduct any investigation, and even lauded Villaraza for filing libel suits against Olivares.

So much for Gloria's claim of fighting corruption in her government.

And there was the presidential spokesman, again lauding the arrest of the publisher, saying there was **nothing irregular** about it.

Nothing irregular when the warrant of arrest is issued on a weekend and the memorandum of agreement between the National Press Club and the Philippine National Police, which clearly states that the two bodies have agreed to coordinate the arrest, is disregarded?

Nothing irregular when the publisher is arrested at 6 in the morning, with the Manila police serving the warrant, not in her office in Manila, which the warrant states, but in her home in Paranaque City, which is not the jurisdiction of the Manila police? **Nothing irregular** when pretense was resorted to by the police to get Olivares out of bed and served the warrant? **Nothing irregular** when the banks were all closed?

Nothing irregular when the Department of Justice (DOJ) does not even grant the respondent in the libel suit her right to file a motion for reconsideration and, all in a day, quickly informs the Makati courts to effect the arrest of Olivares, first on two counts, with 17 more arrest warrants waiting to be served on her, after posting bail, to ensure that she would be arrested after every payment of bail? **Nothing irregular** when the Makati judge refuses to consolidate the case and instead insists on having the same libel complaint heard by 19 different judges in their courts in Makati City to ensure that she is to spend her days in the courtroom?

Nothing irregular when due process is denied the accused, and slapped with excessive bail (P190,000) for her temporary liberty?

Oh, and yes, the *Tribune* publisher and her lawyers were initially denied to post advance bail to avoid being arrested anytime, with authorities insisting on the accused arranging for advance bail with each judge in charge of each count, which meant going through 17 judges for the posting of advance bail, intentionally done to keep Olivares from her job.

This is the first time a journalist has been subjected to such a dirty play of harassment and political persecution by the administration, and the Palace lauds this dirty play?

The publisher of the *Tribune* can take it all, but can the others who may not be situated similarly take in the same dirty Arroyo-Villaraza play?

The justice system is rotten to the core. No longer are the DOJ, the prosecutors and the judges out to protect the rights of citizens. They all dance to the tune of the unelected powerful who are now in full control of the entire justice system.

[END QUOTING]

Only recently have we been able to say with certainty that the Central Bank is, like that of the U.S.A., not under the control of the Philippine people (AKA "government"). In the Marcos and Aquino administrations it was. Fidel V. Ramos was elected in 1992 and in 1993 the Central Bank was given a New

Charter and a New Name, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), along with a clean balance sheet. To accomplish the latter several billion dollars worth of debt was transferred to the National Treasury (read taxpayers) and a few billion more "provided" to it as "start-up" capital. We need to memorialize this by reprinting it so that it cannot escape. Below you will see a statement which we will selectively quote here because it is presented in complete context below. The quote is "*interest rates paid by the Bureau of Treasury on the P220 billion government securities provided by the NG as part of the BSP's financial restructuring*".

The Bank of International Settlements (BIS) in Basel will horsewhip BSP Governor Buenaventura for that slip of the lip. Even Mr. Ramos is likely to be unhappy about it. We will interpret it as simply and clearly as we can because it represents a major revelation that ought to receive worldwide notoriety. Without a lot of research we can estimate that the Peso was about P22 per U.S. dollar in 1993. (It was P25/U.S. dollar in 1997 before the Soros/Hedge Fund "Hot Money War" in Southeast Asia.) That would mean that the "Bureau of Treasury" (read taxpayer again) is PAYING THE INTEREST ON ABOUT \$10 BILLION given to the BSP as part of its "financial restructuring". If the rate averages 10% per annum (and it is usually higher than that here), that means that a billion dollars is being sucked out of the Philippine people for the benefit of, probably, foreigners each and every year. And the BSP is tax-exempt.

[QUOTING *The Philippine STAR*, August 10, 2003:]

GOV'T TO ISSUE P6.8 BILLION IN PROMISSORY NOTES FOR IMF DUES

By Des Ferriols

The National Government (NG) will issue promissory notes to cover its P6.8-billion obligation to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) for membership dues to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that the central bank has been advancing on the government's behalf.

The BSP said the Department of Finance (DOF) has decided to issue the promissory notes, junking its original plan to issue perpetual bonds to raise funds needed to pay for the country's membership dues or subscription quota to the IMF.

The BSP has been advancing the fees to the IMF because the NG didn't have the cash to settle its membership arrears with the Fund.

But the BSP is suggesting a more diversified bond float after it rejected the Arroyo administration's proposal for the central bank to assume the country's membership obligations with the IMF.

Documents obtained by reporters indicated that the NG owed the IMF a total of P6.8 billion (\$124 million) when the Fund increased its quota subscriptions under its 9th General Review of Quotas.

The document showed that the BSP advanced the payment of the quota subscription as the government transferred to the BSP the responsibility of assuming the financial obligations arising from the country's membership to the IMF.

To pay back the BSP, the DOF had proposed the issuance of perpetual bonds or 25-year sovereign bonds. The proceeds would be used for the redemption of an earlier promissory note issued to cover BSP's advance payment of the IMF subscription quota.

BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura made a counter-proposal for the issuance of bonds with multiple denominations and varied maturities, saying that this would facilitate the ease in the liquidation of the bonds by NG when they mature since it would not burden the government with a one-time disbursement of a substantial amount.

Buenaventura explained that the NG could make 12 individual bond issues amounting to P500 million each. These bonds would mature every year starting from the 13th year until the 24th year from the date of issue.

To conclude the settlement of the promissory note, Buenaventura said the government could issue one P800-million bond that would mature at the end of the 25-year period.

The interest rate, according to Buenaventura, could be pegged on the interest rates paid by the Bureau of Treasury on the P220 billion government securities provided by the NG as part of the BSP's financial restructuring.

Buenaventura also said that the BSP did not want to assume the responsibility of paying for the financial obligations arising from the country's membership to the IMF.

In the face of serious cashflow problems and a mammoth budget deficit, the DOF wanted the BSP to assume all obligations related to the country's IMF membership.

"It is our position that it is the National Government, not the BSP, which is legally bound to assume IMF quota subscriptions," Buenaventura said.

[END QUOTING]

The next article was sent to us by an old and very dear friend and we want him to know that we are grateful for the many things he has done for us and Commander Hatonn.

It provides a powerful, although hidden from Filipinos, peek into world affairs and how they impact this little country. Since when is 80 million people a little country? The Philippines is like a meaty bone tossed out into a pen of dogs containing at least two big mastiffs and several smaller, although hungrier, ones. It is constantly in the middle of a war over its gold, oil and gas, and its several million drug users. Besides the outside mastiffs, there are at least three internal factions ripping and tearing to "get their share". Those are the mestizos, the Jews, and the Chinese Tiapans. Would that we could see the factions in the U.S.A. as well defined, and maybe that time is not so distant.

[QUOTING the August 8, 2003 issue of *Executive Intelligence Review*:]

Philippines Mutineers Point to the Neo-Cons

By Mike Billington

A few dozen young Filipino military officers (average age, 27) with a few hundred soldiers in support, carried out a rebellious military action on July 27 which has dramatically transformed Philippines politics, and focused attention on the role of the neo-conservative war party in Washington in corrupting and manipulating the Philippine government and military. Coming at a time when Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld are being exposed internationally for the fraud used to justify their war on Iraq, the Philippines events add yet another piece of evidence regarding the crimes of the chicken-hawks in the Bush administration.

The 321 officers and soldiers seized and occupied a shopping and apartment complex in Makati, the financial district of Manila, at 3:00 a.m. on July 27, while releasing a videotape explaining their action, not as a coup, but to force their grievances to be heard. The action lasted for about 20 hours, when the troops agreed to return to their barracks and face court martial, provided their charges be investigated.

The charges by the rebels are extremely serious, but not surprising to readers of *EIR*, which has documented the role of the Bush administration, especially Donald Rumsfeld, in efforts to circumvent the Philippine Constitution by establishing a permanent U.S. military presence in the Philippines, part of the neo-conservative game-plan to surround and confront China (see “Chicken-hawks as China-hawks”, *EIR*, May 23).

In the videotape, which was played repeatedly on local television, the rebel spokesman, Lt. Senior Grade Antonio Trillanes, charged that Defense Minister Gen. Angelo Reyes and Military Intelligence chief Gen. Victor Corpus were guilty of providing arms to the Abu Sayyaf criminal gang and to the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Force (MILF) in the southern Province of Mindanao. Even more damning, the mutineers charged General Reyes and General Corpus with being the masterminds behind a series of deadly terrorist bombings in Mindanao—all to the purpose of gaining favor with the United States and justifying an increased U.S. military role in the country. They also charged that more terrorist bombings were being planned, with the possible added intention of justifying martial law, and the cancellation of the scheduled 2004 election.

The First Head To Roll

The rebels demanded the resignations of three senior officials: Defense Minister Reyes, Military Intelligence chief General Corpus, and Police Chief Gen. Hermogenes Ebdane. Ebdane is considered responsible for the astonishing escape from custody of Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi, an Indonesian convicted of terrorist bombings in the Philippines, and thought to be a member of the Jemaah Islamiyah terrorist organization. Al-Ghozi simply walked out of prison with two members of Abu Sayyaf on July 14, and is still at large. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, on July 20, told General Ebdane to find al-Ghozi or resign. The rebels believe the escape may have been orchestrated in order to create further justification for U.S. intervention, and/or for a declaration of martial law.

Although General Reyes had refused to step down, General Corpus announced his resignation on July 29. The Corpus resignation undermined the effort by President Arroyo and Defense Minister Reyes to direct the investigation away from the grievances of the young officers, looking only into the supposed political instigators behind the insurrection. The letter of resignation from Corpus said that, in chess, “when a Queen is beleaguered, it is sometimes necessary to sacrifice a knight to save the game,” and acknowledged that “the restiveness will not calm down with my continued presence.” He denied having a hand in the Mindanao bombings, but warned that “the current political crisis is far from over”.

While Corpus agreed to fall on his sword for the President, several sources in Manila concur that Reyes will also have to go, or the rage in the military, and in the population, will boil over. In fact, Reyes may be encouraged from Washington to fall on his sword as well—not to protect President Arroyo, but to protect Rumsfeld and Cheney.

Just one year ago, in August 2002, General Reyes was welcomed to the Pentagon by Rumsfeld in order to establish a separate chain of command from Washington to Manila in regard to the expanding U.S. military operations in the country. Secretary of State Colin Powell had just completed a tour of the region, assuring the Filipinos that the U.S. had no intention of either participating in combat within the country, nor establishing bases—two issues which were causing intense protest within both the Philippine Congress and the population. But Powell’s view was not shared by the civilian leaders in the Pentagon, who, as in the case of Iraq, were more interested in creating a justification for their preconceived policy—here, establishing bases in the Philippines, and confrontation with China.

Rumsfeld therefore established a joint U.S./Philippines “Defense Policy Board”, as a direct channel between himself and General Reyes. In the words of the Pentagon spokesman at the time, there existed several dialogue venues “for uniformed military officers, but no forum for defense officials who are civilians”. While this “Defense Policy Board” has apparently played no significant public role, any serious investigation into the grievances of the July 27 mutiny would require an examination of private channels to Rumsfeld and the Office of Special Plans, the rogue intelligence unit set up in the Pentagon to fabricate the intelligence desired by the neo-conservatives, when traditional intelligence reports failed to conform to their plans.

Military Coups, Philippine Style

While General Reyes is accusing the young officers of the attempted coup which they deny, the fact is that Reyes himself was the leading figure in the *de facto* military coup of January 2001 which placed President Arroyo (and Reyes) in power. Former President Gen. Fidel Ramos, the mentor of Reyes, orchestrated that coup against the elected President Joseph Estrada, on the same model Ramos had used in the 1986 coup against President Ferdinand Marcos. In the 2001 coup—known as “People’s Power II” but better known as Washington’s “military coup, Philippines-style”—then-Armed Forces Chief General Reyes withdrew Armed Forces support from the Commander in Chief, President Estrada, in favor of Arroyo, despite the illegal and unconstitutional nature of the action.

It is thus most ironic to review certain statements from Anglo-American leaders after the July 27 mutiny was resolved. Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer congratulated the “democratically elected government of the President of the Philippines”—who has, in fact, never been elected. The Foreign Ministry in Singapore denounced the “resort to unconstitutional means by the rebels”, a charge which would be better applied to the coup which placed Arroyo in office. As journalist Gary LaMoshi pointed out in an article entitled “The Day Irony Failed” in the July 29 *Asia Times*, of the five Presidents who have served since the 1986 military coup against Marcos, “only Fidel Ramos entered office via election and left at the end of his legal term.”

Crisis Still Unfolding

The government is desperately attempting to pin the mutiny on either former President Estrada (who is now in prison facing charges of corruption by those who overthrew him), and/or Senator Gregorio “Gringo” Honasan. Honasan, as a young colonel, ran several coup attempts against the post-Marcos government of President Cory Aquino in the 1980s, but is now an elected Senator. He admitted that he has worked with the young officers

involved in the mutiny, who adopted his “National Reconstruction Program” as their own, but denies any role in the action—in fact, he intervened with the rebels to encourage them to stand down. There were, nonetheless, reports that Honasan might be arrested.

President Arroyo set up a three-member commission to investigate the incident, but the independence of the group is in doubt, as it is headed by a justice of the Supreme Court, which voted in 2001 to approve the coup against Estrada—on the patently false basis that Estrada had resigned—and confirmed Arroyo’s claim to the Presidency.

The Senate, on the other hand, has launched an investigation which intends to get at the root of the young officers’ charges. As of July 31, the Senate has called for the officers who led the action to testify before the Senate immediately, and responded angrily to the refusal of the military leadership to allow their testimony. Even Senate President Franklin Drillon, a strong Arroyo supporter, sternly responded: “I would strongly suggest to the Armed Forces that they honor our invitation... so we do not have to resort to the more compulsive/coercive process of a subpoena.”

Opposition Senator Aquilino Pimentel described the military stonewalling as “ominous, in the sense that there’s an unseen hand trying to prevent the unearthing of truth”. Senator Pimentel is also challenging the legality of the “state of rebellion” declared by President Arroyo, arguing that such a declaration had no definition under the Constitution. Senator Edgardo Angara called the “state of rebellion” an “invention of the Administration [to] evade the requirements of martial law and the checks by the legislature” and to “eliminate all the safeguards that afford an ordinary citizen his Constitutional protection”.

The military is conducting its own investigation of the mutiny, including the rebels’ charges of corruption within the military.

No Turning Back

The Arroyo government is attempting to display a show of force to squash any discussion or investigation of the crimes alleged by the rebelling officers. The government announced on July 31 that charges of rebellion will be filed against the 321 military men who participated in the mutiny, while similar charges have been filed against a former cabinet minister in the Estrada government, whose home was supposedly used as a staging area for the July 27 action. Others, including Senator Honasan, may also be charged.

But public and official attention will certainly not be diverted from the stinging accusations against the military and government leaders, and their sponsors in Washington, accusations coming from the very youth who have been trained by the military to defend the honor of the nation.

[END QUOTING]

One last observation we would share with you. By far the most important news media here is radio—in Tagalog, of course. No serious coup attempt could possibly be expected to succeed without at least one radio station under control of the coupsters and the first target is usually one of the larger TV stations. The Oakwood guys had only a video of themselves making their accusations. Even then, the TV stations played it several times but the affair lacked follow-through. It must have had a purpose that has not yet been disclosed. When we learn more we will share it, especially if the feedback is that you can abide all this news from the Philippines.

Good night from Manila.—EJE 

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GCH—RE: *THE BROKEN CROSS; The Hidden Hand in the Vatican*, by Piers Compton: PART 7, CHAPTERS 1-2 [CONTACT PART 10]

[QUOTING:]

PART 7

“Woe to him who doesn’t know how to wear his mask, be he King or Pope”—Pirandello

1.

The give-and-take of human relationships poses a more difficult problem than those that are normally accredited to science. For the latter will, in all probability, be solved in time; but when it comes to people, especially those who are no longer among the living, we are faced with questions that, in this our world, are unlikely to be answered.

For instance, it has to be asked why did two prelates, within a few months of each other, both die in circumstances that are not normally connected with any churchman and, more especially in these cases, highly placed ones?

When a party of Parisians, after having attended a religious festival in the country, returned to the capital late at night on Sunday, May 19th, 1974, some of them noticed that the priest who had been in charge of them looked ill and tired.

He was Jean Danielou, sixty-nine years old and a Cardinal; no cut-and-dried character, but someone difficult to place in the minds of ordinary people who knew very little about him. He had entered a Jesuit novitiate in 1929 and had been ordained nine years later. The author of fourteen books on theology, and the Head of the Theological Faculty at the University of Paris, he was also a member of the Academic Française.

While revealing little, he made certain statements about himself that invited questions, even controversy. “I am naturally a pagan, and a Christian only with difficulty,” was one of them, though that, of course, expresses a point of view held by many of his creed who know that little more than a knife edge exists between affirmation and disbelief. He was aware of new elements that were forming and gathering strength within the Church, and although he judged freely—“A kind of fear has spread leading to real intellectual capitulation in the face of carnal excesses”—the conservatives were no more able to number him among their kind than were the more vocal progressives. He was one of the founders in 1967 of the Fraternity of Abraham, an interfaith group comprising the three monotheistic religions: Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

“Today is a time when we sin against intelligence.” Both sides could have claimed that as a dictum. Some accused him, when he appeared to hold back, of being prudish. But always he claimed to be uncommitted. “I feel in the depths of my being that I am a free man.” But freedom, when it is not a political catch-word, can no more be tolerated in the world than truth (as the

peasant girl Joan of Arc had realized centuries before). And the more Danielou withdrew from society and lived quietly at his residence in the Rue Notre-Dame des Champs without keeping a secretary or running a car, the more he became suspect, or openly disliked.

None of this escaped him, but he tried not to dwell upon it. Had he done so, he owned that he would have been discouraged, a self-evident failure who had not taken advantage of the promise that was made available by his rise in the Church. Later he found, or at least came to believe, that opponents were scheming and plotting against him. There was, indeed, a definite campaign of whispers and hints in the Press that compelled him, though it was more a matter of choice than the force of actual opposition, to maintain a steadily but relatively unimpressive place on the fringe of things.

So he remained a problematic figure who arrived home on that Sunday midnight after an exhausting day in the country. But Monday brought no change in his routine. He said Mass, as usual, at eight o’clock, then worked in his office and received a few visitors. He lunched at a restaurant and afterwards called at the home of a Professor at the Sorbonne.

It appears for some unexplained reason that part of his mail went to an address in the Rue Monsieur; for he collected this, was back at his house at three o’clock, then left a quarter of an hour later, after saying that he expected to return at five.

But he did not. For at three forty-eight the police received an urgent message from a Madam Santoni, who occupied an upper floor at number fifty-six in the Rue Dulong, a none too reputable quarter just north of the Boulevard des Batignolles. Her message brought the police rushing to the scene, for it told them that no less a person than a Cardinal was dead on her premises.

He, Danielou, had called there soon after three-thirty. He had, so someone told her, run up the stairs four at a time, then collapsed at the top, purple in the face, and soon became unconscious. She had torn his clothes apart and summoned help. But it was impossible to revive him, and the first arrivals had been helplessly looking on when his heart stopped.

In answer to a radio announcement of the Cardinal’s death, the Apostolic Nuncio, with the Jesuit Provincial of France, the Father Coste, Superior of the Jesuits in Paris, arrived at the apartment, together with reporters from the *France Soir*, and nuns who were called in to deal with the body that was, however, already too rigid to be prepared for the funeral.

Father Coste addressed the reporters. It was essential for them to maintain the utmost discretion and, having said that, he went on to state that the Cardinal had died in the street, or it may possibly have been on the stairway, after he had fallen in the street.

“Oh no, it wasn’t,” broke in Madame Santoni. Father Coste objected to her interruption, the other clerics joined in, the police had their say, the reporters asked questions, and at the height of the argument, although no one actually witnessed her going, Madame Santoni disappeared and was seen no more at the inquiry.

Now the lady in question thoroughly deserved the title of Madame. She was well known to the police and to the Press, a twenty-four-year-old blonde who traded under the name of Mimi, sometimes as hostess at a bar, a go-go girl at an all-night cabaret, or as a strip-tease dancer in the Pigalle. She was never on call at her home, which was run as a bawdy-house by her husband. It was then, however, temporarily out of business, as he had been convicted only three days previously for pimping.

Such explanations as the Church chose to offer were vague, and all in line with the general verdict that the Cardinal had burst a blood-vessel, or suffered a heart attack. Cardinal Marty, the Archbishop of Paris, refused a request from Catholics as well as from secular quarters for an inquiry to be held into the Cardinal’s death. After all, he explained, the Cardinal wasn’t there to speak for himself. It may have been an unfortunate afterthought that caused the Archbishop to speak of the Cardinal needing to defend himself. The eulogy was delivered in Rome by Cardinal Garrone who said: “God grant us pardon. Our existence cannot fail to include an element of weakness and shadow.”

One may wonder how deep Garrone’s soul-searching may have gone since, although he was known to belong to a secret society, he brazenly sat it out and held on to his red hat. A comment by the orthodox journal *La Croix* was briefer and more to the point: “Whatever the truth is, we Christians well know that each of us is a sinner.”

This sort of happening supplied the Left-wing anti-clerical papers with copy for a week. One such, *La Canard Enchaîné*, (a slightly more radical French equivalent of *Private Eye*), had scored heavily some years before in a controversy over the ownership of a string of brothels within a few yards of the cathedral in Le Mans. The paper claimed that they were owned by a high dignitary of the Church. His friends and colleagues strongly denied this. But the paper was proved to have been right. Now the same source had no hesitation in saying that the Cardinal had been leading a double life.

He had been under observation for some time, a step that was ordered by no less a person than M. Chirac, the Prime Minister. He and Jacques Foccard, a former Minister of the Interior, both knew perfectly well that the Cardinal had been paying regular visits to Mimi.

That in turn was ridiculed by Danielou’s supporters; whereupon the paper retorted that there might be more revelations to come. “If we were to publish all the details, it would be enough to shut you up for the rest of your natural days.”

The truth of this strange story may lie in one of four possible explanations.

One may have its origin in the effects of the Second Vatican Council. Danielou was said by some to have regarded that as a positive disaster, and we know that he described the more liberal school of theologians, to which the Council gave rise, as lamentable, miserable, execrable, wretched. Many resented this, especially when he went on to call them “assassins of the Faith”. He determined to do what he could to prevent the Faith being secularized and degraded, and this led him to think, since human tempers are just as hot within the Church as they are outside it, that he was in danger. That would account for the somewhat enclosed life he led in Paris.

But he let it be known that he was determined to make a stand, and he drew up a list of those he called traitors to the Church. Some of those whose names were included breathed fire against him, but he publicly announced that he intended to publish the list.

Four days later, according to a theory held by many who are certainly not light-weights, he was murdered by those he would have named. Then, inspired by a kind of macabre humor, those he had called “assassins” had his body taken out and dumped in a brothel. After that, the surprising discovery could easily be arranged.

That is written in full knowledge of how outrageous it must appear to those who regard the Church from a purely parochial level, in happy ignorance of its medieval history that was destined to be repeated, with all the cut-and-thrust and poisoned cups of that period, in a few years’ time and within the very walls of the Vatican palace.

Or could Danielou have been, earlier in life, one of those infiltrators whose influence he came to detest? Did he, after being initiated into one of the secret societies opposed to the Church, undergo a change of heart, which caused him to be looked upon as a menace? There is ample evidence that the societies had, and still have, no scruples in dealing with defaulters.

That suggestion is not without substance. For in the Rue Puteaux, Paris, there is an ancient church, the crypt of which serves as the Grand Temple of the Grand Lodge of France. Some three years before Danielou’s death the Auxiliary Bishop of Paris, Daniel Pezeril, had there been received into the Lodge, after he had issued a communiqué to justify his action. In it he said: “It is not the Church which has changed. On the contrary, Masonry has evolved.” It was Monsignor Pezeril who was asked, by Pope Paul, to seek a way of bridging the gap between the Church and the societies.

Cardinal Danielou had been a not infrequent visitor to the crypt, where he was seen in consultation with one of the Lodge Masters who had been honored with the title of Grand Secretary of the Obedience. It must therefore be asked, does the answer to the mystery lie with those with whom Danielou had conferred in the crypt?

But the story circulated by the satirical papers was the most shrill and insistent, and the most commonly known. They claimed that it had been obvious to those who had been in Madame Mimi’s apartment before the police arrived that Danielou’s body had been hurriedly dressed. And if he had not been one of her clients, why had he gone there with three thousand francs that were found in his pocket-book? The purveyors of such scandal concluded that the Cardinal had died in a state of ecstasy, if not of grace.

Yet another version brings the story more up to date, with a trial that has now (the time is November 1981) passed through its opening stage in Paris.

On Christmas Eve, 1976, Prince Jean de Broglie was shot dead by a gunman as he left a friend’s house. The necessary inquiries brought a far-reaching web of fraud, complicity and blackmail into the open, involving the former President Giscard d’Estaing and a friend of his, Prince Michael Poniatowski.

The latter had recently ousted and taken the place of Jacques Foccard as minister of the Interior, and Foccard was now using a woman, who was known also to Giscard, to get money from the Prince. Foccard has already been mentioned in connection with the Danielou case.

Since the known operation is obviously part of a vast cover-up it is no more possible than it is necessary here to unravel the details which leave all those concerned in a very murky light. But it is claimed that they account for Danielou’s being in the brothel and for the three thousand francs that were found on his person. They were one of the installments that he had been paying for the past three months on behalf of someone referred to as a friend of his who was being blackmailed.

A most disarming finale to all this came in the form of a line or two in an English religious weekly, the *Catholic Herald*, which briefly announced that Cardinal Danielou had died in Paris.

2.

Brief though the memory of the public is, there may have been a few lingering thoughts on Cardinal Danielou’s mysterious death in the minds of some Parisians who noticed a Bishop from the south-west of their country step from a train on the afternoon of January the 12th, 1975.

He was Monsignor Roger Tort, fifty-seven years old, and Bishop of Montauban on the River Tarn just north of Toulouse.

He was due to attend a meeting of the French Episcopal Commission, and he straightway proceeded to a room he had booked at the headquarters of the Catholic Aid Society in the Rue de Bac. His movements for the next couple of days are unrecorded, but on Thursday the 15th he lunched at the Commission’s meeting place in the Rue du Regard on the left bank of the Seine. It is possible that from there he went to meet a friend whom he had known during the war, but we know nothing certain about him until an alarm was raised and a call went out to the police on the night of the 16th.

Excitement centered on the Rue du Ponceau, again on the left bank, a narrow street off the Rue Saint-Denis, a quarter notorious for brothels, prostitutes and sex shops where red lamps shown invitingly. The woman who raised the alarm kept one of the brothels. She had come across a man who was obviously ill in the street outside her door, and she got the help of two others of her kind to drag him inside. By then he was dead.

Who was he? She neither knew nor cared. She had never seen him before. She had done what she could from purely “humanitarian reason”. The red lamps winked as more people arrived and the contradictory stories went on. The stranger had died of a heart attack, between seven and eleven o’clock, in the street, or in the corridor, or in one of the rooms. A news-hungry reporter said that the Bishop, once his identity had been confirmed, had come a long way from his lodgings and from the Commission’s meeting place. The reporter went on to say, backed by a snap judgment from the police that, as in the case of Danielou, the body appeared to have been hastily dressed.

A clerical apologist later advised all those interested to put away such thoughts as being totally unworthy. He pointed out that Monsignor Tort, when found, was still wearing his Bishop’s ring, and his pectoral cross, and that his rosary was still in his pocket. Surely the presence of those objects was enough to prove that “no inadmissible intentions” had brought him into the district? The facts, so far as they could be known, did not admit of any shameful interpretation.

The Church absolved the dead man from moral guilt, and within a few weeks a new Bishop was being installed at the small cathedral in Montauban.

An elementary reading of these two episodes could be taken as evidence that churchmen (especially Catholic ones and, more especially, those of exalted status) may be hypocritical and corrupt. That, of course, will not be disputed by any save the willfully blind; and the fact that they may be members of secret societies, first and last, and therefore void of genuine religious conviction, is the theme of these pages. But there is no evidence to connect the deaths.

In the Cardinal’s case there are signs, however tentative, that he had been persuaded to act a minor role in a major political scandal; or that he had taken a definite stand in a religious quarrel; and religious quarrels, like a civil war, admit of no quarter being given. There is, however, no trace of Monsignor Tort being involved in anything startling. He can only be the object of assumption—that he was the victim of personal weakness, of an accident, or of someone’s wish to discredit religion.

But as it is, the similarity between the two deaths is startling.

[END QUOTING PART 7, CHAPTERS 1-2 (CONTACT PART 10)]

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[QUOTING:]

PART 8

“Christian atmosphere, Christian tradition and morality... is diminishing and is in fact to a great extent displaced by a way of life and thought opposed to the Christian one.—Pope Pius XII

1.

This section is concerned with some of the most dramatic changes in the whole of history; changes whose ultimate significance has, in the popular sense, gone largely unreported, and because of that they have been accepted without comment by the world at large. But they are changes that have set the tone of our present; they are fashioning our future; and in time to come they will be so established that it will seem foolish, or eccentric, to question them.

At the risk of being tedious, and in order to emphasize a vital point, it needs to be repeated that religious Rome was regarded, less than a generation ago, as the one fixed centre of faith that would not change. It was proof against novelty. It despised fashion and towered above what is called the spirit of the age.

Secure in itself, it admitted no speculation, none of the guess-work that too often goes by the name of discovery. It maintained one attitude and taught, century after century, one message that was always the same. So much was claimed by itself, endorsed by its followers and recognized by its enemies.

But just as in our time we have witnessed the spread of Communism, so at the turn of the century another movement threatened what may be called the more static ordering of thought. It was, put very roughly, a mingling of the Nineteenth Century’s liberal and scientific preoccupations, and its object was to treat the *Bible* to the same sort of criticism to which the political and scientific worlds had been subjected. Evolution, as

opposed to settled and accepted truth, was in the air; dogma was questioned, and many saw this, though some of its propagators may not have intended it to go so far, as a denial of supernatural religion.

The reigning Pope of the time, Pius X, denounced Modernism, as the new movement was called, as being no less than free-thought, a most dangerous heresy. An encyclical, issued in 1907, and a condition he laid down a few years later, that clergy were required to take an anti-Modernist oath, evidenced his firm opposition. And a similar situation was created later when Pius XII, brought face to face with Communism, condemned it time and again, and in 1949 promulgated the sentence of excommunication against any Catholic who countenanced or supported it in any way.

But a very considerable difference soon appeared between the receptions that greeted the opposition expressed by the two Popes, Pius X had been accused, in the main, of arrogance and intolerance. But Pius XII, echoing the sentiments of Pius IX, Leo XIII and Pius XI, was not only ridiculed by *avant-garde* journalists, one of whom called him a "small-town aristocrat", but was actually opposed and contradicted by the man who in 1963 ascended to the Papal throne as Paul VI.

His sympathy for Left-wing politics had never been in doubt. He had co-operated with Communists. His encyclical *Populorum Progression*, issued in 1967 on the development of the world, was adversely criticized by the *Wall Street Journal* as "warmed up Marxism". But his being ranged openly on their side, and his reversal of earlier Papal judgments, marked a new departure in a Pontiff whose words carried to the greater part of the Christian world.

He was fully in tune with the modern age and responsive to the currents of the time. He was ready to open doors that every one of his predecessors, even those of doubtful character, had kept fastened. This was made clear in 1969 when he said: "We are about to witness a greater freedom in the life of the Church and therefore in that of her children. This freedom will mean fewer obligations and fewer inward prohibitions. Formal disciplines will be reduced...every form of intolerance and absolution will be abolished."

Such statements were welcomed by some, while others among his listeners were filled with apprehension; and when he referred to some normally accepted religious standpoints as being warped, and entertained only by those who were polarized or extremist, the hopes and fears of both modes of thought appeared to be justified.

Was he paving the way for what would virtually be a new religion, freed from established notions and practices, and embracing all the advantages of the modern world, or was he bent on so paring down the established religion until, instead of standing out as decisive, unique, it appeared to be but one faith among many?

So the two sides waited: One in favor of a promised relaxation, the other apprehensive lest many of their traditional supports were about to be dismantled.

2.

Here again, I feel it necessary to repeat, what follows is neither in the nature of attack nor of defense. It is a simple summary of events that occurred and of declarations made; and if they appear to be partisan, it is not the fault of the present writer, but of Pope Paul who made them all of one character.

He challenged and condemned the unbroken front presented by Pius X in the face of Modernism. The latter's imposition of an anti-Modernist oath was said to have been an error, so Paul abolished it. The Index of forbidden books, and the prerogatives of the Holy Office with its historic right to impose interdicts and excommunication, were now things of the past. The Canon Laws of the Church, hitherto regarded as pillars, the guardians and promulgators of decisions and judgments, were thrown open to criticism and, if need be, to revision. History and textbooks, written from a predominantly Catholic viewpoint, were blue-penciled or re-edited.

The Church's contacts with the world, and with other religions, were to be more open and no longer conducted from a height of superior authority, knowledge, and experience. There was declared to be no fixation of absolute truth. Discussion or dialogue was to take the place of declaration. And from these changes a new society of humanist culture would emerge, with an ostensible Catholic background provided by advanced theologians who, under Pius XII, had been kept on the fringes of the Church.

They included Hans Kung, whose views were said to be more anti-orthodox than those advanced by Luther. He was to claim that he had been specially defended by Paul VI. The German Jesuit, Karl Rahner, whose brand of thought had formerly been frowned upon as being too extreme, was now told by Paul to "forge ahead". The Dominican Schillebeeckx spread consternation among the already dispirited Dutch clergy with such statements as that Christianity would, sooner or later, have to surrender to atheism, as the most honest and natural man was the one who believed nothing.

Teachers such as these, far from being reprimanded, retained their secure positions and were given a publicity, not usually accorded to churchmen, in the Press. Even an Irish paper referred to Hans Kung and to Schillebeeckx as "the most outstanding theologians in the world", and the belief that they were confident of having powerful support was strengthened when it became known in some ecclesiastical quarters that prelates such as Suenens and Alfrink had threatened to form a "Cardinals' Trade Union" if Hans Kung and his writings were condemned.

The total ban on Communism and its supporters by Pius XII was taken for granted, although it had never been actually enforced. But even so there were demands for its removal. Instead of an ice-bound resistance to Communism that had been an accepted feature of the historic Church, a thaw set in, and it soon became no longer remarkable for a priest to speak and act in favor of Marxism. Some accompanied their change of heart with a profession of contempt for the past, as did Robert Adolphs, Prior of the influential Augustinian House of Edindhoven, in Holland.

Writing in *The Church is Different* (Burns and Oates), he said that the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas represented "a pretty desiccated kind of Western thinking". He denounced the anti-Modernism of Pius X as a "Fascist-like movement within the Church", and he ridiculed the warnings given by Pius XII who had imagined that "he had to do battle with a sort of underground Modernist conspiracy that was making use of a widespread clandestine organization in order to undermine the foundation of the Catholic Church."

The Flemish professor, Albert Dondeyne, was more outspoken in *Geloof en Wereld*, (*Belief and the World*), where he criticized the mental outlook of the Church for always having been convinced as to the total perfidy of Communism. He referred to the Church's habit of presenting things as though Christianity were simply and without reminder opposed to the Communistic order of society as being extremely dangerous.

"Christian society", he went on, "makes God the servant of a kind of Christian party interest." "It may," he continued, "identify Communism with the Devil; but what if this particular Devil has been conjured up by the errors and shortcomings of Christianity itself?" He admitted that the inhuman aspect of Marxism could not be denied. "But this does not altogether preclude there being major positive values in Communism to which Christianity of the Nineteenth Century ought to have been open, and to which Christianity must all the while remain receptive today."

A similar plea emanated from a most unexpected quarter, the semi-official Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*, which recommended Catholics being taught to collaborate with Marxists for the common good. Communism, it was urged, had changed dramatically since the time of Lenin and of Stalin; and there was now no reason why the Church, if only because of its humanitarian aspect, should not regard it as an ally. Old differences between them were disappearing, and the Church should now recognize, as more than one Western European government was on the point of doing, that Communism had a vital part to play in helping to shape the future.

Traditionalists eyed these advances with no little alarm. As they saw it, a door was being opened by which Marxist elements could enter into their stronghold; and those fears increased when Communist and Vatican officials showed signs of entering into a partnership that had hitherto been unthinkable.

Prelates whose names might be known to the public, the ever serviceable Suenens, Wildebrands, Bea, and Konig of Vienna, exhibited a readiness to walk hand-in-hand with agents hot from Moscow, who, but a short time before, had ridiculed the Church's claim to moral sovereignty over the minds of men. Nothing now was said of that claim by either side. Instead a list of everyday details, which maintained a steady growth over the years, showed how atheistic and orthodox spokesmen were passing from dialogue into a series of friendly exchanges.

Archbishop Casaroli, acting as middleman between the Vatican and the satellite States, flew in a Red airliner to the Soviet capital. He and members of the Central Committee raised glasses together in the Kremlin. He dined with KGB officers in Bulgaria and later in Czechoslovakia. The secular Press circulated such items as proof that the Church had at last come down from its pedestal and was accepting democracy; and the nervousness previously felt by traditionalists became downright fear when Paul VI, between the years 1967 and 1978, by his own words and actions, gave evidence of that very definite shift in Vatican policy.

Let us telescope and summarize the illusive events of that time.

Local armed risings in Africa were everywhere on the increase, and the Pope supported those movements even when they not infrequently led to the massacre of women and children. By a surprising turn-about he said that the Christians in those parts

were the terrorists, and the Whites the latter had displaced had always exerted an influence that was bad. When the Reds finally took over the provinces of Mozambique and Angola he hailed them as legitimate representatives of the people and expressed a personal desire to meet some of the guerrilla leaders.

Three of them, Amilcar Cabral, Agostino Neto and Marcellino dos Santos, accordingly went to the Vatican, where there was a kissing of hands as the Pope gave them a letter expressing *de facto* recognition of their Communist regime. But he was less forthcoming when a deputation showed him pictures, some revolting, of murderous activities carried out by West African terrorists. Skeptical journalists exchanged knowing looks when he made very obvious efforts to put them aside.

Equally surprising was the affectionate respect he confessed for Obote of Uganda, who had a long record of violence behind him and who is, at the moment of writing, still in the news as being a more bloodthirsty tyrant than the overthrown Amin. The Blacks of Uganda were actually urged by the Pope—it must be the first call of its kind ever to issue from such a quarter—to take up arms against the Whites.

In Algiers, many of the half-million Catholics there, under Monsignor Duval, were slaughtered when the overwhelming Moslem population turned against them. Duval abandoned his charges and joined their enemies, an act of betrayal that was rewarded by Pope Paul creating him a Prince of the Church.

Another puzzling situation occurred in Spain at a time when the shooting of police by Basque gunmen was at a startlingly high level. Five of the gunmen were caught and sentenced to death. It was a time of grief for Pope Paul, who called the executions that followed “a homicidal act of repression”. He offered special prayers, but only for the murderers. Their victims were never mentioned.

Thus encouraged by Rome, there was an upsurge of Communism in Mexico and in Latin American states. Monsignor Ignacio de Leon, speaking for the Mexican bishops, declared that his Church had shown itself to be useless in the face of social problems. Most fair-minded people will agree that it probably had. But no better example had been shown by the Marxism he openly preached from the pulpit.

Cardinal Henriquez celebrated a *Te Deum* in his cathedral when Salvador Allende, who boasted of being atheist, became President of Chile. Many Catholics swayed by the hierarchy had used their votes to help him to power. The name of Christ was now rarely heard in those once highly orthodox countries, except when it was used to invite a depreciatory comparison with such luminaries as Lenin and Mao Tse Tung. The revolutionary Fidel Castro of Cuba was honored as a man “inspired by God”.

Causes that excite suspicion are sometimes covered by euphemistic terms, and observers who were alarmed by Pope Paul’s political leanings were liable to be assured that he was following “a policy of expansionism”. But whatever their nature, his sympathies certainly extended over a wide area. He confessed to feeling close spiritual ties with Red China. He sent his accredited diplomatic agent to the Communist government in Hanoi. He voiced support for the atheistic regimes in Yugoslavia and Cuba. He entered into talks with the Russian-controlled government of Hungary. But he was less cordial in his relations with a traditionally orthodox country such as Portugal.

His presence there in May 1967 excited comment, both on account of the almost casual arrangements he made for meeting the Catholic President, Salazar, and the way in which (as one of his closest colleagues remarked) he practically mumbled when celebrating the Mass that marked the climax of his visit.

It had been taken for granted that he would welcome a meeting with Lucia dos Santos, the last survivor of the three children who, in 1917, witnessed the apparitions, the strange phenomena that accompanied them, at the small town of Fatima. But the Pope put her aside with a testy: “Now now, later.” As an after thought he referred her to a bishop.

A different kind of reception was accorded to Claudia Cardinale and Gina Lollobrigida, when the Pope received them at the Vatican. They were certainly not dressed in the approved way for a papal audience; and the crowd who had assembled to gape at the “stars” expressed admiration for the Holy Father’s broad-mindedness.

This would seem to be the place to introduce a report that reached me by way of a M. Maurice Guignard, a former student of the Society of Jesus at the College of St. Francis de Sales, Evreux, Normandy. The report dated August 7, 1972, originated from a body of the defense of the Faith, of Waterloo Place, Hanover. It was drawn up “out of obedience” to orders given by Father Arrupe, Superior-General of the Society, and it was the work of Father Saenz Arriaga, Doctor of Philosophy and of Canon Law.

Apart from those influential Jesuits, it was substantiated and countersigned by the following members of the Society:

Cardinal Danielou, the story of whose mysterious death in 1974 is told in part seven of this book.

Father Grignottes, private secretary and confessor to Father Arrupe.

Father de Bechillon, former Rector of Evreux.

Father de Lestapis, formerly of Evreux and for some time in charge of Radio Vatican broadcasts.

Father Bosc, formerly professor at Evreux and professor of Sociology at the University of Mexico.

Father Galloy, member of the faculty of the College of Lyons.

Dealing with the past of Paul VI, it states that from 1936 to 1950 he was prominent in a vast network of espionage that covered some of the countries, on both sides, involved in the Second World War.

It goes on to say that he was a principal shareholder, with a Maronite Archbishop, of a chain of brothels in Rome. He found the money for various films, such as the erotic *Temptations of Marianne*, which he financed on condition that the leading role was given to a certain actress named Patricia Novarini. When not working at the movie studio, this young lady performed as a strip-tease artist in the Crazy Horse Saloon, an exclusive night-club in Rome.

The tolerance accorded to film stars was, however, withheld from those who refused, even at great cost to themselves, to compromise with the Russians. One such as Cardinal Slipyi who, as Patriarch of the Ukrainian Church, had witnessed the deaths, deportation, or the unexplained disappearance of some ten million of his fellow Catholics. He was ultimately arrested and spent some years in prison.

When released, he cried out against “traitors in Rome” who were co-operating with those who had

been his oppressors. “I still carry on my body the marks of the terror,” he exclaimed to those who, like Pope Paul, were suddenly afflicted with deafness. The Pope, in fact, refused to recognize him as patriarch; and from then on Slipyi encountered a surprising number of obstacles and harassments at every turn.

3.

It was only to be expected that the Vatican’s attitude would, sooner or later, be reflected by a similar change of heart among the people of Rome; and elections held there in 1978 brought about a result that would once have been regarded as a catastrophe, but which now passed as commonplace. For the newly returned President was Sandro Pertini, a life-long member of the Communist Party who soon introduced measures that affected every sphere in the hitherto settled precincts of Italian family life.

Many Catholics, influenced by the friendly relationship that had existed between the Red leaders and Good Pope John, gave their votes to Pertini.

Traditionalists called to mind the directions given by the Marquis de Franquerie in *L’infallibilit  Pontificale* to those who were planning to infiltrate the Church: “Let us popularize vice through the masses. Whatever their five senses strive after it shall be satisfied.... Create hearts full of vice and you will no longer have any Catholics.” **[H: In other words “If it feels good, go for it!”]** And now, as the Marquis had rightly anticipated, a general breakdown occurred in every social grade and every department of life; from junior schools to factories, on the streets, and in the home.

Murders increased, as did the kidnapping of wealthy people who were held to ransom. Crime and chaos flourished as a barrage of anti-police propaganda weakened the law. The prevailing axiom, and not only among the young, was that “anything goes”. Pornography flourished. The hammer-and-sickle emblem was painted on church doors, and scrawls ridiculing priests, the Church and religion in general appeared on walls and hoardings.

The Pope’s reaction to this did not surprise those who were already dismayed by his pro-Communist views. He invited Pertini to the Vatican where, it was discovered, the two men had so much in common that their meeting was afterwards described by the Pope as having been emotional. “The encounter brought us very close,” he said. “The eminent visitor’s words were simple, profound and full of solicitude for the welfare of man, for all humanity.”

In the same year Giulio Argan became Mayor of Rome. He too was a hardened Communist, and his election provided further proof of the way in which the political pendulum was swinging in Italy. Pope Paul, expressing satisfaction with the turn of events, looked forward to working with the mayor in a spirit of “desire, confidence and anticipated gratitude”.

We have so far given instances of the Pope’s personal commitment to Marxist principles. And that he was by no means averse to compromising with or surrendering the Church’s doctrine was proved by the way he handled the case of Alighiero Tondi, a priest who left the Church and became an ardent worker for Moscow.

Tondi married Carmen Zanti, whom he chose as being the possessor of a “melancholy look and sweet voice”. Tondi had never been dispensed from his former vows, but Pope Paul had no difficulty in declaring that his marriage, void of any religious form, was canonically valid.

Meanwhile Carmen had used her voice to such good effect that she was elected to the Soviet Chamber of Deputies, and afterwards to the Senate. Then, both KGB agents, they went to Berlin where Carmen, who was obviously more pushing than Tondi (who was experiencing qualms of conscience) became the leader of the Women's' Communist organization.

Tondi, who never quite forgot his ordination, was suffering a premature dread of hell fire and wished to return to the Church. Nothing could be easier, said the not-at-all-squeamish Pope Paul. He removed the ban of excommunication from the penitent, assured him that he had no need to recant, and declared that his marriage was still perfectly valid.

The fact of Communism having been given "a human face", and by no less a legislator than the Head of the Church, was not without effect on other countries. When the National Committee of Catholic Action for Workers met in France, it was attended by seven card-carrying members of the Communist Party. The French Bishops overlooked their anti-national and disruptive tendencies.

In England, Cardinal Hume of Westminster expressed sympathy for movements that challenged the authority of governments opposed to the Left. And in February 1981, Cardinal Gray and his Auxiliary Bishop, Monsignor Monaghan, leaders of the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, called on Catholics to support Amnesty International, a movement that, under the banner of Human Rights, gave what help it could, moral and otherwise, to agitators who, in several parts of the world, worked for the overthrow of established order.

Dissatisfied elements within the Church, who had weaker voices and no clenched fist to emphasize their protest, soon discovered that they had no right of appeal against the imposition of what, to them, was a more deadly danger than heresy. A spokesman for traditional Catholics in America, Father Gommar de Parrw, explained their bewilderment to the Vatican and begged for guidance. His letter was not even acknowledged. When it was announced that a congress of Spanish priests for the defense of the Mass would be held at Saragossa, an edict issued by Pope Paul at almost the last minute prevented the meeting.

4.

The once proudly independent colors of the Catholic Church were hauled perceptibly lower when Pope Paul entered into "dialogue" with the World Council of Churches.

At that time, 1975, more than two hundred and seventy religious organizations of various kinds were grouped under the Council, and it soon became clear that it stood for the liberation theories that had been introduced by John XXIII and since furthered by Paul VI. It had funds to spare for subversive movements in what is called the Third World, so that even our Press was forced to complain of the support it handed out.

Its gifts were not niggardly. For instance, as the *Daily Express* deplored, 45,000 pounds had gone to terrorists who were responsible for the massacre of White women, children and missionaries; and the Anglican *Church Times* remarked that the World Council of Churches "has developed a political bias recognizably Marxist in its preference for a revolution of a Leftward character."

The Catholic Church had always stood apart from the World Council. But the advent of Ecumenism had changed all that, and the Council's dangerous tendencies were made light of in order to foster harmony between the different religions.

Pope Paul, acclaimed as being always ready to move with the times, was willing to see eye to eye with the council. But he had to move warily, as Catholic opinion throughout the world had, so far, been well trained to resist any encroachment upon its rights and its historical claim.

So when asked whether an alliance could be effected, he returned a diplomatic "not yet". But he showed where his sympathies were by following that up with a personal gift of 4,000 pounds to further the Council's work and its aid to guerrillas.

The present Pope, John Paul II, had announced his intention of renewing negotiations with the pro-terrorists.

5.

There is a more sinister note on which to end this summary of Pope Paul's intransigence.

The name of a self-confessed devil worshipper, Cardonnel, is practically unknown here; but in other countries his writings excited a variety of feelings ranging from awed admiration to horror in those who read them.

As a member of the Dominican Order, he was given permission to speak in Paris Notre-Dame in mid-Lent 1968. Listeners were struck by his rabid anti-Christian expressions, on account of which he was called "le theologian de la more Dieu" (the God's death theologian). He boasted of the title, left his Order and finally the Church, and became a hardened devil-worshipper. In a typical outburst he likened the Christian God to Stalin, to a beast, and finally to Satan.

Pope Paul admired his work; and although he ignored requests from Catholics who wished to safeguard their religion, he made a special point of writing to Cardonnel, congratulating him and sending good wishes.

[END QUOTING PART 8, CHAPTERS 1-5 (CONTACT PART 11)]

Comments: It is indeed responsible on your part as readers to read this objectively and consider how far away from "truly Christian" ideals and attitudes (that means "Christ-like", by the way) you have allowed drifting. Surely you have no trouble realizing that there is truth in these pages for, after all, what are the MAJOR problems within "THE" Church these days of child molestation, etc. Well, come on, students, **THE CHURCH was never a "Christian" enterprise.** It simply bore the name to fool the masses (Pun intended).

Any time you have "SECRET SOCIETIES" and "SECRET RITUALS" prevailing and even yet including "ordinary people", you HAVE TROUBLE IN RIVER CITY EVEN IF THERE ARE NO TROMBONES OR EVEN A RIVER.

We now have a quite new publication which has been sent for our consideration and highly recommended by one we consider highly qualified for comments. We will decide later as to how best share a bit of it.

The question comes: Do you have to bash everything? Yes, when it is WRONG and is of the LIE. It is not bashing, it is simply presenting information—you decide Truth.

Another question often asked: "This is rather old material and therefore why keep hounding on it?"

AS LONG AS THE JEWS KEEP HOUNDING ON THE HOLOCAUST AND EXAGGERATING IT EVERY YEAR ON AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION HIT, WE SHALL SHARE WHAT COMES INTO OUR ATTENTION SO THAT YOU ARE NOT TOTALLY MISLEAD BY THE "INTERESTING"

MOVIES SET TO BECOME DOCUMENTARIES WHEN RIGHT UP FRONT THE AUTHORS AND DIRECTORS HAVE STATED IT IS "FICTION".

How do you KNOW that Satan is at work? BECAUSE SATAN (LUCIFER) IS THE KING OF DECEIT AND THE PRINCE OF CONFUSION. And people: YOU ARE CONFUSED IN ALMOST EVERY ARENA KNOWN TO MAN.—GCH

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GCH—RE: THE BROKEN CROSS; The Hidden Hand in the Vatican, by Piers Compton: BOOK PART 9, CHAPTERS 1-3 [CONTACT PART 12]

[QUOTING:]

PART 9

O change beyond report, thought, or belief!—Milton 1.

The following section has been written with some misgivings. For on the one hand it leads up in a subsequent part to events that are startling, obscene, desecrating, which have taken place in buildings consecrated by ritual and by history, that the still-practicing Catholic may prefer to ignore. While on the other hand it deals with the Church's teaching on the Mass, or rather, on what the Church taught about the Mass when it still spoke with an authority that was recognized even by those who refused to accept it.

It is therefore necessary—to clear the understanding of those who may not have been acquainted with that teaching—to glance at essential aspects concerning it.

The Mass was not merely a service. It was the central act in the Church's life, a great mystery by which bread and wine were consecrated and so became the actual body and blood of Christ. It was the sacrifice of Calvary enacted over again, an earnest of the salvation effected by Christ who was there, under the sacred species of bread ('This is my Body') and wine, upon the altar.

Whenever a Catholic found himself in strange surroundings the Mass was there as a rallying point for his worship. So it had been, with but a few minor alterations, for Latin Catholics from the earliest Christian centuries (beginning, roughly, from the Seventh Century) on record. And so it would remain, the Church taught and the faithful believed, until the end of time, a bulwark against error that inspired an air of sanctity—or impressive hanky-panky, call it what you will—that was recognized by devotee and disbeliever alike.

Typical of those who knew this was the Liberal and Protestant Augustine Birrell, 1850-1933, who was sometime Secretary for Ireland. 'It is the Mass that matters,' he said. 'It is the Mass that makes the difference, so hard to define, between a Catholic country and a Protestant one, between Dublin and Edinburgh.'

The unique quality of what may be called in pedestrian terms a landmark in religion has always influenced the plans of those who set out to overcome the Church. The Mass has always stood in their path, a stumbling block that had to be demolished before their attack could make headway. It was denigrated as a base superstition, a mere operation of the hands, accompanied by words, that deceived the over-credulous. The assault against it was heaviest and partly

successful in the Sixteenth Century; and when the Church recovered its breath it called a Council that took its name from the little town of Trent, which later became an Italian province, where the principles of the counter-Reformation were defined. And those principles took shape, largely, as a defense of the focal point that had never been lost sight of—the Mass.

It was codified by Pius V, the future saint who had started life as a shepherd boy and who, in keeping with Rome's verdict that Henry VIII's marriage to Anne Boleyn had been invalid, declared that their child, the English Queen Elizabeth I, was therefore both heretic and bastard. And from then on the echoes of his firm, uncompromising yet always dignified thunder had lived on in association with the old Romanesque cathedral of Trent, the place that gives its name, Tridentine, to the order of the Mass that was intended to pass into general use for the whole Church and for all time.

The Missal he drew up and in which this was decreed leaves no doubt as to that: 'At no time in the future can a priest ever be forced to use any other way of saying Mass. And in order once and for all to preclude any scruples of conscience and fear of ecclesiastical penalties and censures, we declare herewith that it is by virtue of our Apostolic authority that we decree and prescribe that this present order of ours is to last in perpetuity and never at a future date can it be revoked or legally amended.'

The decree specifically warned 'All persons in authority, of whatever dignity or rank, Cardinals not excluded, and to command them as a matter of strict obedience never to use or permit any ceremonies and Mass prayers other than those contained in this Missal.'

This was repeated, as though to make doubly clear even to those who were already converted, that he was speaking as Pope: 'And so this Council reaches the true and genuine doctrine about this venerable and divine Sacrifice of the Eucharist—the doctrine which the Catholic Church has always held and which She will hold until the end of the world, as She learned it from Christ Our Lord Himself, from the Apostles and from the Holy Ghost.'

Few Papal assertions have been more explicit. The Mass, as generally known, was to be preserved, unaltered and unalterable for all time. But Cardinal Bugnini, who had gone on clinging to the office after his membership of a secret society had become known, and Paul VI, who affected to be unaware of any such revelation, made short work of Pope St. Pius V's pronouncement.

It later became known that some twenty years before Vatican Two made pulp of the traditional Mass book, a priest-professor had been detailed to draw up plans for gradual liturgical changes; while in December 1963 the Council introduced new practices and a new phraseology that at first made little impact on the public.

But now Pope Paul and Cardinal Bugnini, assisted by Cardinal Lercaro, went straight ahead with the assistance of non-Catholics whom they called 'authoritative experts of sacred theology'.

2.

The experts called in to amend the Most Holy Sacrament of the Catholic Church comprised one or two Protestants; Canon Ronald Jasper; Robert McAfee Brown, a Presbyterian; Brother Thurion who was a Lutheran; a Calvinist, a Rabbi and a certain Joachim Jeremias; a one-time Professor of Gottingen University who denied the divinity of Christ.

Bugnini said that they were merely present as observers, that they had no voice when the changes were discussed. But apart from the fact that they claimed to have played an active part in the Concilium, that they commented upon it and made suggestions, one need only ask—why, without some set purpose, were they ever invited to participate?

Whatever this very mixed bag decided, said Pope Paul, would be 'in accordance with God's will'. It was also intended to correspond to the temper of 'modern man'. And what emerged from their deliberations was a *Novus Ordo* (New Mass) missal, a veritable sign of the times which meant that the era of a 'Mini-Mass', and of 'pop' music in Church, with all the profanities it led to, was about to begin.

Such innovations extracted a blind obedience from those who believed that conformity to whatever was said and done by the priesthood, especially in church, was a virtue. Some who questioned the changes were told not to presume any further. It was said to be contumacious and displeasing to God; while the fact that many were resolute in opposing the changes and turned their backs upon the *Novus Ordo*; called forth the charge that they were in mortal sin and inflicting another wound on the loving Father who was waiting to welcome them.

After all, the Vatican and its spokesman-in-chief, Pope Paul, had approved the changes. A revolution had been achieved, and it was all for the good. The old Roman Missal had become a back number. The progressives were cock-a-hoop. And now they proceeded to pass beyond their original objective and pressed forward.

A number of what may at first appear to be minor practices came under their scrutiny. Genuflecting and kneeling to receive Holy Communion were found to be unnecessary. One entering a church, the interior of which had long been familiar, suffered a shock when it was seen that the perhaps priceless Travertine altar had been replaced by a table at which the priest, who was now sometimes called the president, faced the people and in a clumsy vernacular instead of the old verbal music (for Latin has always been hated by the enemies of the Church) invited the congregation to join in a 'repast'.

The manner of receiving Communion now differed greatly. The Host might be given into the hand as was evidenced when Pope Paul celebrated a New Mass at Geneva. A number of Hosts were passed to a girl who was standing conveniently near, and these she distributed into the hands, sometimes grubby or sticky, of those about her, or into the hand of any chance looker-on who came up to see what was being given away.

Another method was to place the one-time Sacred Elements in a chalice and then invite the people to come forward and help themselves. An extra relish could be given to the bread by dunking it in the wine. It had hitherto been out of the question for non-Catholics to receive Communion at Mass. But Pope Paul introduced a new 'updating' by permitting a self-confessed Presbyterian lady, Miss Barberina Olsen, to receive the wafer.

His example was followed. First Cardinal Bea, and after him Cardinal Willebrands, empowered their Bishops to issue an open invitation; and then Cardinal Suenens, at the close of a Congress at Medellion in Columbia, called on all and sundry to come forward with open mouth or ready hand.

A more decisive battle was fought out in Rome where Bugnini's New Mass was celebrated in the Sistine Chapel. A large majority of the prelates who were present voted against it. The actual numbers were seventy-eight in favor, two hundred and seven against. The orthodox Cardinal Ottaviani, who never lost caste, examined the text of the vandalized version and found that it contained some twenty heresies.

'The New Mass,' he said, 'departs radically from Catholic doctrine and dismantles all defenses of the Faith.' The same sentiment was expressed by Cardinal Heenan of Westminster: 'The old boast that the Mass is everywhere the same... is no longer true.'

Ottaviani was head of the Holy Office which exercised guardianship over faith and morals. Pope Paul clamped down upon the office and clipped the Cardinal's claws; and he was so annoyed by the adverse vote that he forbade the New Mass ever to be the subject of a ballot again. From then on it was given official but not popular sanction. Thousands of people, who would not tolerate a form of the Mass that was less dignified than the Protestant Communion service, either left or stopped going to church. Many priests followed suit. Those who stood by the incontrovertible ruling of Pius V on the Mass were threatened with suspension or even excommunication.

One of the first to be declared anathema for observing the old Mass was a priest who was somewhat remote from the scenes of tension, a Father Carmona of Acapulco, in Mexico. Bishop Ackermann of Covington, America, when faced with a number of orthodox and therefore recalcitrant priests in his diocese, lamented helplessly: 'What can I do? I can't throw them into jail.' Their doubts were embodied in a question that was left for Pope Paul to answer—whether the introduction of the New Mass was the beginning of an age of new darkness on the Earth, or the harbinger of an unprecedented crisis within the Church?

He refused to answer. And the same wall of silence was encountered by a deputation of priests who begged for a return to the traditional Mass; while thousands from several parts of Europe who went to Rome with the same purpose in mind were turned away.

Those who brought about the changes had not been working blindly. They had followed a plan in conformance with the secret design that furnishes the theme of these pages. They now had the future in their hands, and the confident way in which they accepted this was made clear by an article in *L'Osservatore Romano*, which depicted the pretty hopeless future awaiting those priests who braved the wrath of the Vatican by carrying out the duties for which they had been trained. They would, said the article, become 'headless, autonomous priests facing an arid, squalid life. No sheltered future, no promotion to the hierarchy, no expectation of a pension at the end of their ministry.'

One who had been most zealous in promoting the changes sang their praises in the following terms: 'It is a different liturgy of the Mass. We want to say it plainly. The Roman rite as we knew it exists no more. It has gone. Some walls of the structure have fallen, others have been altered. We can look at it now as a ruin or as the particular foundation of a new building. We must not weep over ruins or dream of a historical reconstruction. Open new ways, or we shall be condemned as Jesus condemned the Pharisees.'

Pope Paul was equally extreme in approving the findings of the Second Vatican Council's commission on the Liturgy: 'The old rite of the Mass is in fact the expression of a warped ecclesiology.'

Reading that, some may have been reminded of the old Coronation Oath that ran as follows:

'I vow to change nothing of the received tradition and nothing thereof I found before me guarded by my God-pleasing predecessors, to encroach, to alter, or permit any innovation therein.

'To the contrary; with glowing affection to reverently safeguard the passed-on good with my whole strength and my utmost effort.

'To cleanse all that is in contradiction with canonical order that may surface.

'To guard the whole canons and decrees of our Popes likewise as divine ordinances of heaven, because I am conscious of Thee, whose place I take through the grace of God.

'If I should undertake to act in anything of contrary sense, or permit that it will be executed, Thou wilt not be merciful to me on the dreadful day of Divine Justice.

'Accordingly, without exclusion, we subject to severest excommunication anyone—be it myself or be it another—who would dare to undertake anything new in contradiction to this constituted evangelical tradition and the purity of the orthodox Faith and the Christian religion, or would seek to change anything by his opposing efforts, or would concur with those who undertake such blasphemous venture.'

Whenever this oath may have been taken at the time of a coronation, I know not. But its principles, until the Roncalli era, were tacitly accepted and endorsed as a conventional part of Papal observance.

For instance, one of the greatest and most gifted of the Popes, Pius II (1458-64) in his Bull *Execrabilis*, repeated a law that was endorsed through the centuries and accepted, without modification, by what has always been referred to as the magisterium of the Church: 'Any Council called to make drastic change in the Church is beforehand decreed to be void and annulled.'

But Paul VI, the friend of Communists, who collaborated with the anarchist, Alinsky and with the Mafia gangster, Sindona, issued his own statement of policy which appeared in *L' Osservatore Romano* on April 22, 1971, English edition:

'We moderns, men of our own day, wish everything to be new. Our old people, the traditionalists, the conservatives, measured the value of things according to their enduring quality. We, instead, are actualists, we want everything to be new all the time, to be expressed in a continually improvised and dynamic unusual form.'

It was raving of this sort (reminiscent of Peter Simple's sarcasm in *The Daily Telegraph*) that led to the introduction of eatables "such as roast beef, jellies and hot dogs, washed down by draughts of Coca-Cola, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and to nuns clicking their heels and twisting their bodies in a kind of *carmagnole* to mark the Offertory.

'Anti-Christ,' said Hilaire Belloc in 1929, 'will be a man.'

But perhaps the most ludicrous justification of the change was put forward by one of our most 'progressive' Bishops, who said to the present writer: 'The New Mass got off to a ringing start yesterday. The guitars were going all over my diocese.'

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The doctrinal and liturgical changes in the Church were not long in showing the effects that the conservatives had forecast; and startling though many of them were, they still remain largely unknown even to people who live in the countries where they occurred.

It used to be looked back upon as an outrage of the most extreme order when, during the French Revolution, a harlot was hoisted on to the altar of Notre Dame where she was crowned and worshipped as the Goddess of Reason; or when Chartres Cathedral was on the point of being converted into a Temple of Reason.

But such things pale into insignificance when compared with the desecrations and obscenities that have taken place, often with the approval of prelates, in some of the most revered Catholic ministers on both sides of the Atlantic.

There was a marked falling off from established ritual when such things as a communal supper took the place of a solemn Mass; when the priest, armed with a bread knife, had a large loaf placed in front of him which he proceeded to cut into chunks, helping the others and then himself until a general munching of jaws showed their appreciation of the Body of Christ. Such suppers, served in a parishioner's house, became a regular feature of Dutch family life. Sometimes the 'lady of the house', instead of a priest, officiated at Mass that was served in her 'best room'.

There were not a few places where the traditional office of priest was taken over by a woman, who walked among the congregation giving out the Sacrament to any who stood with gaping mouth and a nauseous display of tongue and teeth. Sometimes it was placed in the sweaty hand of a child, or between the trembling fingers and palm of a geriatric who promptly dropped it on the floor, where it could be trampled; or it might be self-administered.

One small girl came away from Mass in one of the more 'advanced' quarters of Holland saying that she had learnt more there than she ever had through seeing her brother in a bath. For the altar-boy, who in England would have passed for a fourth-grader, had been naked.

Pope Paul, determined not to lag behind in the scurry for progress, signed a special edict whereby any who cared to help themselves to the Blood of Christ could suck it up through a straw. In that way some churches came to resemble a coffee bar, especially when the blare of a discotheque issued from the sanctuary, together with the shouting, strumming and stamping of feet that accompany the celebration of a jazz Mass, a beat and a 'yeah-yeah' Mass. There were teenage Masses where, instead of the sacramental Bread and Wine, hot dogs, buns and Coca-Cola were served. At others, whisky and cream crackers took the place of the elements. Some priests found the wearing of an alb inconvenient when saying Mass and so resorted to shirt-sleeves.

The new freedom offered a chance for political extremists to advertise their usually Left-wing tenets. One of the foremost seminaries in Canada was sold to Chinese Reds who tore out the tabernacle and put in its place a portrait of the wholesale murderer Mao Tse Tung. It later became a training center for revolutionary street fighters.

In September 1971 the Catholic school at Vald'Or, Abitibi, Quebec, initiated a new game for

boys. It consisted of spitting at the figure of Christ on the cross—and the one who covered the face with the biggest spit was declared winner. This was reported in the French-Canadian paper *Vers Demain* in September 1971.

In one South American province where disturbances rarely died down a local Bishop Casaldaliga came out on the side of the Russian-inspired insurgents. He adopted the rough-and-ready garb of a guerrilla, complete with cartridge belt, and went on preaching and officiating at Mass under the name he gave himself, Monsignor Hammer and Sickle.

But a truly sinister scene was enacted at the basilica of St. Maria de Guadalupe in Mexico City where a goat was sacrificed in front of the high altar. Now it is not only the fact of an animal being killed—and in church—that excites comment. It seems to have called for none from the people there present who gaped, were astonished and then walked away no doubt concluding that it was all part of the new order within the Church. And so it was. But Archbishop Gomez, who had charge of the basilica, knew more.

Traders were quick to seize upon it as a good stunt, and Rita Mary's vehicles were soon joined by others offering a more material tip: 'With Jesus on your side you can be a more successful businessman.'

Still keeping to America, there was a gathering at Stubenville, Ohio, in July 1976, at which a thousand priests endorsed a novel intention to 'de-clericalise the ministry', which meant, in effect, putting themselves out of work. They were advised to get ready for the collapse of the social order; then, after prayers, some discovered that they had been given the gift of healing. A general laying on of hands followed, and from that the mixed congregation, amid shouting, fell to hugging and kissing each other.

Bursts of spontaneous affection, as we shall see, were fast becoming a feature of the New Mass, as also was a growing obsession with sex. The 'exploration of touch', referring to bodies, became a new kind of worship.

At a meeting in Philadelphia where Cardinal Wright and eight of his Bishops were present, the main speaker, Father Gallagher, told his audience that 'touching is crucial'. And it may be assumed that many suppressed instincts found a relief that had long been clamored for in the words that followed: 'Do not hold hands sexlessly.' The nine prelates conveyed smiles and blessings to the 'love in', as such displays of emotion were coming to be called, that followed.

A variation on the same theme was heard at the National Pastoral Congress at Liverpool in 1980 where a declaration was passed that, much to the surprise of a representative English audience, deified the most taken-for-granted of their marital acts: 'During sexual intercourse a man and his wife create Christ': a statement that sounds suspiciously like Aleister Crowley's words, that 'sexual organs are the image of God'.

The latest excursion into the realm of ecclesiastical nonsense (January 1982) has been made by Bishop Leo McCartie, the Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham. Let Rastafarians, he urged, the mostly young Blacks who wear woolly caps and plait their hair into strings, be given the use of church premises. They worship the late Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia as the true god, they believe that Christ was Black, and they smoke cannabis as part of their religious ritual.

The Bishop admits that the Church could not condone the smoking of cannabis on its premises, *but only because it is against the law* (my emphasis). But Rastafarianism, he goes on, is a valid religious experience, and its followers use cannabis like a sacrament 'which is comparable to the chalice or communion cup in Christian worship'. So now we know.

Let us take a few more instances of what the modernistic trend has achieved in America, all, let it be remembered, without calling forth more than an isolated protest, here and there, from any of the hierarchy. Moreover it was all approved by Pope Paul as was shown by the presence of his official representative who passed on Papal greetings to those who dressed up, cavorted and made irreligious idiots of themselves to demonstrate the new freedom.

For the past two years, on June the 28th, St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York has been the finishing point of what is known to ecclesiastical and secular authorities alike as a Gay Parade. In 1981 an estimated crowd of 50,000 marched up Fifth Avenue, led by a figure with a whitened face and wearing a frilly ankle-length dress and a bonnet, who spun up and down the road and pavement in front of the cathedral on roller-skates. At least one of the lookers-on recognized the figure as being that of a reputable Wall Street broker.

An individual who was hailed as the Grand Marshal of the Parade then stepped from a black limousine, performed clown-like on the steps then, delicately holding a bouquet of pansies, made as if to enter the front door. By that time a Mr. McCauley, who practiced as a New York attorney, already sickened by what he had seen, snatched the flowers and threw them in the faces of those who swarmed after the Marshal. A scuffle broke out and police led the objector away.

It took two hours for the parade to pass a given point and gather about the cathedral. Some were dressed as priests, others were nuns; some were wearing black leather and chains. There was a group called Dignity and another known as the North American Man-Boy Love Association. They carried a large sign announcing that 'Man-Boy Love is Beautiful', the older members walking arm-in-arm with boys whose average age was about thirteen, and some of whom wore bathing suits.

The Gay Socialists carried a red banner and shouted their hatred of God and the Church as they marched. But their frenzy was more than matched by that of the Gay Militant Atheists who roared in unison: 'Smash the Church! Death to the Church!' Another cry of 'Smash the State!' showed that the real driving power behind the demonstration was making itself heard.

Then came an interlude as a male in a nun's habit and trailing a cross upside down executed a dance, accompanied by obscene gestures, for a full half-hour. That was followed by a group that came forward and made as if to light a candle at the cathedral door. By then Mr. McCauley had returned. He renewed his protest, asked the police to stop the outrageous performances and was promptly arrested.

The homosexuals then proceeded to drape a large banner about the barricades they had erected at the front steps of the cathedral. A captain of the City Fire Department then came forward and asked a police officer to intervene. The officer turned his back, whereupon the Fire Chief seized the banner, rolled it up and threw it on the ground.

The yelling mob swarmed over him. He was pulled down, his jacket was torn from his back, blows rained upon him, his fingers were seized and bent in an effort to break them, his legs were forced apart and hands reached for and grabbed his genitals. When he could speak, he told the police officer that he wished to press charges against those who had attacked him. The policeman sneered. 'Come back tomorrow at the same time and see if you can recognize them.' When the Fire Chief persisted, the policeman gripped his revolver so tightly and menacingly that his knuckles were seen to whiten.

Only two people were arrested, Mr. McCauley and the Fire Chief, both for disorderly conduct. They later heard the charges against them being framed. One police official said: 'Say that you saw him assault someone.' Another said: 'Put in that he broke through the police line.'

Meanwhile the parade was going on, with the cathedral front being emblazoned with provocative signs and banners, one announcing that 'Jesus was a homosexual'. Doggerel was chanted. 'Two, four, six, eight. Do you know if your kids are straight?' Finally a flag was hung from the cathedral door. It was designed like the American flag, except that in place of the stars, sex symbols and representations of the penis were substituted.

The demonstrators, followed by a large crowd, made their way to Central Park, where they engaged in a free-for-all public exhibition of sex acts. Frightened people who had gone to the cathedral in search of consolation or quiet bunched together throughout the afternoon in side chapels and corners. When approached on the matter, the members of the Diocesan Curia said there had been nothing to complain about.

In Virginia a priest drove a Volkswagen down the aisle of his church to mark Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Later he had a forklift placed in the churchyard and climbed into its basket where he stood waving his arms while being lifted up to commemorate Ascension Day. In Boston, Massachusetts, priests attired as clowns with red hearts decorating their foreheads, scrambled and jostled about a church trying to catch balloons. A priest wearing a singlet and jeans cavorted in church with a girl whose flesh bulged from her leotard.

In this country, one Sunday evening, television went out of its way to show an Auxiliary Bishop processing up the aisle of one of our Catholic cathedrals. He was led to the altar by a young girl who danced and skipped about in front of him like a young horse. The celebration of Holy Mass in another church concluded with the singing of *For He's a Jolly Good Fellow*.

Similar outbreaks occurred even in Latin countries where the mysteries of the Church had long been part of the national consciousness, its blood and bone. For visitors to a church near Grenoble in the Isere department of France, on a day in 1970, were surprised to see that the ornaments and candlesticks were being removed from the altar and that the space before it was cleared. Then ropes were put in place to form a business-like representation of a ring where, according to the bills, an international boxing contest was to take place.

At the appointed time a throng that was far from typical of the usual one seen there, and mostly male, shuffled, stumbled, or made their way arrogantly into the building where some of them had been baptized and

some married. As they acquired a more familiar feeling odds were shouted and bets made, but details of the fight were never recorded. Whether it was won on points, or by a knock-out; who acted as referee or time-keeper, and who plied the sponges; how much the church funds profited from the purse or the takings, none of this appears in the parish register. Neither does a protest from the Bishop.

On a Friday in early December 1974 the coronation church of France, Rheims Cathedral, was given over to a horde of hippies and lay-abouts for one of their all-night sessions. The Archbishop and his clergy, who had obligingly provided the setting, may have noted, with a feeling of envy, as the prematurely-aged youth of the district poured in, that they far exceeded in number those who were seen at High Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.

Cacophony was provided by the Tangerine Orange Group, and when the mixed congregation grew tired of waving their arms and shuffling in time to the uproar, they settled down to an orgy of drugs and hashish smoking.

When this affair became known, angry parishioners demanded that the Cathedral, which occupies a special place in history, should undergo a service of purification.

But their protests were waved aside by Father Bernard Goreau, who held the always questionable post of 'cultural attaché' of the archdiocese. He agreed that the dancers and smokers had been left to their own devices for hours in the Gothic darkness. 'But,' he added, 'things might have been worse.'

Indeed they might. We are told that they only urinated and copulated on the stone floor over which the Kings of old France had passed on the way to their anointing, and where Joan of Arc, holding her blazon, had stood like a soldier home from the war.

Also in France, it was not unknown for a priest to light and smoke a cigarette while saying Mass.

Even Rome was not immune from the sacrilegious parodies that followed the new religious freedom, the opening of the windows of the Church.. The scene of one in 1975 was the classroom of a Roman convent. Pope Paul was present, but the star turn was provided by Fred Ladenius, a gentleman from the Middle West who had acquired celebrity through appearing on Belgian television. He had furthermore been spoken of by an enthusiast as 'the born-again spirit whose God updated the Jesus of 1974 by being the God of 1975'.

Fred set about his task right manfully, stripping off his jacket and giving voice to almost incoherent ravings for which, he said, he was in no way responsible. What they heard were some of the truths he had received, that very morning, from the Lord's mouth. For the Lord spoke and prophesied through him. Fred accompanied these revelations by flinging up his arms so violently that he broke into a sweat. But he was by no means exhausted. He rolled up his shirt-sleeves and invited all those who wished to receive the Lord, to come up 'rapido'.

Fred, though still in a state of undiminished perspiration, waved his hands frantically over the heads of those who accepted the invitation, and accompanied each gesture with a cry of 'Hallelujah!'. At the end of these ministrations the school blackboard was moved to make way for a table on which were placed two chalices, one holding wine and the other wafers of the kind that are used to celebrate Mass.

Then everyone fell into line and followed the example of Fred, who took out a wafer and dipped it in the wine before transferring it to his mouth. The meeting broke up amid more and louder cries of 'Hallelujah!' in which the Pope joined and with further manifestations that the spirit was indeed moving amongst them.

Fred was duly rewarded by being sent for by the Pope, who thanked him warmly for all the good work he was doing for the Church. Fred stayed on in Rome where he acted for a time as the Vicar of Christ's Press Secretary.

In the Church's calendar, one year in every twenty-five is declared to be a Holy Year. It is a time of special pilgrimages, when millions do penance to mark their adherence to the Faith and to obtain what is called the Great Pardon. Throughout that time Rome is seething with visitors from every part of the world, and on the last occasion of a Holy Year being declared in 1975, Pope Paul extended a welcome, couched in the terms of emancipated religion to the 'new generation who had come in search of a liberating and inspiring aid, in search of a new word, a new ideal'.

Those who attended High Mass in St. Peter's on May the 19th, halfway through Holy Year, in expectation of those spiritual advantages, were in no way disappointed. They numbered some ten thousand. Cardinal Suenens officiated at the high altar. Pope Paul was present. Five hundred priests were ranged about them. This is how an experienced Catholic journalist described what happened when the time came to receive Holy Communion:

'It was not uncommon to see what one first thought of as white petals being scattered among the congregation. Only when I could push my way nearer did I realize that they were handfuls of consecrated Hosts, that the Cardinal's hench-priests were scattering among the crowd. ... They fell on the shoulders of men, on the dyed and coverless heads of women and, as was inevitable, not a few fell on the ground and were trampled upon by the crowd.

'I spoke to a lady standing near me who was gobbling a number of them together. I asked her where she came from and was she a Catholic. She came from Egypt, she replied and in fact had no religious persuasion, but her feelings were in favor of Mohammedanism.'

Tape-recorders were held high above the assembly that was fast being galvanized into a state of excitement. Suddenly a voice boomed out through a microphone placed near the altar that God was not only present but was now, in fact, actually speaking, albeit in a strong and nasal American accent—one wonders whether the ubiquitous Fred was in action again?

Then Pope Paul took up the running. He gathered up handfuls of Hosts, pressed them upon people whose mouths were already full of the consecrated species, so that they could only free their hands by passing the Hosts on to others, who either crumpled them up or dropped them on the floor. The Pope, beginning to give an address, had to raise his voice in order to be heard above the growing turmoil to which he added by exclaiming a further anachronistic 'Hallelujah!' and flinging up his arms.

By now some of the people were dancing. Others squatted or huddled on the floor among the trodden fragments of what, those same people had been taught, was the body of Christ. They swayed in time to a low

moaning, an expression of the ecstasy inspired by the occasion, that grew in volume until it filled the basilica.

Still in the same year, a visitor to the church of St. Ignatius, in the street that bears the name of the founder of the Jesuits, in Rome, would have noticed that a heavy curtain was covering the main altar. Moreover, the seats had been turned round as though to indicate that those who attended the service did not wish to be reminded of the lapis lazuli urn containing the relics of St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

A battery of microphones and loud-speakers was in evidence, and through one of these the voice of an Irish-American Jesuit, Father Francis Sullivan, was heard announcing, in the approved style of a follower of General Booth, that they had come together in order to praise the Lord. He went on to hammer home the fact that religion was in a state of flux, that everything was changing and that it was a waste of time to take a nostalgic look back at things that used to be believed. His statements met with the smiling approval of Cardinal Suenens, who could always be relied on to patronize 'way out' effusions.

By now the Romans were getting used to having their faith supervised by oracles from the States; and they listened attentively when a second voice, from the same place of origin as Father Sullivan's, exhorted them to love one another. People who were packing the church, thus encouraged, began to use their eyes, exchange looks, and to sidle alongside the person of their choice. Did they imagine, the voice went on, that the gift of love was a privilege intended for the early Church only? Of course it wasn't!

With that, cries of agreement nearly split the roof, and couples fell into each other's arms, sprawling on the floor, arms and legs flailing, fingers and mouths giving vent to a passion that was no longer fearsomely restrained by their surroundings, but which could now find expression in a freedom akin to that known to lovers in a ditch. Those who were barred, by age or infirmity, from taking part in the spectacle, savored it with a lickerish look, or danced a few steps, or sang the praises of the Host whose house they had turned into a Bedlam. Hallelujah! God was good, and all this showed that churchgoing could now be a joyous event.

At the height of the uproar a friar in the brown garb of St. Francis of Assisi somehow managed to make himself heard. He was in dire physical straits, aware of a strange, mystical and maternal sensation. He felt exactly as Mary had done when conceiving the Son. Full of grace... more applause... and Hallelujah again.

What was left of St. Aloysius in his urn remained silent, as also did St. Ignatius who, as a soldier, had known the cleanly hiss of a sword as it was drawn from its scabbard.

For the sake of providing a still more startling climax, let us look back to the year 1970, when a Progressive Theological Congress was held in a Franciscan church in Brussels. The principle subject discussed, in flat contradiction of the Congress' programme as indicated by its title, was sex, and it was expounded to an almost exclusively youthful gathering.

It was rightly anticipated because of the theme that Cardinal Suenens would be present; apart from which, as Primate of Belgium, he was on his home ground.

The Congress opened with the entry of girls dressed in white and, as they twisted this way and that, waving cords and bits of broken chain to show

that they were free. In an interval after the dancing, pieces of bread and glasses of wine were passed round, followed by grapes and cigarettes. Then, just as the young conference members thought all was over, their eyes were drawn towards the altar from which something was beginning to rise and to take on an unbelievable shape.

It was at first greeted with gasps, then giggles, and finally pandemonium broke loose as the transparent plastic forming the shape was seen to represent a gigantic penis. The delegates screamed themselves hoarse, feeling that it was a challenge to—a recognition of—their virility. It was the sort of climax that had never been imagined and might only figure in the most extravagant of bawdy dreams. The presence of the Cardinal gave a permissive glamour to a setting that they would never again regard with awe.

It is well in place here, as part of our thesis, to look somewhat more closely at the scene that occurred in the Brussels church, and at the word Hallelujah, which has never been in everyday use, as a *spoken* expression of praise, within the Seven Hills. As an offering of praise to Jehovah, it has always been commonly used by religious revivalists rather than by Latins. But now we find Pope Paul using it.

What made him? And why did Cardinal Suenens, before an altar, preside over an amazing exhibition of carnal tomfoolery that many, especially the church-bound, will find difficult or impossible to believe?

There is one explanation. Neither of those named, while wearing the robes, vestments and all the outward signs of Catholic prelacy, were Christian men. They had passed, by preparatory stages, into the highest echelon of occult understanding. They had been tutored, signed for and guaranteed by the Masters of Wisdom in one of the foremost temples where atavistic rites, all with sexual undertones, take the place of religion.

When the adolescent girls shrieked with delighted embarrassment as the large plastic penis rose up before them, Cardinal Suenens knew perfectly well that they were, as he intended, commemorating the heathen god Baal whose name, divided into its Sumerian root words, has several meanings. Among them are lord, master, possessor, or husband, while others refer to a controlling male's penis with its forceful boring and thrusting.

So what the Cardinal arranged for the young, mostly girls, of Brussels, was a show of phallic worship, which symbolizes the generative power contained in the semen, or life juice, which streamed down upon all life and nature from the mighty penis of Baal. An exaggerated phallus was also a symbol of Yesed, the sphere of the Moon, and also of the horned-god Dionysius, or Bacchus.

The praise chant voiced by Pope Paul has its origin in the same fount of heathen worship, as its meaning, again according to its Sumerian construct, refers to the strong water of fecundity, or semen. During the public displays of mass sexual intercourse, which go by the name of fertility rites, this semen, when ejaculated, was caught in the hands of the officiating priests, who held it up for the approval of Yahweh (Jehovah) and then proceeded to smear it upon their bodies.

So much was implied by Pope Paul when he raised his arms and uttered a heart-felt Hallelujah!

[END QUOTING PART 9, CHAPTERS 1-3 (CONTACT PART 12)] 

Doris' Corner

8/12/03—#1 (FIFTH ANNIVERSARY)

TUE, AUG. 12, 2003 10:49 A.M. YR. 16, DAY 361

DJE—RE: CATCH-UP ON PHILIPPINES. ANNIVERSARY (5TH) NOTATION

MORE POTS THAN RAINBOWS

In 1998 on this date we stepped off a Philippine Airline flight from California—into what was a breathlessly hot environment and out into a semi-tunnel to await a cab to bring us to somewhere unknown—The Gilarmi Hotel in Makati City, Metro Manila.

It had been interesting “just” to get to the LA Airport and parked. We left Tehachapi in one of the worst storms to hit that area in recent history. We screeched into the airport parking lot and stashed the car and realized the adventure in somewhat less than Paradise had actually finally gotten underway.

Lawyer Rhoads and Teri York had left a few days prior to our arrival and had, at least, already found accommodations upon which we could “piggy-back”. We had to have two cabs to get us moved from airport to hotel, for there was abundance of “baggage” for a three-weeks-“top” stay—but it was business after all and we filled our “allowance” of “stuff”.

We were accompanied by Rick Martin and Charles Neil, now of *Spectrum* fame to you who know well the stories and odyssey of the ensuing five years to today. I could, yes, go into some repeat of endless memories and perhaps that will at some time be actually useful—but, I think NOT today.

It seems that five years offers enough “time” for some things to make a cycle of very obvious realization. We are simply grateful for whatever miracles have been allowed unto us that we might actually see HOW it “can” work.

E.J. is spending his day with a large group of “Tallano Estate” people and thus is next door at our old “home”, the Gilarmi. Each time a new extension is given to the Gilarmi which spares it from the wrecking crews, we celebrate. This is in spite of the sad state of affairs for hotel staff who became our friends during our “temporary” stay. We just have to accept whatever comes down and cross bridges when the pathway brings us to the ravines or rivers. We CAN do this—for it has become the “rule” of existence instead of the “exception”. Moreover, when we get to that bridge which looks pretty fragile or dangerous in itself we somehow get what we need to get across to the necessary side. Yesterday we were told that an “extension” is expected to carry through, possibly, October. I told them I could live with it if they would just make it through Christmas for one more Christmas tree in the lobby with friendly faces. None of those friendly faces have jobs after they lose this one.

Whatever perceived negative impacts on us from what remains in the U.S., inclusive of what we might consider irreplaceable losses—turns out to be what was absolutely necessary in order that we do the CORRECT things to develop and validate our program.

Back home U.S.A., you have been through coups, counter-coups and retro-coups, even though you may not realize it. Over here in the Philippines, it only takes on more sinister realization because they play with AK-47s and missile launchers (instead of airplanes and tall buildings?). It is now ACTUALLY COMING OUT that indeed the very Armed Forces of the Philippines hierarchy has continually sold arms to its local enemies. Ugly is as ugly does—and whatever it is seems to be crumbling to the extent of “coming down”. And no, it “should” have nothing to do with us except as for inconvenience. The next “acts” are destined to be far worse than the stand-off at Oakwood hotel.

We still must consider security and still must urge everyone who thinks it might help us to have a visit of some kind here—don’t. As an example, we had to, yesterday, go and make those inconvenient arrangements for exit permits, ticketing for our now-postponed annual “off-shore” trip. It was amazing to say the least.

We managed to get some kind of arrangements made after hours of confusion but are pretty comfortable that we have our bets hedged—if there are no typhoons or coups at the airport on departure day. We will hold that information in privacy, please. We can only pray for peace in this tiny window of mandatory recycling.

We are asked to comment on the possibility of *Spectrum* problems. It is obvious that Norey had to make some changes while it appears that the other “staff” are “hoping and praying for a miracle to manifest” (their words). My perception? IT HAS! And beware, you who are warm bodies—the parasites always scatter and if you allow the “nice” connections—be prepared for that giant sucking sound coming to your local theater soon.

I would rather dwell on our possibilities and potential and allow those things of past pain to get their own aspirin fix. We are fresh out—of aspirin and blood. But many of those suckers will surely be refreshing kinships and family ties in order to find sustenance hither and yon during the interim of search-and-grab. Delinquent children will usually go reattach to parents and that is especially true if there is any excuse available to reclaim a position at the table or expected inheritance program. Some of you are destined to experience that very position right away now as the wayward miscreants find their usurped nest full of bat guano. You can also be expecting many shifts in relationships as TRUTH “OUTS”.

There will also be a reassessment and program for further extensions of input but note that with such as *Spectrum* there is no expectation of return of anything. We would have none of that attitude and thus why we have always had a “return” program so that we have participation, not lack of promise of return. GOD ALWAYS OFFERS RETURN—HE DID NOT GO FOR THE TITHE (THAT IS A CHURCH RULE) AND HONORED, ALWAYS, THE MITE IN PRIVATE. And yet, we ARE the hands with and through which HE works.

YOU are the teams which PULL THIS CART—not the other way around. None of us are given to know—only work in expectation and KNOWING of our guidance system’s stability and programming. In our darkest hours it has been sufficient. It has sustained us as we learned our enemies’ identities and had to recognize that hatred and envy are destructive beyond anything we could imagine.

I note that E.J. has returned and I am curious so will take a break and find out if anything can be shared before I close this note.

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E.J. says it was by far the best and most productive meeting thus far and the other participants left all ready to make history. Of course, “making history” is an interesting concept in itself. However, it is understood what must be done and the individuals were mostly lawyers who CAN do something productive; so, we will see.

One very interesting concept from the elder Statesman in the group was that perhaps an assignment should be made and “Global do it...!” *Déjà vu?* And, no thank you! One big assignment is about all we can handle on our heads in this lifetime!

Do we remain committed? Oh yes. The plan is PERFECTION. We cannot make choices FOR others—but this is very definitely a life plan worthy of attempting to accomplish—a gift few others will ever receive or have opportunity to achieve.

God blesses us, every one, even if we cannot always see it in the moments of discouragement.—DJE

8/15/03—#1 (16-364)

FRI, AUG. 15, 2003 7:35 A.M. YR. 16, DAY 364

DJE—RE: *SPECTRUM*. ADAM DRIVE PROPERTY BACK ON SALE ON “ON-LINE”. ALL PART OF THE SAME PARASITIC INFESTATION. PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

WHEN IT RAINS IT

Be careful how you finish the above heading “saying”. NOTHING would grow without some rain, friends—NOTHING. We would have no rainbows even for the beauty of it although the atmosphere is made up of nothing but rainbows—color and sound = spectrum/prism rays which = “rainbows”. ALL presenting to our eyes as LIGHT. THESE “light rays” register on the brain/mind of even the most blind.

TOO MUCH ON OUR PLATES IN MANILA?

Yes, there is too much taking place which impacts us (you and us) and it must be monitored and noted—even if it be only through watching the injustice manipulations by superficial-appearing political pressures.

I wish that we could just run a bunch of articles but we would bury *CONTACT* and still would not be able to do justice to the events in this place, which is a reflection of its surrogate mother, the U.S.A. “crown colonizer”.

That is NOT our commission nor even our allowance for “butting into” anything. We may editorialize, journalize and/or speculate—but all else mandatory is to “stay out of the line of fire”. Believe us, the U.S. is fully occupied with events here and teams of U.S. agents are attending every “hearing” session. Nobody can seem to identify them nor does

anyone seem to know they are there or by what authorization—yea, even to the Senate of the Philippines and the Commission (staged and fixed) doing a total farce of the investigation into the “Oakwood” thing-a-majig.

For us to try and figure out who is after who and how bad it can get is not possible. We will keep our mouths shut except for what is specifically impacting on us. Breathe, family, for we are protected, it seems (and I don't just speak of “angels” on pinheads or otherwise). We are asked to be patient, hopefully do not rock boats, maintain “normal” procedures and “keep out of it”.

OK, we CAN do that! Our documents are so integrated as to be ever present and visible and yet buried when required.

The IMF is furious with ongoing banking-money events and today the shakeup of the decade: Buenaventura, Bangko Sentral Governor and at least four major Central Bank personnel were “suspended” for at least a year. Of course, they will ask for “reconsideration” and then appeal to the Supreme Court, which will take a year or two, by which time Buenaventura's term of office will expire. In the meantime, they sit at their desks, which in this particular case may be OK because in the past two days there was a suggestion by the President (GMA) for him to resign because of his continuing to rebut her demands. She wants her hands (both) in the till before electioneering begins in earnest in January 2004. Buenaventura is “abroad” which always means “is in New York or Washington”.

There will be a BIG appeal and nasty nonsense as the economy here dives further into the deep blue sea. There may be little hope for the Peso. This may, however, give us a bit of a break if we can convert dollars to pesos timely. Not much help but might help pay the electric bill—which has just blown off the charts—thanks to criminal activities in, no less, California, U.S.A. and Fidel Ramos' deal-making. Can the Terminator change anything? Well, I guess he can't hurt much.

The real speculation is that the “little incident” at Oakwood was funded by Chinese interests which would indicate “mafia-type” crime assets. Then comes the counter by noting everything FOUND as evidence—is PLANTED and point, always, to enemies of the unlawful administration in power (THROUGH COUP no less).

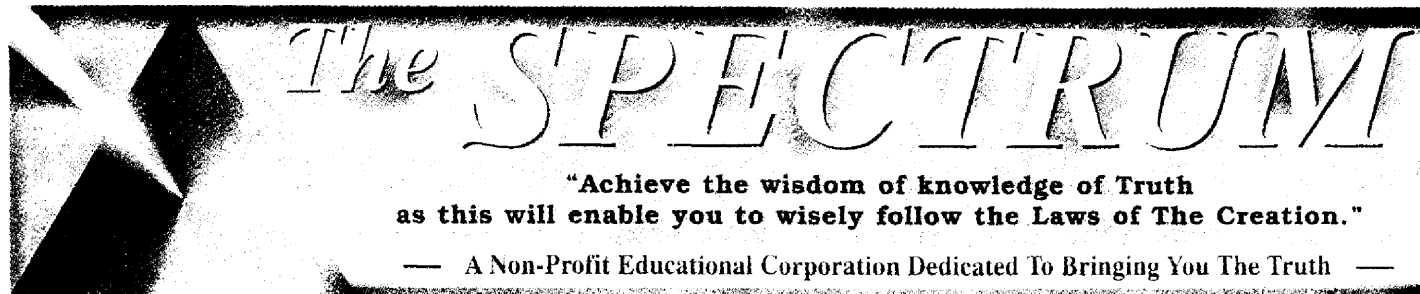
SPECTRUM SPECULATIONS

This focus is NOT for other than in respect to YOU READERS. You actually deserve more than “I” will offer herein but others can handle that better at this point and date.

We received by fax several copies of a “letter” or notice sent to its subscribers by *Spectrum* and ask Mark to please run a copy for your information. I will make

a few comments and Mark or others may wish to make their own comments. One major thing we see is that the notice is not signed and that is, at the least, DISRESPECTFUL. Neither does it show contact information, even address or phone number. We also note that even those re-subscribing at this MOMENT are not given back their renewal funds per the following:

The use of “temporary” in the first sentence. That indicates a full intent to KEEP all funds as things are



July 23, 2003

Dear Subscriber To *The SPECTRUM* Newsmagazine:

We regret to inform you that we must temporarily suspend publication due to the loss of a key member of our staff.

As most of you are aware, our staff is incredibly small (considering what we publish) in order to do the best we can to make ends meet financially. The vulnerable downside of operating under such thin conditions is that so few necessarily wear so many different hats. Thus if one of our staff chooses to pursue a different path (as has happened), we are left with a critical hole to fill that quickly grinds the machinery of production to a halt.

We are losing the genius who has been our combined “computer fixer” and “magazine layout designer” and “graphic artist” and “website guru” and “database coordinator”—plus other related jobs that not only result in coaxing often cranky computers to spit out the clean professional look of *The SPECTRUM*, but also ensure that the finished magazine actually gets into your hands in a timely manner. For us to function without this person is like trying to imagine your body functioning without a central nervous system.

If you know anyone who has the dedication (or the foolhardiness) to pursue the unique and demanding path of overwork and underpay we call *The SPECTRUM*, please let us know—before they come to their senses and change their mind. (Important qualifications include familiarity with PageMaker 6.5, MS Word, PhotoShop, and Adobe Acrobat. The ideal candidate would also be proficient in MS Access, maintaining a website, and computer upkeep.)

At this point in time we ask for your patience as we hope and pray for a miracle to manifest so that *The SPECTRUM* can continue to do what it does best—nourish the Truthseekers, educate the uninformed, and annoy the elite world controllers who would rather you read fluff and watch sit-coms.

Sincerely, *The SPECTRUM*

phased out and it is “somehow found” that there will need to be a shut-down. (It’s all in the bank account!) This is also used to note throughout the letter, less than any intent to continue the paper as is because the remaining players could continue as a small publication put forth by the SELF-PROCLAIMED COMPUTER “GENIUS” OF DR. YOUNG!

The full intent, as we observe it, is that you are asked to put in more support and that support pulled into the bank can then be split as each player goes their separate way—and if a big wad (reference later) is brought in—they run scott-free and with funds to spend on themselves. There is no intention of paying BACK anyone—ANYONE! They have no promise of ANYTHING—they offer nothing, for they have nothing but stolen goods. Moreover, they have irreparably damaged those who supported, funded and carried them under the guise of the lies they presented.

Perhaps they can “recover” but I know not (FROM EXPERIENCE AND WITNESS) from what in the world they would be recovering.

We are reminded that we reach another anniversary TOMORROW. We accept these cycles of show-and-tell as confirmation of our right actions, right intent and guidance.

HOWEVER: In the midst of the unfolding opportunities probably offered here as we move into our own anniversary of year 17 at this specific task, we need to address the most recent events regarding “that” *SPECTRUM* and the miscreants who *STOLE CONTACT* which is not unlike how “*The Grinch Stole Christmas*”.

The Devil never has to change his stripes or program, friends—he just uses, abuses, and finally destroys the unwary. Remember, please, that Dr. Young, *et al.*, had to have some other “name” to call the stolen paper which was named “*CONTACT*”, which then they put to press in OUR PAPER AFTER THIEVING AND SEIZING IT that Commander Hatonn had told them to do it! (Break the law, that is and no less?)

When they couldn’t hold onto *CONTACT*, which was a blow of blows due to bequeaths to *CONTACT* from Russell Herman—they had to have a name because they had already taken over publication. Dr. Young’s PERSONAL corporation is named “Spectrum” and there you have it!

In reading the notice sent to Subscribers of *SPECTRUM*, please note that in the page of “Loss”, “obviously” Norey Latona got fed up with the games, life-styles and “do it all” for the other parasites—THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE “MASTERS”, THE “HIGHER-INPUTTERS” AND/OR THE RECEIVING ROLE OF ONE, NOREY LATONA. “That”, good readers, is to cover the fact that Dr. Young always edited, rewrote and presented his own version of what the Masters say. So be it, “they” can have every one of those messengers.

We find it “interesting” because the whole basis of why they took (stole) the paper in the first place, along with their touted “energies/angels”, was that ours were somehow dark and Doris had blown her “light” out. Good show!

What of the two “Ray” wisdom books published colorfully by those nerds? They used funds from *CONTACT* and Norey “received” while Ed Young WROTE the “stuff”. God is patient, readers, and sometimes it simply takes “longer” to uncover their own bare-assets.

When THE LAW intervened in 1999, the miscreants were caught dead on: They had the bank accounts, the assets, and the paper itself along with the office site and materials.

They were not only caught but had their “corporations” down, so to speak, as they had put their personal corporations under shelter in OUR OFFICES so that their corporations’ fees were actually paid FOR THEM. The other end of that little game was that, at Nevada Corporate Headquarters, Brent Moorhead was a daily consultant and manipulated the corporations to suit whatever plan the “children at play” might have going. It ended up destroying the reputation of Cort Christie but he helped himself along the line of inability to account for his actions as well. It is fine, because it all now comes to the open light of realization, fact and documentation.

All of you will remember that *Spectrum* promised that “they had been promised” “all they would need” to not only keep going after separation but to flourish. They would have a bigger and better weekly paper and circle the world. They circled nothing save grabbing the subscribers’ list and most of the people (readers) never knew that there was more than a necessary or desirable (name change) as the “darkies” were buried in the so-called dung-heap. Ah BUT, the Ekkers didn’t DIE. Not only did they NOT DIE but the lies given to the Federal agents have been uncovered and in the past five years we have proven, from thousands of miles distant that what we offer is real, valid and honorable.

WE EXPERIENCE THE MIRACLE EVERY DAY!

I personally am appalled that Ed Young would refer to Norey as he has and, while giving him credit for being a genius, he insults him incredibly. He says “For us to function without this person is like trying to imagine your body functioning without a central nervous system.”

Cute? Not very when their whole start-up operation was because of claims of “light” vs. “dark energies” flitting around in places of the Lion—and the Snake. CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM?

Well, we have it in full color, readers: OUR CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM IS CERTAINLY INTACT AND CORRECTLY STABLE AND FUNCTIONING. Everything else can go to heck and back—but our “central nervous system” is ever stronger than ever—even if our physical beings are a bit frazzled.

HOW CAN THESE MISFITS NOT EVEN GIVE SOME RECOGNITION OF GOD? After, especially, claiming that God “made them do it”?

Some of the miscreants are fixing up past differences with parents who were pushed away and trashed—because there is now a need to have a feeding trough. Are we to be saddened by this seemingly evolving plight? Well, I suppose, but somehow I am not—although we are now informed of other things which are even more interesting as blood has been sucked from every possible contributing capillary.

The bunch is all entangled with Patrick Bellringer and his Websites, so it seems a bit self-aggrandizing to claim “Internet” genius and Website accolades for the infamous little “staff”. Everything they have or use is STOLEN, stolen from US mostly. But, Bellringer yet refers to them as “his best friends”. I would guess, however, that now that Bellringer himself is totally discredited, that claim to “friendship” is somewhat less than welcome.

HOUSE ON ADAM DRIVE, REVISITED

This brings us to the next interesting event of the past few days as PEOPLE CALL ELLEN, BACK HOME, TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE “ON-LINE” SALE TAKING PLACE OF “EKKER’S” PROPERTY BACK IN THE-HATCHET-VILLE. Oh? The question of some is, “How can we help the Ekkers?”

Frankly, I wouldn’t know “on line” from “clothes line”—but how interesting that the *Spectrum* guru can do miracles with such things as Internets and Websites. The obvious is that there is another ploy underway to OFFER FRAUD upon an unsuspecting public.

It is further obvious and can be assumed that since the holder of that property can’t do a thing with it—they placed a “friend” (our old manager and thief) IN THE HOUSE ITSELF. This particular party spread it about town that she was “buying the house”. On the salary of a part-time massage technician?

So, the next move for a “miracle” to get funds to “move on” or do whatever you do when you keep your subscribers on the books and fade away like magic. The point being that if the HOUSE would now sell via a crooked document somehow sneaked into the Title Company, money would manifest as asked for in the accompanying document to Subscribers. “At this point in time we ask for your patience as we hope and pray for a miracle to manifest so that *The SPECTRUM* can continue to do what it does best—[D: get ready to barf.] nourish the Truthseekers, educate the uninformed, and annoy the elite world controllers who would rather you read fluff and watch sit-coms.”

Can we recapture subscribers and, as well, some of the dropped staff? [MM: LOL!!!]

Everyone had a chance—actually, two chances. We do not interfere with “choices” people make. Certainly we do NOT want “criminals” back in our circle of activities. Perhaps some of those parasites might go away as well? Why most of them stay in that same geographical location is evidence to me that they must suspect that we might succeed and will then re-warm the nest for them.


“IF WE DO NOT LEARN FROM OUR PAST MISTAKES, WE ARE DESTINED TO REPEAT THEM!”

We like to believe that we have learned and that we do NOT need repeat them.

I need to go now, for the Senate Hearings are getting under way—and what results come from these incidents impact us tremendously.

As to the “On-Line” and “how can I help?” Please, just get all the information you can and notify the offering site-holders or “listing” persons that the title is totally clouded, ownership as shown is fraudulent and the very offering of the property publicly is UNLAWFUL and FRAUDULENT. All they have to do is CHECK THE RECORDS.

HEE, HEE, HEE in final signoff. All those incredibly ludicrous information hits from V.K. to the Central Bank of the Philippines ARE RIGHT THERE FOR THE WORLD TO WITNESS. THERE IS TROUBLE IN PARADISE BANKING CIRCLES. GOOD MORNING, V.K., ET ASSOCIATES, TRUSTEES AND NON-EXISTENT “HOLDING EXECUTIVES!” Wonders never cease!

Thank you for asking to share.—D&E 

The News Desk

By John & Jean Ray

AMID DISORDER, IRAQI GOODWILL FADES AWAY

By Alex Rodriguez and Gary Marx, *Tribune*, 08/10/03

BAGHDAD—Outside al Hurriyah gas station in central Baghdad, two lines of cars snaked out into a busy street, stretching the length of a city block. Leaning on his car in 120-degree heat, Abbas Fadhal declared that his patience with the U.S. occupation of Iraq had run out.

“They tell us they want to help us and free us, but I don’t see that,” said Fadhal, 40, a Baghdad physician. “We ask ourselves, ‘Why does America want us to suffer?’ We’ve suffered so much in the last three decades.”

A world away, at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, President Bush insisted that “life is returning to normal for the Iraqi people.”

In his weekly Saturday radio address, Bush said that “for the people of Iraq, this has been a period like none other in the country’s history, a time of change and rising hopes after decades of tyranny.” **[JR: Depends which side of the oil field you come from doesn’t it, Bush?]**

One hundred days after the president declared the end of major combat operations inside Iraq, U.S. troops are struggling to quell almost daily guerrilla attacks against them. But the battle for Iraqi hearts and minds may be going even worse.

Interviews with scores of Iraqis in the past two weeks suggest that many have begun to lose faith in Washington’s ability to restore normalcy to this nation ravaged by decades of dictatorship and wars.

Yes, they acknowledge, American forces freed them from Saddam Hussein’s brutal rule. But Hussein’s police state had one distinct advantage: lots of police.

Since U.S.-led coalition forces toppled the dictator, kidnappings, carjackings and other violent crimes have become rife throughout Baghdad. Meanwhile, the attacks aimed at occupation forces and, after last week’s bombing of the Jordanian Embassy, civilian targets, are putting innocent Iraqis in the line of fire. ...

On Aug. 1, U.S. forces killed a bystander, Ezhar Mahmoud, 34, a mother of six, as they fired in the direction of someone who had dropped a bomb on a military convoy from an overpass. ...

Last Thursday, the firefight that followed an attack on a U.S. Humvee in central Baghdad left a row of stores and offices in ruins. One civilian was killed, and two U.S. soldiers were injured. ...

Beyond the security problems, there’s scant evidence of the promised restoration and reconstruction of Iraq—which surprises many Iraqis who expected much more from the world’s only superpower.

Few basic daily needs in the capital, from clean water to garbage collection, have been met. Iraqis still must wait in line for hours at gas stations and endure power outages several times a day.

“Can you believe that the great U.S. cannot give us these services?” said Ameen Rasheed, 30, a former Iraqi journalist who has yet to find work since the end of major fighting was declared. “I give them another six months to give us security. If it doesn’t happen, and the sheiks give us a fatwa to attack, we will attack.”

Officials with the U.S.-led coalition have repeatedly defended their progress in rebuilding Iraq. A fledgling army is being trained, the officials say. More Iraqi police officers are patrolling the streets. And the country already has

begun exporting oil, the lifeblood of its economy.

Mostly, U.S. officials counsel patience, explaining that rebuilding a shattered country can be done only incrementally and will take time.

Hussein left Iraq’s infrastructure in shambles, and postwar looters destroyed much of what was left. Shoring up power grids for the nation will take two years. Pumps, pipelines and other equipment essential to the oil industry require a \$1 billion investment just to restore output to prewar levels. That won’t happen for at least a year.

“I’ve said over and over to the Iraqi people: We are all going to have to be patient,” Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator running Iraq, said recently. “We are doing virtually everything we can to restore essential services as quickly as we can.”

But the U.S. has failed to get that message across to Iraqis.

One medium on which Washington was relying to inform Iraqis was the Iraqi Media Network, a U.S.-funded television station in Baghdad that took over Iraq’s national airwaves May 13.

But Josh O’Connor, a consultant hired to guide the network’s journalists and crew members, says the Iraqi people largely mistrust the station and turn instead to Arab media outlets such as *Al Jazeera* and *Al-Arabiya*. Administration officials have criticized coverage provided by both networks as anti-American.

“The feedback we’ve gotten from Iraqis is that they don’t feel this is a lens through which they can see and communicate with the [U.S.-led coalition], which is what it should be,” O’Connor said. ...

Though Washington has repeatedly vowed that governance of the country eventually will be turned over to Iraqis, suspicion about the Bush administration’s motives in Iraq is widespread.

Athman Mohammed, one of many Iraqis who surveyed the destruction wreaked by a car bomb that killed 19 people at the Jordanian Embassy on Thursday, said he believed that the U.S. was somehow behind the attack.

“U.S. missiles hit the embassy and a mini-bus out in front,” said Mohammed, an Iraqi traffic police officer who said he heard the blast but did not see it. “They must have been U.S. missiles, because only the U.S. has airplanes here in Iraq.”

U.S. officials acknowledge that they have made mistakes in the postwar phase in Iraq. Speaking before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee last month, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz acknowledged the urgent need to restore security and basic municipal services for Iraqis.

“I’m not happy with where we are right now,” Wolfowitz said. “If there’s any way to accelerate anything, we are looking at it.”

Military leaders also concede that heavy-handed tactics employed during raids targeting Hussein loyalists and weapons caches have alienated the populace.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of U.S. ground forces in Iraq, said last week that the military may try to minimize resentment among Iraqis by going after specific people during raids, rather than detaining large groups. ... **[JR: Because of our Israeli military-style tactics we are not winning the good will of the Iraqis or their patience with our inability to restore order and rebuild Iraq. For its own convenience this article omitted the fact that the deterioration of infrastructures and vital systems in Baghdad was not due solely to Saddam, but to Gulf War I**

and the 12 years of imposed U.S./Britain sanctions against Iraq. The only trading allowed by the UN was for food and medicine after an estimated half million Iraqis died which were mostly children. America moved faster to rebuild Europe after WWII than it is doing now in Iraq. One reason that might be is because Iraqis are Muslims and not Europeans. Also America is not the same country it was after we won “the war to end all wars”. Big plans were in motion to change the U.S. while we were busy changing Germany and Japan. Iraq Administrator Bremer is stuck in a management quagmire because when we decided to go it alone with our war against Iraq, olde Europe decided then that we could build it alone. As the world’s only superpower we have to do just that!]

THE UNREPORTED COST OF WAR: AT LEAST 827 AMERICAN WOUNDED

By Julian Borger, *The Guardian*—UK, 08/04/03

U.S. military casualties from the occupation of Iraq have been more than twice the number most Americans have been led to believe because of an extraordinarily high number of accidents, suicides and other non-combat deaths in the ranks that have gone largely unreported in the media.

Since May 1, when President George Bush declared the end of major combat operations, 52 **[JR: Actually the number is now 63.]** American soldiers have been killed by hostile fire, according to Pentagon figures quoted in almost all the war coverage. But the total number of U.S. deaths from all causes is much higher: 112. ...

Unofficial figures are in the thousands. About half have been injured since the president’s triumphant appearance on board the aircraft carrier *USS Lincoln* at the beginning of May. Many of the wounded have lost limbs.

The figures are politically sensitive. The number of American combat deaths since the start of the war is 166—19 more than the death toll in the first Gulf War.

The passing of that benchmark last month erased the perception, popular at the time Baghdad fell, that the U.S. had scored an easy victory. ...

In fact, the total death toll this time is 248—including accidents and suicides—and as the number of non-combat deaths and serious injuries becomes more widely known, the erosion of public confidence is likely to continue, posing a threat to Mr. Bush’s prospects of re-election, which at the beginning of May had seemed a foregone conclusion.

Military observers say it is unusual, even in a “low-intensity” guerrilla war such as the situation seen in Iraq, for non-combat deaths to outnumber combat casualties. ... Wounded American soldiers continue to be flown back to the U.S. at a relentless rate, in twice-weekly transport flights to Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

Hospital staff are working 70- or 80-hour weeks, and the Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington is so full that it has taken over beds normally reserved for cancer patients to handle the influx, according to a report on CBS television. ...

The estimate given by central command in Qatar is 926, but according to Lieutenant-Colonel Allen DeLane, who is in charge of the airlift of the wounded into Andrews air base, that too is understated.

“Since the war has started, I can’t give you an exact number because that’s classified information, but I can say to you over 4,000 have stayed here at Andrews, and that number doubles when you count the people that come here to Andrews and then we send them to other places like Walter Reed and Bethesda, which are in this area also,” Col DeLane told National Public Radio.

He said 90% of injuries were directly war-related.

Some of that number may involve double-counting—if a soldier stays at the Andrews clinic on the way to Washington and then again on the way back to the war or

back home, for example. But the actual number of wounded still appears to be much higher than the official figures.

“When the facility where I’m at started absorbing the people coming back from theatre [in April], those numbers went up significantly—I’d say over 1,200,” Col. DeLane said.

“That number even went up higher in the month of May, to about 1,500, and continues to increase.”

[JR: I thought that on May 1st the President made an official declaration that the hostilities in Iraq were ended when he made his movie-style landing on the aircraft carrier USS Lincoln. It proves the obvious point that the Bush boy has a penchant for self-promotion, which doesn’t stop him from lying to the American public or to the families of the men and women bearing the heat and hostilities in Iraq. Bush may not be a capable president or Commander-in-Chief, but he is great at pretending he is one.]

IMMUNITY FOR IRAQI OIL DEALINGS RAISES ALARM

By Lisa Girion, *LA Times*, 08/07/03

An executive order signed by President Bush more than two months ago is raising concerns that U.S. oil companies may have been handed blanket immunity from lawsuits and criminal prosecution in connection with the sale of Iraqi oil.

The Bush administration said Wednesday that the immunity wouldn’t be nearly so broad.

But lawyers for various advocacy organizations said the two-page executive order seemed to completely shield oil companies from liability—even if it could be proved that they had committed human rights violations, bribed officials or caused great environmental damage in the course of their Iraqi-related business.

“As written, the executive order appears to cancel the rule of law for the oil industry or anyone else who gets possession or control of Iraqi oil or anything of value related to Iraqi oil,” said Tom Devine, legal director for the Washington-based Government Accountability Project, a nonprofit group that defends whistle-blowers.

Taylor Griffin, a Treasury Department spokesman, dismissed that interpretation, saying the president issued **Executive Order 13303** to protect proceeds from the sale of Iraqi crude oil, which are supposed to go into a special fund that the United Nations set up in May to help rebuild the war-torn country.

“This does not protect the companies’ money,” Griffin said. “It protects the Iraqi people’s money.” **[JR: Not if it’s a Zionist’s double-speak contract!]**

For instance, administration officials said, if an American energy company received a shipment of Iraqi crude, the money to pay for the oil would be off limits in any litigation. That way, they explained, the proceeds would be sure to find their way to where they belonged: the Development Fund for Iraq.

Administration officials said the intent of the executive order would become clear once regulations, now being drafted by the Treasury Department, were issued. “Rules are forthcoming... that will deal with some of these issues in greater specificity,” Griffin said.

But Devine and others said the administration’s stated intentions were not borne out by the sweeping language in the executive order.

“Unless they offer a different, credible translation for plain English, it’s no solace that the administration meant something different,” Devine said.

According to the order, “any attachment, judgment, decree, lien, execution, garnishment or other judicial process is prohibited, and shall be deemed null and void, with respect to the following:

“(a) the Development Fund for Iraq and

“(b) all Iraqi petroleum and petroleum products, and interests therein, and proceeds, obligations or any financial instruments of any nature whatsoever arising from or related to the sale or marketing thereof, and interests therein, in which any foreign country or a national thereof has any interest, that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons.”

[JR: When you strip away all the legalese and numbo-jumbo this EO simply says that anyone approved by the Bushites to handle Iraq’s oil and gas are above the law of the U.S. However, they may have sanctuary in the U.S. but they may still have to deal with International Tribunals—and these ARE International corporations.]

The order defines “persons” to include corporations, and covers “any petroleum, petroleum products or natural gas originating in Iraq, including any Iraqi-origin oil inventories, wherever located.”

Betsy Apple, an attorney for Earthrights International, which brings lawsuits on behalf of alleged victims of human rights abuses abroad, said the scope of the order goes far beyond the way the Treasury Department has billed it.

“It’s very disingenuous to suggest that the only thing that’s being protected here are development funds for Iraq,” she said. “That’s trying to hide the fact that it’s the oil companies who are doing that work and generating those proceeds.”

Devine of the Government Accountability Project suggested that the wording of the order was so broad that it could apply to anything from exploration and production of Iraqi oil to advertising and sales at U.S. gas pumps.

“Let’s say I work at a Madison Avenue firm that engages in false advertising” as part of a campaign to market gasoline that was made from Iraqi crude, Devine said. The way the executive order is drawn, it appears that the ad agency “can lie to consumers as much as they want ... without any recourse by the Federal Trade Commission.”

Devine added that if an oil company employee working in Iraq was fired in retaliation for blowing the whistle on wrongdoing allegedly committed by his employer, the executive order could make it impossible for him to collect damages from the company.

Similarly, an operator of an oil tanker that suffered a major spill while hauling Iraqi crude could be immune from liability, thanks to the executive order, lawyers said.

“That oil was shipped out of Iraq and it’s protected,” Apple said. “The company that failed to ensure it was using up-to-date tankers is not going to be held accountable. ... There is nothing that anybody can do for any recourse.”

Treasury Department officials said the order would not protect an oil company under such a scenario.

But Mariano-Florentino Cuellar, an assistant professor of international and administrative law at Stanford University, wasn’t so sure.

The executive order is “extremely broad,” Cuellar said. “If they were really trying to narrowly tailor this” to protect the Development Fund for Iraq, he said, it would have made more sense to spell out that a company is shielded from liability “inasmuch as that entity still owes money” to the fund. ...

Jamin Raskin, a professor of constitutional law at American University, said that language “seems to destroy the prospect of any enforcement of civil or criminal liability. People are saying of Iraq, ‘It’s a jungle out there,’ and this order kind of makes that the law.” ...

[JR: I find it extremely arrogant of the Bush administration to think that—because the U.S. is now the only “Super Power” and is in total control of an invaded, defeated and occupied Iraq—an Executive Order by this U.S. President becomes International law. Is there any limit to the audacity of the U.S. that believes it holds the supreme power and influence over the rest of the world? It’s this attitude that will come to haunt us and just may be our Waterloo.]

IRAQ ARMS CRITIC REACTS TO REPORT ON WIFE

By Douglas Jehl, *New York Times*, 08/07/03

WASHINGTON—Joseph C. Wilson IV, a retired ambassador who was a secret envoy of the Bush administration to Africa and who publicly voiced doubts about a reported Iraqi weapons program, says he has become a target of a campaign to discourage others like him from going public.

In the prewar effort to uncover information about weapons in Iraq, Mr. Wilson made a fact-finding trip to Niger in February 2002 at the request of the Central Intelligence Agency. His findings challenged contentions in an unsubstantiated document that Iraq was trying to obtain nuclear-weapons material from the West African country.

But it was not until after Mr. Wilson made his account public last month in an op-ed article in the *New York Times*, to the intense discomfort of President Bush’s aides, that the White House acknowledged that it had erred in including the disputed accusations in Mr. Bush’s State of the Union address in January.

Days after the column, another chapter opened. Mr. Wilson’s wife was identified by name as a covert CIA operative in a column by the conservative columnist Robert Novak, a disclosure that Mr. Novak has attributed to senior administration officials.

Officials are barred by law from disclosing the identities of Americans who work undercover for the CIA. That provision is intended to protect the security of operatives whose lives might be jeopardized if their identities are known.

Among those who have cried foul are several Democratic senators, including Charles E. Schumer of New York, who have said that if the accusation is true and if senior administration officials were its source, law enforcement authorities should seek to identify the officials who appeared to have violated the law. Mr. Schumer has asked Robert S. Mueller III, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to look into the case.

Mr. Wilson, who as chargé d’affaires in Baghdad in 1990 was the last American diplomat to meet President Saddam Hussein, said the events were evidence of distressing American heavy-handedness.

“The issue was never about her,” Mr. Wilson said of his wife in a telephone interview on Wednesday. “The issue was about who so badly staffed the president of the United States that they would put into a State of the Union address something that was so transparently unsubstantiated, and this from an administration that came to office saying it wanted to restore dignity and honor to the White House. It wasn’t to intimidate me, because I’d already said my piece. Clearly, this was to keep others from stepping forward.”

White House officials have said they would not condone disclosing any undercover CIA operative.

In the run-up to the war, Mr. Wilson appeared frequently on television as an expert on Iraq. He freely offered his opinion that the best American policy would be to postpone any war and focus on intense international inspections to find weapons of mass destruction.

That opinion certainly won him no friends in the administration, which was arguing that the moment for inspections had passed.

The fact that a retired American envoy had traveled to Niger to look into an Iraqi connection was acknowledged by the administration this year. But Mr. Wilson said he had decided to discuss his role publicly early last month after concluding that efforts by senior administration officials, including Condoleezza Rice, the national security adviser, to pass off his findings as having been shared just with low-ranking intelligence officials were “simply inconsistent” with the facts that he knew. ...

Mr. Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame, is known to friends as an energy industry analyst. In the interview, Mr. Wilson said he had no doubt that those who sought to bring his wife into the controversy intended to sound a warning to others who might take on the White House on the charged issue of whether intelligence about Iraq was reshaped or ignored to fit a political agenda.

Mr. Novak cited administration officials as saying Mr. Wilson was chosen for the Niger mission because of Ms. Plame's connection to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Wilson said his qualifications—as an Africa expert, a former ambassador to Gabon and the senior director for African affairs on the staff of the National Security Council under President Bill Clinton—made him more than amply suited for the task. ...

Among current intelligence analysts questioned by the committee staffs, just one, Christian P. Westermann of the State Department, has been identified by name as having said Mr. Wilson perceived political pressure in his work on Iraq. Some other former and current intelligence officials who have spoken to reporters have made broadly similar charges. ...

[JR: Ex-ambassador Wilson and his wife are being made the scapegoats and their role as spies being made public. Nice hatchet job by the controllers of President Bush and his administration. All U.S. ambassadors play the spy game overseas in order to promote America's plans and interests. The Mossad is known for recruiting their own people to spy in countries they live in or travel to, and we do the same wherever America has a presence. Is it any wonder then why most embassies are used as targets by terrorists? Wilson made the mistake of going public with his honest assessment about his trip to Niger and about Iraq's nuclear capabilities or lack of them. The Bush administration is overrun with agencies that have their own spy systems because all these cabinet heads trust no one and are hell bent on being the sole arbitrator of presidential powers. It would seem that the White House is a rather unpleasant and hostile place to work in, but know that these tried-and-true dedicated Zionists are well up to the task even if it means bringing this country down to its knees as they did Russia. For them, everyone is the enemy or a terrorist, including the American people. Homeland Security and the Patriot Act have turned America into an American Gulag—and most Americans don't even know what that means.]

EVIDENCE OF WMD COMING SOON

By Robert Novak, *Sun-Times*, 08/10/03

Former international weapons inspector David Kay, now seeking Iraqi weapons of mass destruction for the Pentagon, has privately reported successes that are planned to be revealed to the public in mid-September. **[JR: Kay's connection to the Pentagon, and therefore Rumsfeld, already makes any of his findings questionable.]**

Kay has told his superiors he has found substantial evidence of biological weapons in Iraq, plus considerable missile development. He has been less successful in locating chemical weapons, and has not yet begun a substantial effort to locate progress toward nuclear arms.

Senior officials in the Bush administration believe Kay's weapons discoveries should have been revealed as they were made. However, a decision, approved by President Bush, was made to wait until more was discovered and then announce it—probably in September. **[JR: That's called political timing for the greatest advantage.]**

The two senior staffers of the National Security Council, who have been reported responsible for the famous 16 words in President Bush's State of the Union address, were cross-examined privately by congressional interrogators on Aug. 1.

Deputy National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley was questioned briefly by bipartisan aides of the Senate and House intelligence committees. Robert Joseph, the senior NSC staffer who actually wrote the 16 words reporting alleged Iraqi efforts to buy uranium from Africa, was then grilled for more than three hours.

The congressional staffers came downtown to question Hadley and Joseph at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next door to the White House. The president had refused to permit NSC officials to be interrogated in public or to go to Capitol Hill for the questioning. ...

[JR: Could it be that Bush didn't want certain information to become public? Isn't it interesting how Robert Novak seems to be the journalistic weapon used against the administration's whistleblowers or a tool to leak information out that backs up or supports Bush's agenda? Novak also happened to be the one who exposed the wife of the whistleblower, Mr. Wilson and identified her by name as a covert CIA operative in the previous article. I guess this article by Novak also shows where his loyalties lie. Speaking of lie... now that's a very common word closely associated with this administration.]

SECRET MEETINGS HELD ABOUT IRAN

By Knut Royce and Timothy M. Phelps,
Newsday, 08/09/03

WASHINGTON—Pentagon hard-liners pressing for regime change in Iran have held secret and unauthorized meetings in Paris with a controversial weapons dealer who was a major figure in the Iran-Contra scandal, according to administration officials.

The sources said at least two Pentagon officials working for Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith have met several times with Manucher Ghorbanifar, the Iranian middleman in U.S. arms-for-hostage trades to Iran in the mid-1980s.

The administration officials who disclosed the secret meetings to *Newsday* said the talks with Ghorbanifar were not authorized by the White House and appeared to be aimed at undercutting current sensitive back-channel negotiations with the Iranian regime.

"They [the Pentagon officials] were talking to him [Ghorbanifar] about stuff which they weren't officially authorized to do," said a senior member of the administration. "It was only accidentally that certain parts of our government learned about it."

The official would not identify the agencies, but a former intelligence official said they are the State Department, the CIA and the White House.

The senior official and another administration source said that the policy objective of Feith and a group of neo-conservatives civilians inside the Pentagon is regime change in Iran.

This second official said, "United States policy officially is not regime change, overtly or covertly," but to engage Iranian officials in dialogue over contentious issues, such as their nuclear program and to press the regime to extradite al-Qaida operatives.

He said that the immediate objective of the Pentagon hard-liners appears to be to "antagonize Iran so that they get frustrated and then by their reactions harden U.S. policy against them."

He confirmed that Secretary of State Colin Powell complained to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld several days ago about Feith conducting missions that countered U.S. policy.

During a news conference in Crawford, Texas, on Friday, Rumsfeld confirmed that a Pentagon official had met with a source on the Iranian situation "more than a year ago."

"My understanding is that... one or two Pentagon people were approached by some people who had information about Iranians that wanted to provide information to the United States government," he said.

Rumsfeld said the resulting meeting did not yield any useful information and the matter was dropped.

A spokesman for Feith's Near East, South Asia and Special Plans office, the controversial intelligence office that sources said played a key role in the Ghorbanifar contacts, did not respond Thursday to an e-mailed inquiry about those sessions.

The senior administration official identified two of the Defense officials who met with Ghorbanifar as Harold Rhode, the top Middle East specialist for Feith, and Larry Franklin, a Defense Intelligence Agency analyst on loan to the undersecretary's office.

Rhode recently acted as a liaison between Feith's office, which drafted much of the administration's post-Iraq planning, and Ahmed Chalabi, a former Iraqi exile disdained by the CIA and State Department but groomed for leadership by the Pentagon.

Rhode is a protege of Michael Ledeen, a neo-conservative who was a National Security Council consultant in the mid-1980s when he introduced Ghorbanifar to Oliver North, an aide on the security council, and others in the opening stages of the Iran-contra affair during the Reagan administration.

A former CIA officer who was involved in some aspects of the Iran-Contra scandal said current intelligence officers told him it was Ledeen who reopened the Ghorbanifar channel.

Ledeen, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and an ardent advocate for regime change in Iran, would neither confirm nor deny that he arranged the meetings, saying "It's nobody's business."

Ghorbanifar could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Ledeen once described him as "one of the most honest, educated, honorable men I have ever known." **[JR: He must have had a negative change in his programming.]** But the CIA, noting Ghorbanifar had failed four polygraph tests administered during the arms-for-hostages deals, warned its officers not to deal with him.

The senior administration official said he was puzzled by the resurfacing of Ghorbanifar after all these years.

[JR: It should come as no surprise to any of us of the secret liaisons and clandestine meetings carried out by the Pentagon with international scoundrels like Ghorbanifar of Iran-Contra infamy and Chalabi the U.S. pretender of choice to lead post-war Iraq. Only the president can claim to be out of the loop and therefore in denial. These usual suspects are willing foils for the Zionist neo-cons in charge of the Pentagon and Defense Department. It is all about the big push for their nation-building. It is delusional to think that President Bush is in charge of any U.S. policy making, let alone the White House. Americans are being scammed, lied to and sold down the river by our clueless President and HIS congress, the media, and worst of all by our so-called Christian churches. When do we put a stop to it all and shout ENOUGH already!]

WHERE DO THEY ALL GO?

From the Internet, 08/09/03

Have you ever wondered where all our great neo-con talk show hosts in the U.S. go when they all suddenly go on vacation at the same time? The Savage, Weiners, Rush's, Dornans, O'Reillys, etc.?

Oregon talk show host Lars Larsen may have let it slip this week. They're on special free junkets to Israel where they are wined and dined.

Lars revealed that, on one recent junket to Israel, he and a group of fellow show hosts came face to face with Hilary Clinton, who was having lunch with Israeli Shimon Perez. All the talk show hosts, he said, wanted to be in a group photo with Hilary, who obliged.

Lars added that he confronted her about her about-face regarding Arafat. To which (he said) she replied: "I never change my opinion of anybody."

[JT: Now why does the thought of lemmings come to mind? It seems that there is a constant stream of neo-cons, political hawks, Judeo-Christian-Zionists and anyone with clout or influence that are being invited on free trips to Israel to be wined and dined along with special meetings with Israeli leaders. This reminds me of the free trips offered for the old con on condo-sales, time/share or resort-real estate marketing. You get a free trip but you are required to attend a special high-pressured presentation behind locked doors to convince you to buy whatever they are selling. Now we all know what the Zionists are selling.]

PUTIN HOPES FOR ASIAN SALES
AFTER SUKHOI DEAL

Straits Times, 08/06/03

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP, Reuters)—Visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin made clear yesterday that he hoped a U.S.\$900 million (\$1.6 billion) deal to sell warplanes to Malaysia would prompt more sales in the region.

"With the delivery of the Sukhoi, hopefully it will promote Russian aviation technology to South-east Asia," he said at the launch of the Malaysia-Russia Business Council here.

The centrepiece of Mr. Putin's first visit to this mainly Muslim nation is the signing of an agreement to supply 18 Sukhoi Su-30MK fighter jets to the Royal Malaysian Air Force.

The combat aircraft, to be delivered by 2006, form part of a major arms procurement spree by Malaysia which includes French submarines, British and Russian missile systems and Polish attack tanks.

The squadron of Sukhoi will join Russian-made MiG-29Ns, U.S.-made FA-18/Ds and British-made Hawks in Malaysia's combat aircraft fleet, officials said. Military experts say the Su-30MK will be the most powerful combat aircraft ever operated by a Southeast Asian country.

The Su-30MK's air-to-air missiles outrange all enemies' and the aircraft has unusually powerful radar, experts say.

Russia has sold similar versions to China and India and a less advanced version to Vietnam. Indonesia is also buying the aircraft.

Malaysian Defence Minister Najib Tun Razak said palm oil sales would cover 30 per cent of the bill for the planes, and 30 percent of the remainder would be offset by a transfer of technology to local firms.

The Su-30MK is regarded as superior to Lockheed Martin's LMT.N F-16s, operated by Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand, say experts.

Meanwhile, analysts in Moscow had predicted that Mr. Putin, who arrived here late on Monday, would use the trip to Malaysia to boost his country's position in the Asian arms market.

[JR: The arms deals are a smart move by Russia and a wise move on the part of Malaysia and other Southeast Asian governments. This isn't going to set well with the neo-cons—but they are the ones that are fueling the arms race. America has built up its defenses in this region at the expenses of others (case in point the Philippines), through dissent and chaos while depriving these countries the ability to defend themselves against their true enemies. President Putin has definitely improved Russia's

position in the Asian arms markets and in doing so is improving the balance of power in the region. While the U.S. threatens, coerces and blusters its way around the world others are quietly building bridges for a peaceful co-existence and their own self-protection.]

TURKISH LEADER APPROVES CURBS
ON MILITARY'S CLOUT

South Bend Tribune, 08/07/03

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turkey's president approved reforms Wednesday aimed at curtailing the influence of the powerful military in politics, hoping to boost the chances of this largely Muslim country for joining the European Union.

The EU has been pressuring Turkey to curb the military's influence and make other fundamental changes to join the bloc. Backed by President Ahmet Necdet Sezer, the reforms reduce the military's hold over a key forum that groups military and political leaders—often used by generals to impose their will on the government.

The parliament passed the reforms last week in the hopes of starting negotiations for membership in the 15-nation European Union by the end of next year.

The measures stress that the military-dominated National Security Council is an advisory body. They limit the number of times the council meets, enable appointment of a civilian to head the council's secretariat and allow greater parliamentary scrutiny of military expenses.

Several analysts hailed the reforms. ...

Cuneyt Ulsever, a commentator with daily *Hurriyet*, called the reforms "the biggest blow to the military."

Turkey's pro-Western military has pledged its support for European Union membership. But the top brass suspect the Islamic-rooted government isn't pursuing EU membership so much as an Islamic agenda.

Over the weekend, top generals criticized Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, for objecting to the sacking of 18 officers, most accused of having ties with radical Islamic groups.

The clash, which came only days after parliament passed the reforms, highlights deep-seated animosity between the military and the government and Turkey's uphill struggle to join the bloc. ...

The EU has welcomed the measures, but said it was watching to see how Turkey implements them. The reforms also aim to curb torture and expand freedom of expression, other key EU demands.

While Turkey has enacted scores of new laws to meet EU standards over the past year, critics say that Ankara has been slow to put them in practice. Attempts at starting Kurdish language TV broadcasts, for example, have been stalled in the courts. ...

The reforms allow the council's secretariat to be headed by a civilian, who will be nominated by the government and appointed by the president. But the secretariat also could be headed by a military officer or a retired general, making any change less dramatic.

The military on Monday appointed a four-star general as secretary-general for the coming year, before Sezer approved the reforms. ...

The reforms also aim to expand freedoms in the country, ensuring the civilians are not prosecuted in military court in peacetime. Civilians accused of discouraging people from carrying out military service, for example, are currently tried in military courts.

[JR: The elite moles in control of every government are using the military to be their bulwark to bolster their hold and their power. The Turkish government is now in the hands of the Islamics and that does not set well with the militarists. They will not go quietly into the night to play war-games but will make plans to try to change things back into their favor. The unknown equation is the people and their support for Muslim issues and causes.]

KINDER, GENTLER ZAPATISTAS
OPEN OUTREACH CENTERS

By John Rice, *Newsday*, 08/10/03

OVENTIC, Mexico (AP)—Masked Zapatista commanders gathered shortly before midnight Friday to inaugurate centers meant to smooth their dealings with outsiders.

By Saturday morning, thousands of rebels, villagers and foreign supporters thronged the site of the inaugural festivities, cluttering it with tents, tarps and hammocks.

At the gathering, the Zapatistas adopted "Good Government Committees" to help oversee a scattering of rebel-controlled townships in Chiapas state and to handle contacts with outsiders, who often have been frustrated in efforts to reach leaders of the clandestine organization. **[JR: If it's a people's movement, why refer to it here as something stealth or secret?]**

The new centers will handle conflicts with neighboring Indian communities. The Zapatistas so far have been unable to win over most local Indians, who are often wary of the movement's style of collectivization, its military stance or its rejection of government aid. ...

There is also evidence of a shift toward political rather than military struggle for the Zapatista movement, whose adherents still use ski masks to hide their identity even though there have been no major military conflicts in more than nine years. **[JR: There is an attempt to cover up the spin here after labeling the movement as clandestine.]**

The poorly armed movement was beaten back into the jungle in 10 days before a cease-fire halted the Mexican army's advance, but the Zapatista banner of Indian rights and opposition to free trade—combined with leader Subcomandante Marcos' witty communiqués—won it international support.

"Whole years preparing to fire a weapon, and it turns out that what we have to fire are words," Marcos wrote in one of a spurt of communiqués issued in July after a period of silence. ...

Marcos had not appeared as of Saturday, although other rebel commanders were seen.

A string of trucks wound up the mountain roads carrying ski-masked Zapatistas past newly posted signs reading, "You are in the territory of Zapatistas in rebellion."

Foreign and Mexican supporters also made their way to the clearing where they bunked down in a community hall or strung hammocks beneath plastic tarps to keep out the rain. ...

Two Mexican federal administrations dealt with the Zapatistas by alternating military threats with appeals to negotiate.

A third, representing President Vicente Fox, pulled the military back from positions near Zapatista towns and said it "is definitively canceling the option of violence" in dealing with the rebels.

But the movement has cut off all negotiations with the government and has accused Fox of trying to sell much of the country to foreign investors with his plan for highway, port and industrial development in impoverished southern Mexico.

Gonzalez said community disputes have led settlements to break away from the Zapatistas, though he said the movement appears to be growing stronger in the Mayan highland areas such as Oventic.

[JR: Despite not being a major focus for the news media, the movement to give the indigenous people a power and a voice has not stopped. The Zapatistas and their Commander Marcos have not melded into the jungles of the Yucatan to plot rebellion but to plan and build alliances for the future. The Zapatistas and their supporters know that the Yucatan has to be under the control of the government because of its oil. Mexico City knows that no oil means they have no power. Foreign investors can have access to the oil and benefit from it but not the people of the Yucatan. Mexico has had a long history of rebellions—and now the time has come for new tactics and policies to replace the old and worn ones calling for guns and bullets.]

ENRON'S DECEPTION HAD BANKS' HELP,
INVESTIGATION SAYS

By Greg Burns, *Tribune*, 08/10/03

Some of the world's biggest banks worked closely with executives of Enron Corp. to hide the true nature of shady transactions from Chicago's Andersen accounting firm, according to a bankruptcy court investigation.

The findings raise questions about how much responsibility Andersen bears for the energy company's collapse, suggesting it may have a more potent defense than was previously recognized.

At the same time, the investigation stops short of clearing Andersen of wrongdoing at Enron, and some say any deception on the part of the banks did little more than help the auditors appear to be rigorous even if they were looking the other way.

The investigation leaves unanswered whether Andersen was actually deceived or if it "knowingly blinked," said John Coffee, a Columbia University law professor who has followed the Enron case.

Mark Cheffers of *AccountingMalpractice.com* goes further: "As a general rule, Andersen understood what was going on."

The accounting giant shut down last year after its Enron-related criminal conviction for obstructing justice. News of its lax practices in connection with Enron, WorldCom and other troubled clients shook the nation's confidence in big business.

Yet for all the blame heaped on Andersen, the bankruptcy court investigation led by examiner Neal Batson paints a disturbing picture of Enron's bankers. He depicts them as striking dozens of secret side deals behind the backs of the auditors, resulting in improper accounting. Those agreements with company executives were instrumental in helping Enron hide its debts and falsely boost its reported financial results. ...

The latest findings could shape the battle as Enron investors and creditors fight to recover their huge losses, possibly influencing how much each defendant would pay in a potential class-action settlement.

Also, the six commercial and investment banks identified in Batson's investigation—Citigroup, J.P. Morgan Chase, Barclays, BT/Deutsche, CIBC and Merrill Lynch—are trying to collect billions in loans they made to Enron. If the judge in the bankruptcy case accepts Batson's findings, the banks could have a tough time recovering anything, Coffee said.

Already, Citigroup, J.P. Morgan and Merrill have settled regulatory charges stemming from the case, contributing more than \$300 million to a fund earmarked for restitution. In the settlements, none of those New York-based banks admitted or denied the accusations that they participated in securities fraud, though Citigroup has said any financing that its customers fail to count as debt on their balance sheets in the future will have to be publicly disclosed.

CIBC disputed Batson's findings, saying the bank acted properly in "all of its dealings" with Enron. Besides that, CIBC pointed out that the judge in the bankruptcy case has not yet accepted Batson's investigative report, which the bank described as "written from a particular point of view".

A Barclay's spokesman would say only, "We're totally comfortable with the way we acted with Enron. We weren't seeking to mislead anyone." No one from Deutsche Bank would comment.

Batson's 900-page report depicts the bankers eagerly cooperating in an array of complex deals aimed at manipulating Enron's balance sheet while reaping profits for the banks. In one e-mail, a J.P. Morgan executive describes to a colleague how Enron's reliance on "balance-sheet advantaged" transactions meant it could charge "premium" fees for services.

One type of transaction, which became a specialty of Canada's CIBC, involved helping Enron sell a variety of assets into a collection of off-balance-sheet firms known as a "special purpose entities", or SPEs.

Through 11 deals over more than three years with CIBC, Enron recorded \$585 million of profits that were wrongly attributed to gains from the sale of its interests in everything from power plants to Internet companies. In reality, the transactions enabled Enron to reduce its reported debt load by sidestepping accounting rules, according to Batson's report.

Those rules required that Enron find a separate outside investor to hold at least 3 percent of each SPE. The bank filled that role, but only with the verbal assurance that Enron would guarantee its 3 percent, according to the report.

The promise meant CIBC was not a true equity investor because it bore no risk for the investment's performance, which meant Enron should have booked the deal as a borrowing. ...

Another similar set of transactions described in Batson's report involved an energy trading company known as Mahonia Ltd., based on the island of Jersey near Britain.

The company was essentially an empty shell, set up as a middleman to give the impression that Enron was selling a lot of oil and gas. Instead, it was used to disguise loans from J.P. Morgan Chase in the Enron financial statements, the report said.

"It is very insidious," Cheffers said. "It misrepresents the overall risk of the company and allows the company to essentially defraud the public."

Mahonia supposedly paid in advance for oil and natural gas that Enron would deliver in the future, getting its money from Chase in a transaction known as a "prepay". In the 10 years leading up to its collapse, Enron obtained at least \$3.7 billion in financing through prepaids involving the shell company.

Before it signed off on Enron's plan to report the deals as trading credits instead of long-term debt, Andersen sought proof that Mahonia was independent. ...

A few days later, Andersen got the letter. "With J.P. Morgan Chase's help," the report concludes, "Mahonia was made to seem sufficiently independent to satisfy Enron's auditors."...

Investigations such as Batson's that piece together the elaborate steps used to inflate corporate results during the recent boom times show the consequences of pervasive greed, noted Kullberg, the former Andersen chairman.

The actions of the banks as well as the accounting firm in the Enron case reflected a general erosion in ethical standards, Kullberg said. "The nature of things in the '90s was that if you didn't get rich, you were stupid. Everybody thought they could cut corners."

[JR: The Captains of Industry who made this country into an economic superpower have been scuttled by crooks, thieves and other lowlifes of foreign origins who fabricate their businesses, plot their deals and plan their sellouts behind closed doors. Their stock market is run and controlled by their skills, and Wall Street is their cover. Talk about New Age magic!]

CHEMICAL WEAPONS BURN
HAS AREA RESIDENTS EDGY

By Ken Ellingwood, *Los Angeles Times*, 08/09/03

ANNISTON, Alabama—These are uneasy days for this slice of eastern Alabama, a mood perhaps best understood by considering the unusual packages that Calhoun County officials are passing out to residents.

The cardboard boxes contain high-tech gas masks—see-through protective hoods with a built-in fan and filtering system—plus portable air filters and sheets of plastic and duct tape for the home.

The hoods are being distributed to the 35,000 residents who live closest to a new military incinerator that is scheduled to begin burning a decades-old stockpile of chemical weapons Saturday, despite organized opposition and some community queasiness over a possible accident. Those who live farther away get some of the protective equipment but not the hoods.

A federal judge [**JR: As always the rubber stamp for the government's agenda.**] cleared the way Friday for the Army to begin incinerating the Cold War-era chemical weapons, rejecting claims of endangerment.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson denied a request from an environmental group for a temporary restraining order to block the start-up of the incinerator at the Anniston Army Depot.

The group then asked for a preliminary injunction, which the judge also denied.

At the hearing, Jackson said that any danger suggested by the group "is purely speculative".

After the ruling, Army officials said operations at the incinerator would begin Saturday.

Craig Williams, executive director of the Chemical Weapons Working Group, which filed for the restraining order, expressed disappointment.

"It's a sad day for those in Anniston and for this nation when our government is unwilling to prevent U.S. citizens from exposure to toxic chemicals," Williams said.

The incinerator, about 50 miles east of Birmingham, would be the nation's first of its kind near a populated area. ...

The Army, which is to dispose of the 2,254 tons of nerve and mustard agents contained in rockets and artillery shells, insists that its plan to burn the toxins and their containers at extreme temperatures is far safer than keeping them stored at the depot, where they could fall prey to terrorist attack, accidental release or leakage.

U.S. military officials last week won a state hazardous-waste permit for the incineration and scheduled destruction of the first sarin-laden M-55 rockets, after months of controversy and bumpy negotiations with the state's politicians.

The issue has created controversy around Anniston. Although a group of mayors near the depot had urged the Army to begin the burning as soon as possible, [**JR: Big question here is WHY?**] Gov. Bob Riley declined to add his signature to the start-up after the Army rebuffed his request for authority to shut down the program if he saw fit.

The Anniston depot is one of eight sites across the country where chemical and nerve agents are stored and designated for disposal under an international chemical-weapons compact joined by the United States in 1997. With about 7 percent of the chemical stockpile, Anniston would be the third such depository to begin destroying the weapons, joining sites in Utah and Maryland.

The Utah site, known as the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, is the only other U.S. location that has relied on incineration. The Maryland facility, at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, employs a process known as chemical neutralization, which destroys the agents by treating them with water and other chemicals to render them harmless.

Opponents charge that incineration is risky because of the possible release of toxins into the air, especially in a populated area. They say the Utah site has experienced accidental release of chemical agents, but note that at least it is far away from where people live. ...

"It's irresponsible. It's dangerous," Williams said. "There are safer ways to do this, and the track record of this technology... demonstrates the impropriety of trying to perform this task in a populated area."

An estimated 250,000 people live within 30 miles of the Anniston depot and its \$1 billion incinerator, which was completed in 2001. Military officials agreed to a number of safety measures to prevent harm to residents in case of an accident during the weapons disposal, which is expected to take seven years to complete.

In dozens of schools, designated areas such as gymnasiums are being made airtight and outfitted with equipment to filter the air and pressurize the indoors to keep noxious fumes from wafting inside. ...

Local officials say it marks the first time in U.S. history that the government has distributed protective gear for chemical warfare to the civilian population.

The incineration is to be done on a limited basis and only during nights and weekends until all the safeguards, such as preparing area schools, are in place.

The weapons depot's 745 employees plan to destroy the chemical arms by punching holes in the rockets and draining the liquid toxins, which then are to be burned at 2,700 degrees. The old casings will be cut into pieces and destroyed in a separate incinerator.

[JR: I wonder how far from the pink zone of gas masks and protective hoods Judge Pinhead—I mean Penfield Jackson—lives that he can so airily dismiss concerns about the dangers expressed as "purely speculative". Since this is the first time in U.S. history such precautions have been taken, wouldn't this be a very Big Clue that there is a strong possibility that something terrible could happen? I guess the Army—with its fast-track permit along with the help of some local (bought) mayors—lowered the big hammer on Governor Riley's right to protect the citizens of Anniston. Why doesn't the Army employ robotic technologies to handle this type of project? I feel concern for those 750 employees that will be punching the holes in those rockets to drain the liquid toxins. What type of person would apply for such a dangerous job? Are these people desperate for jobs, adventurers, clones—or worse yet, people bent on suicide? What sort of hazardous pay will they receive, and will it include such perks like a yearly all-expense-paid vacation to any place in the world, along with the added bonus of a relaxing stay at a posh spa where the Elite go to unwind from their toils? Dream on. They will be lucky if they receive the very basic of training by some so-called expert or, at the very least, an EPA-approved chemical suit. Bottom line is these are desperate times economically and desperate people take risks. The Elite have made it so!]

NEVADA CORPORATIONS:

When Is A Corporation NOT "Doing Business"?

Budget's "Tip of the Week" #15:

Operating in a Foreign Jurisdiction Without Having to Qualify the Corporation

Since most people who form Nevada corporations reside in jurisdictions other than Nevada, one of the first questions that needs to be addressed is how to properly use the corporation while they themselves operate from within their home state (or country). Is it necessary to register or qualify the Nevada corporation to do business within their jurisdiction? Often it is—especially if there is a physical presence involving employees—but there are often many useful exceptions to the rule.

Let's look at the exemptions from qualification in the State of California—which is generally known for both its stringent regulations and its repressive taxation—to see what "loopholes" exist. You should look up the regulations in your own particular jurisdiction but as a general rule they will tend to be quite similar.

Business Exempt from Qualification in the State of California

Without excluding other activities which may constitute transacting business, a foreign corporation shall not be considered to be transacting business solely by reason of carrying on any one or more of the following activities:

- 1) A foreign corporation shall not be considered to be transacting intrastate business merely because its subsidiary transacts intrastate business.
- 2) Maintaining or defending any action or suit or administrative action.
- 3) Holding meetings of its board or shareholders or carrying out other activities concerning its internal affairs.
- 4) Maintaining bank accounts.
- 5) Maintaining offices or agencies for the transfer, exchange or registration of its securities.
- 6) **Effecting sales through independent contractors.**
- 7) **Soliciting or procuring orders either by mail or through employees or agents or otherwise where such orders require acceptance without this state before becoming binding contracts.**
- 8) Creating evidences of debt or mortgages on real property.
- 9) Conducting an isolated transaction within a period of 180 days and not in the course of a number of repeated transactions of like nature.

We have highlighted number 6 because this provision is used by an increasing number of businesses in the area of consulting. When the consultant is an independent contractor and the income is earned by a Nevada corporation, the corporation has no presence in the foreign jurisdiction, only the contractor does. So, the contractor must pay home-state tax on his income but the corporation earns its income in Nevada. There can be tremendous tax savings if the contractor lives modestly and draws only what is needed to meet living expenses.

Where the business is more product-related rather than service-related, provision number 7 can come into play. Just ensure that the orders generated require acceptance from Nevada before becoming binding contracts!

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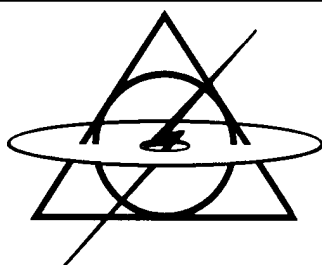
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