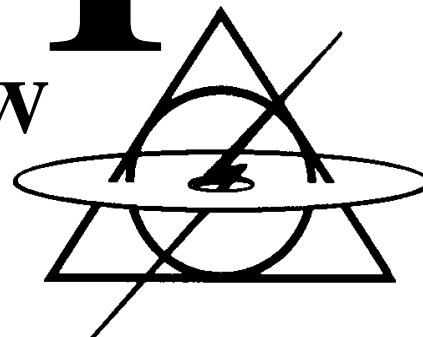


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Who Will Play the GAIA Card, Arroyo or Estrada?

Make no mistake: The Philippines is between a very large rock (China) and a very hard place (the U.S.). It also just happens to be THE focal point for bringing into reality the Global Alliance program for abundance for all mankind.

President Arroyo, installed with the support of the U.S., has her hands more than full just trying to maintain the appearance of normalcy in her administration. In a world of illusion, appearance might not be everything but it counts for a lot, especially when upheld by a conspiring judiciary and carefully controlled "news" reporting.

We are thankful to be able to present a truer picture of what is going on in the Philippines through the following editorials and commentary presented in The Daily Tribune.

While the largely state-controlled media acquiesced to Mrs. Arroyo's statements indicating official Church approval of Edsa II, The Daily Tribune points out the hypocrisy of such statements.

[QUOTING:]

GLORIA DID IT AGAIN

Editorial, *The Daily Tribune*, 4/10/05

How's that again, Gloria?

An overjoyed Mrs. Arroyo, who seemed to have worked heaven and earth at the Vatican to get an interview with cable TV network CNN, tried to proclaim to the world that the late Pope John Paul II blessed and even encouraged the staging of the *coup d'etat* that toppled sitting President Joseph Estrada.

Gloria even had the nerve to claim that the pontiff knew what was going in the Philippines and was in constant touch with her, through her appointed ambassador to the Vatican.

"The Pope had a very keen sense of understanding on what was happening in the Philippines," Gloria claimed with a straight face.

And she went on to brag about her deep Catholic ideals which she said the Pope was "so happy" about, especially as she had applied these to her government.

As she put it, the Pope was very happy the

country is led by "a pious, religious and church-abiding person".

Deep Catholic ideals?

The spread of casinos in the country, increased taxes, the climate of violence, her husband's spending binges abroad, insulting the poor, ordering her forces to shoot demonstrators down? Catholic ideals, our foot!

Gloria was engulfed in her fantasy world again, which so often happens when she faces the world, this time through cable TV.

She seems to have the need, nay, the craving, to wallow in the limelight of world attention that she has to disturb the spirit of the church leader who had already found rest just to grab media focus.

And with the Pope dead, who would refute her?

The fact it became news after the Pope's death exposes the incredibility of Gloria's claims.

Among Filipinos, nobody can recall the Pope uttering even a word of support to Gloria before and after the coup was executed.

Gloria has acquired finesse in the skill of deception
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over the years that she has been in power.

That is expected, however, since Gloria was seated and continues to sit in power through the same means.

She grabbed the presidency when she conspired with the Chief Justice, Hilario Davide Jr., and his associate justices, along with Jaime Cardinal Sin and his high priests to declare Estrada incapacitated and unable to function as president.

A supposed vacation for Estrada, since Mrs. Arroyo was supposed to have taken over as acting president, has been extended indefinitely against Estrada's will.

Gloria definitely lusted after the position despite the lack of a mandate and wanted more.

Thus, she sought a mandate through the elections last year after playing coy and saying she will not run for a year.

Through a combination of massive cheating and ballot-buying, Gloria supposedly defeated opposition candidate Fernando Poe Jr. to the disbelief of almost everybody.

With such record in trickery, it would be rather a surprise if she did not take the chance of being in the Vatican to use the name of the Pope, who truly has a special place in his heart, for religious reasons, not because of Gloria, for the Philippines.

Gloria's insatiable hunger for public attention was again all too plain in a series of photographs taken of the key leaders who attended the Pope's burial.

Seen worming her way through to the place of the leaders, including the U.S. delegation led by President George Bush, French leader Jacques Chirac and his wife, was Gloria and her patented pearly smile.

Yup, that's Gloria seeking the brilliant flashes of fame like a plant to the sun.

And she isn't past lying through her buck teeth.

[END QUOTING]

Hovering in the wings and kept off-stage for the moment, at least, is Mrs. Arroyo's nemesis, the man whom she deposed in grabbing the reins of power. But what if the plunder case against the real but "constructively resigned" President Estrada collapses?

[QUOTING:]

COLLAPSE OF THE PLUNDER CASE

Editorial, *The Daily Tribune*, 4/15/05

That the testimony of a top-ranking bank official in the plunder case against a deposed leader was very, very damaging to the Arroyo government prosecutors can easily be gleaned from the way the pro-administration media treated the story.

Television news programs, as well as one major broadsheet, did not carry the story at all. Others buried it in their inside pages, but with the report all twisted up, to generate the public perception that nothing of value came out of that testimony.

Why was it so important for the mainstream media to kill or bury this story?

Elementary really, since the defense witness, Beatrice Bagsit, then the first vice president of Equitable PCI Bank (EPCIB), testified that deposed President Joseph Estrada was not Jose Velarde, did not own or control the Velarde account as claimed by the prosecutors and their star witness, Clarissa Ocampo, and that the account belonged to, and was controlled by, businessman Jaime Dichaves, as shown not only by bank documents, but by the fact that it was

Bagsit who was placed in charge of the Velarde account.

Bagsit's testimony also established the fact that Clarissa Ocampo had perjured herself, during both the impeachment and Sandiganbayan trials when she claimed that Estrada was Velarde, while testifying that the trust documents Estrada had signed came from Bagsit's department when in fact it came from the bank's trust department, which was then headed by Ocampo herself.

This fact was established when Bagsit testified that not only had she confronted Ocampo with her lie, but that she also had the matter investigated—and with another prosecution witness, Manuel Curato, the result of which was that the trust agreement signed by Estrada, came from Ocampo and her office.

Moreover, through the defense witness' statements made under oath, it had become evident that the documents signed by Estrada as Jose Velarde, under the instructions of Ocampo and Curato, were useless, in that the papers were not honored by the bank, precisely because Estrada was not Velarde and therefore did not own the account and because he did not have any power of attorney from the real owner, Dichaves.

From Bagsit's testimony alone, it would be fairly easy to conclude that Ocampo and the EPCIB board of directors, headed by an anti-Estrada Makati Business Club officer Ricardo Romulo, hatched all this up to frame Estrada and get him ousted from his elected office. There is no denying that there was a *coup d'etat* being hatched then by these personalities calling themselves civil society and obviously, all these were done in furtherance of a coup to depose Estrada.

How they could deliberately destroy a man by framing him with a crime of plunder, aware of the fact that Estrada did not own the account and was deceived into signing documents which they knew would not be honored by the bank itself, and yet not be bothered by their conscience is beyond any upright person's ken. But then, only the evil can remain undisturbed.

That the Velarde matter was a clear frame up by these "evil society" members can be seen from the dated minutes of the EPCIB board meetings, where it was made clear that Ocampo would be the recipient of a handsome life-long reward for testifying against Estrada. Add to this the fact that the bank, in complete violation of trust agreements, volunteered, and in fact, submitted to the impeachment court, documents, without the permission of the owner of the Velarde account.

That the House prosecutors plotted and staged the walkout to ensure the collapse of the impeachment trial while pointing to the refusal of the defense lawyers to have the second envelope opened is just as clear, owing to the fact that the prosecution in the plunder case never introduced this second envelope as evidence, even as it earlier claimed that the evidence proved that Velarde and Estrada are one, which was why it claimed that the defense refused to have this opened.

Why not, if that was what they claimed was evidence? Why would the prosecutors do a foolish thing as that, knowing that the contents of the second envelope would establish without doubt that Estrada was not Velarde and that Dichaves was, as owner and controller of the account?

But Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo was quoted as saying Bagsit's testimony was of no importance as he claimed it was all hearsay and that Ocampo's

testimony cannot be shattered.

Marcelo should go back to his law books, since he can't seem to differentiate hearsay from first-hand account, and personal knowledge of a witness.

Chavit Singson's testimony was hearsay—triple hearsay even and remains moreover, uncorroborated to this day.

Ocampo has been shown up to have perjured herself and for a "golden parachute". Besides, the documents speak for themselves, and they clear Estrada.

The government has lost its case, and it knows it. Whether the court will continue to listen to the voice of its master in Malacañang is something else. But the justices know that an injustice will have been done. Whether they can live with it, is also something else.

[END QUOTING]

There has been some talk of "President" Arroyo "playing the China card". President Estrada is said to have called for "playing the U.S. card". It is probably no coincidence that Erap's return could hinge on a statement from the U.S. ambassador to the effect that Mindanao is set to become "the new Afghanistan".

[QUOTING:]

ERAP'S RETURN:

NO LONGER A DAYDREAM

By A. Lichauco, *The Daily Tribune*, 4/14/05

Why is Erap's return no longer a daydream?

The reason has to do with Mindanao. When the U.S. government, speaking through its embassy in Manila, serves notice to the world there is "conclusive" evidence that the terror group Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) maintains training camps in territories controlled by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and that Mindanao could be on its way to becoming the new Afghanistan, you know that the GMA government is in trouble and that it could be on its way to being politically decapitated by the government of George W. Bush.

In fact, at no time in the history of the GMA administration have talks of an "imminent coup" become as frequent as now and assumed the nature of virtual certitude—and the only question being raised, it seems, is when does the event take place—and who replaces her.

For this, GMA has only herself to blame.

As the *Tribune* editorial of April 12 pointed out, this administration "virtually ceded Philippine territories to the MILF"—and that, if this piece may add, after those territories had been liberated from MILF-control by the Estrada government, at great cost, needless to say, in terms of soldier's lives and public funds.

It is precisely this point—the fact that it was under the Estrada administration that territories ceded by a preceding administration to the MILF were subsequently freed and recovered from the MILF—that has brought about talks of the possibility that the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) might just decide to reinstall Erap in Malacañang.

For why, it is now asked, were those territories—already liberated by Erap—returned to the MILF by GMA?

This is the question that continues to puzzle the public mind, particularly those who follow Mindanao developments closely. Why did GMA have to return those camps back to the MILF after they had been

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INTERESTING CONCEPTS ON LIFE AND RELIGIOUS “SOCK IT TO YOU” TO RULE THE CASTLE

Beloved People of the Lie(S); this is an old-as-the-hills-themselves reflection on your way to Armageddon.

“They” call it “modernization” and doing things for the “modern world” but it is back to the DARK AGES, sleeping babes.

I don’t even like to approach the topics of church and/or state for here is where you form the opinions taught you in growing and in perceptions of influential persons in your manifest human experience. You CAN only respond, yea even react, to happenings according to your experiences, for it is difficult to confront life in TRUTH alone.

I can example this by the dispute over little Terri Schindler-Schiavo in Florida, U.S.A.

Anyone surviving nicely with ONLY the “support” of a feeding tube while otherwise the body refused to die and the “patient” continued to not only live but improve in every way except physically, as in “structure”, due to enforced lack of exercise and function, is not dying nicely or unintentionally—but is surviving because she WANTED to LIVE. To take away the food and water is MURDER and is a slow, agonizing death process that would bring prison or capital punishment for such forced killing.

What would YOU do to a “kidnapper” who napped a kid, put it in a cell the size of a hospital bed and strapped it down while proceeding to starve it slowly to death? The child might even shout, “I don’t want to live like this!” But the law, my friends, insisted that it is the murderer who is “right”? REMEMBER THAT YOU “ARE” THAT WHICH YOU “THINK”.

Now come the best little exercises in evolution and testing to see where YOU are in the evolvement and enlightenment of MANKIND. Is GOD playing tricks on you on examination day? No, but good old Satan is certainly doing a job on you.

Everything in the Church is POLITICAL and nothing that happens in the world of politics is accidental—so where does that leave you on the road to Perdition or even “Limbo”?

I have asked that some articles on the topic be run and I intend to share some more. Mostly the writings are having to be re-typed and our publication has to remain small so we will get it out as soon as is possible. Meanwhile the plethora of information

pours out in leaks throughout the plumbing system but the global controlled media will continue to botch, cover and outrightly LIE to you gullible people.

Does it matter WHO becomes the next POPE of Rome? No, for the management will not change one iota.

I further ask that you take a good hard look around you at other CHURCHES and their leadership and see if you actually can find a difference in the fundamental doctrine or layout activities in “your” perception.

The “mouths” all wear black robes or, sometimes to fool you a bit more, even white ones. They put things on their heads indicating at most, “fish-head” shaped fools’ caps and little discs to cover the balding spots and keep the skull skin from sweating on the fish-cap.

The black robes will be decorated in the Protestant churches by bits of scarlet, purple or shiny stripes on the sleeves along with drapes of color indicating status—IN THE EYES OF MAN, FOR GOD ONLY SEES YOU NAKED!

In the Roman Catholic CHURCH it is more interesting in the major FLOCKS of people in each color-coded category and these project the pronouncements upon you the ignorant.

Now, if you wish to think that dharma is somehow presenting this writing from her own perspective I can assure you that she doesn’t want to even annoy the “beast”. This is more especially so in this land of Satanic destruction, corruption and planned chaos using shelter under the wretched umbrella of this Roman Catholic Dynasty where “suffer, sacrifice and expect to die” is the call of EVERY day while the Elite politicians reap wealth and abundance while they bring the entire nation down to the depths of despair and brink of living death. It is Satan’s favorite playground. This is where around the globe, goodness dies and Satanic EVIL prevails.

This is noted quite easily in the Philippines where THIS WEEK came out the fact that in considering Gross National Product (GNP and GDP) ranked fourth is PROSTITUTION. This is outranked by Human Trafficking and CHILD pornography and selling. So what is number uno? Right, a toss-up between drugs and money laundering.

To recognize the more immediate things before you I suggest that especially you in the U.S. pay attention to the objections against “disgraced” Cardinal Bernard Law who resigned as archbishop of Boston over his role in the clergy sex abuse crisis and yet is THE Cardinal chosen to hold the U.S. “Memorial Mass” for the late Pope. Anything wrong here?

I ask dharma to post to this writing the Sex, Crime and Corruption article from the Associated Foreign Press.

[QUOTING: *The Daily TRIBUNE*, Manila, Philippines, Tuesday, April 12, 2005 page 5:]

recovered and liberated from the MILF by the AFP under Estrada?

Who advised GMA to return those camps to the MILF? Was the decision to return those camps her own independent decision or was that decision made on advice, if not pressure, by “advisers” responsible for the fall of Estrada.

Whatever it is, the question remains: Why were those camps returned to the MILF in the first place?

This question has automatically raised suggestions that, perhaps, Edsa II was really all about Mindanao, not—repeat, not—about Erap’s alleged corruption, of which he has yet to be convicted. The theory is now evolving that perhaps Estrada was maneuvered out of office because there were powerful elements who wanted the liberated territories given back to the MILF and that the only way that could be done was to politically preterminate Estrada and install GMA with the understanding that the latter would return the camps to the secessionists.

Which, of course, was what she did.

And the question now is, did GMA know at the time she had those camps returned, that they would be used, as the U.S. government now charges, to serve as a mini-Afghanistan?

Whether there’s anything to the charge of the U.S. government that the camps are being utilized as training ground for international terrorism is really beside the point—at this time. For all we know, the charge was aired by the U.S. government to establish the basis for an eventual U.S. military occupation of Mindanao since it is historic fact that the U.S. has always coveted Mindanao for its natural riches, and the notion that those camps now serve as a mini-Afghanistan could well be pure American invention and nothing more. You know how inventive the American mind can be. It invented those non-existent weapons of mass destruction in Iraq to give George W. Bush the reason for occupying Iraq.

The point, for purposes of this piece, is that by airing the charge that the GMA administration is allowing the MILF territories to be used as training ground by international terrorists, the U.S. government—intentionally or not—has revived questions about the real reasons behind the coup against Estrada, and those real reasons might not have anything to do at all about his women and his gambling and his alleged corruption but about his having asserted Philippine sovereignty over territories earlier ceded by the Ramos administration to the MILF.

What the U.S. Embassy has done, in charging that international terrorists are now using as training ground territories ceded by GMA to the MILF, is to revive the question about the legitimacy of Edsa II and to suggest, wittingly or unwittingly, that the real agenda of those who plotted against Estrada and helped bring about his fall was precisely to see to it that the territories he had liberated were returned to the MILF.

If this notion should gain ground, as it is bound to, the possibility that the AFP might just decide to reinstall Estrada can’t be dismissed. An Erap reinstalled in Malacañang by the AFP is no longer a daydream.

Mindanao just could make the fallen President assume the dimensions of a national hero felled by a cabal of traitors determined to dismember the republic.

[END QUOTING]

Who will play the only winning card in the deck, the Global Alliance card? “Use it or lose it” seems to be an appropriate expression at this point in the game.

SEX, CRIME AND CORRUPTION:
MURKY HISTORY OF PAST POPES

VATICAN CITY—(AFP)—They’ve plotted and deceived, they’ve been warlike, corrupt and power-hungry and they’ve sired children they shamelessly promoted: The history of popes, as cardinals mull who will succeed John Paul II, is decidedly murky.

Such accusations can in no way be leveled at John Paul II, who died April 2 after a 26-year pontificate that inspired and enthralled many.

[H: Forgive me for noting that there is something quite wrong right here as this “Pope John Paul II” actually SOLD GAS TO THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN WORLD WAR II—CALLED “NAZIS”. Now, where are all those disruptive and noisy Jewish Holocausters? Please, don’t be silly, pay more attention to Mr. Sharon being in Washington than in the Cardinals meeting in Rome. This IS the New World Order while YOU ARE DISTRACTED and, moreover, it has very little to do with Palestine, Syria OR Israel. THIS IS THE FINAL PLANNED TAKE-OVER and you are missing it.]

But it was not always so.

“The history of the papacy is the history of one of the most momentous and extraordinary institutions in the history of the world,” says Eamon Duffy in a study of popes entitled “Saints and Sinners”.

As cardinals go into seclusion from April 18 to elect the next head of the Roman Catholic Church, they have a rich history of sinning popes to look back on.

[H: How many of you actually think this is other than a farce and that it will be some “democratic” truth in election process?]

In the early centuries of Christianity, popes struggled to establish their grip in an age when the Roman Empire was collapsing and threats abounded from other cultures and religions.

They assumed more and more temporal authority as the papacy developed into a major secular power, at the cost of plunging to a level of corruption that left it morally bankrupt.

Pontiffs became absolute monarchs, with their own army, administration and lands, until other European kings reasserted their own rights, shrinking the papacy’s power and forcing it to revert to its age-old spiritual role.

One of the most notorious popes was Alexander VI, from the scheming Borgia dynasty, which was both intensely ambitious and wealthy.

During the 1492 conclave that elected him the successor to Innocent VIII, “money fell like rain,” according to Peter Maxwell Stuart of the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. “The papacy had been bought.”

Alexander VI had six sons and three daughters by several women and placed all his offspring in high positions.

His successor in 1503, Julius II, had three daughters while a cardinal and was a fierce warrior, leading his men into battle in silver armor against any who defied the authority.

[H: Now, let’s see, what is that word they use so freely—“CELIBACY”?]

Under Leo X, rampant corruption such as the selling of spiritual blessings in return for money led Martin Luther to start the Reformation.

Popes were kingmakers too, although not always successfully.

In the turmoil after the collapse of the Roman empire people looked to the papacy for leadership, but as proper nation states developed, popes resorted—like everyone else—to scheming and plotting and *ad-hoc* alliances in the myriad kingdoms and rival loyalties of Middle Age and Renaissance Europe.

Picking the wrong friends cost lives. Back in 882, John VIII was poisoned and clubbed to death, the first pope to be murdered. **[H: But certainly NOT THE LAST!]**

A few years later, Pope Stephen VIII had a close predecessor, Formosus, dug up, dressed in pontifical garb and put on trial posthumously.

Stephen himself was later imprisoned and strangled.

Meanwhile Pope Sixtus IV was implicated in an inter-factional plot in 1478 that led to the murder of a leading member of the powerful Medici family.

According to Maxwell-Stuart, the pontiffs have been jailed, four murdered, one openly assassinated, one deposed and one publicly flogged.

One died of wounds in battle, another when a ceiling fell on top of him.

Pope Urban VIII, a prodigious nepotist who reigned from 1623 to 1644, had astrologers draw up horoscopes of cardinals in Rome to learn when they would die because he was suspicious of them.

He also ordered a Dominican monk recently released from jail for heresy to perform a magical ceremony to ward off any nasty effects of an imminent lunar eclipse.

An enduring myth, which neither Maxwell-Stuart nor Duffy believe, is that of a pope named Joan in the ninth or 11th century—depending which medieval account you believe—who was only found out when she gave birth. **[H: Undoubtedly a “virgin” birth.]**

Still, as the authors argue, in 2,000 years of Christianity and 264 popes there are bound to have been a few rotten apples.

“For all its sins the papacy does seem to have been on balance a force for human freedom and largeness of spirit,” says Duffy. **[H: Ah but, what about a force FOR GOD, Mr. Duffy?]**

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To get the picture you MUST see, you have to go back to fundamentals and I want to start in the middle so that you can relate to players NOW, not ancient myths and fables as presented to enslave you.

Stop blaming the Catholics, the Jews or even the Monkey God—open your eyes and see TRUTH.

This is why I am going to take you word by word through, AGAIN, Dr. Coleman’s most important book of “modern” age, *THE CONSPIRATORS’ HIERARCHY; THE COMMITTEE OF 300. SATAN DOES NOT “GIVE-UP”, SILLY SIT-COM CHILDREN!*

I ALSO SUGGEST YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THOSE EARTHQUAKE MAPS AND EVENTS. MORE ESPECIALLY, HOWEVER, PAY ATTENTION TO THE VOLCANOES. At least three of them are acting up right in the Philippines, sleepyheads.

Please remember that earthquakes change topography—volcanic eruptions devastate the atmosphere with toxic fall-out and gases—AROUND THE GLOBE. This kills life-forms on a massive scale—while you watch for colored smoke at the Vatican.

I am also asked to make a brief comment regarding the new plethora of “receivers” and channels

using my name as well as Sananda-Immanuel’s handle. There are no comments to “hogwash”, readers—**READ THE CONTENTS OF THE WRITINGS.**

Would you ACTUALLY consider that “I” would have told you that all the nuclear warheads on Earth have been deactivated by us, Galactic “things”? **MOREOVER**, I am to have said that no more will be made. Are you nuts?

And what might you find out of the NESARA garbage? Garbage, if anything. Nothing is far more appropriate and a “Christ” would NOT have given forth such drivel. Again I believe that what you can expect on April 15th is Income Tax filing day—not some save-your-assets NESARA “announcement”. How long will you wallow in the deception and **BLAME GOD?** Moreover, how long will you listen and read the outrightly fabricated and misleading trash put forth from such as Bellringer, *et al.* He went with Dovy One, VK Durham, and then bore witness and loyalty to Spectrum grabbers of even our “identities”. It matters NOT, readers, **TRUTH IS TRUTH AND NARRY A WHIT OF DIFFERENCE WILL COME FROM THE SILLY PRESENTATIONS EXCEPT AS YOU SWALLOW POISON AND DISINFORMATION.** NESARA is total fabrication. Do you actually believe Satan is going to give you back anything he has already stolen from you—except to put you in a more locked-down position?

By the way, you can “announce” something until Hell freezes and it means NOTHING. Making things WORK in manifest reality is the proof of the “miracle”—not MAGIC. However, that is a “free-will” choice from GOD. Believe anything you choose, readers, for the choices are YOURS. And remember: Garbage data in; garbage data out!

We have a job to accomplish and it isn’t electing popes or demanding you believe “anything”.

We offer information and tell you where to get “more”; the rest is up to YOU.

I also suggest that some of you friends be very careful in your own personal adventures for some of you are about to make some pretty permanent errors in perception. Meanwhile, keep selves and endeavors covered very carefully before you waste time or money on even more “personal” adventures. Hear what is true and right—**NOT WHAT YOU “WANT” TO SEE AND HEAR.**

I do, yes, remind you however, that YOU CAN live in the circumstances as dealt you for you have done so since CREATION became. Indeed, there are far more pleasurable ways to “make it through” than you seem to ever choose. Keep it simple, keep it legal-lawful and act only in the laws of God at all times, and you shall live to present another day. I have no wars with any man and very, very few actual and/or absurd encounters with Satan himself. Live “right” and Satan will avoid you like the proverbial Black Plague of the Middle Ages in which you might actually now be finding selves.

Speaking of plagues, note that the recent retroviruses of the Ebola-TYPE and currently the Marburg virus outbreak, are far worse than Ebola, in Africa, and can fly across oceans in mere hours. You can expect those visitors in your neighborhood at any time. Obviously there is little treatment so please get your silver costume outfitted and at ready to protect, somewhat, your space suits. Get some gold into that solution if at all possible. You just can’t continue to blame Green Monkeys, people.

What of the Bird-flus? Elementary, Dr. Watson:

What You Didn't Know About The Popes of Rome

We are pleased to have permission to reprint the following article by freelance journalist Mark Owen, author of a series of "What You Didn't Know About" articles.

If you hold some hope in your heart that a new pope will make any positive difference in the world, this article should make you question such a ridiculous presumption.

[QUOTING:]

WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE POPES OF ROME

By Mark Owen, 4/6/05

On the evening of Saturday April 2, 2005, after receiving the Rite of Extreme Unction, Pope John Paul II passed away. At this time his chamberlain would have gone to the papal hospital bed and asked the Bishop of Rome a question, "Are you dead?" There would be no reply from the Pope. The chamberlain would then pick up a silver hammer and strike the Pope on the head and repeat his question, "Are you dead?" Again there would be no reply. The chamberlain would then thrice call out the Pope's baptismal name. He would then declare the Pope to be dead.

This is the way the Church has determined papal deaths for centuries. This is the way of the world's oldest monarchy.

Since 1763 the august Almanach de Gotha has been the ultimate authority on the royal houses of Europe. Listed under 'Reigning Sovereign Houses' is the Holy See. Therein is stated, "the incumbent of the Holy See is considered by Christian sovereign families as the 'Father of the Family of Kings', [and] his Holiness represents the OLDEST MONARCHY on earth."

The triple sovereignty of the Pope-Person, Holy See & Vatican City—is distinct in fact and in law. Internationally, he is not subject to any authority on earth. His Cardinals are considered to be Princes of the Church and peers of the sons of reigning monarchs. Each diocese is considered to be a royal fiefdom. The word 'diocese' originally signified an administrative unit devised by the Emperor Diocletian, a tyrant noted for his persecution of Christians.

Following are brief sketches of some of the more interesting holders of the title 'Vicar of Christ' (it should be noted that the Latin equivalent of the Greek 'anti' is 'vicarius', from whence is derived the word 'vicar').

Without a doubt, there was one Pope who was completely mad. In 896 Stephen VII set in motion the trial of his rival, the late Pope Formosus who had been dead for 9 months at the time. Formosus' corpse was dragged from its tomb and arrayed on a throne in the council chamber. The corpse, wrapped in a hair shirt, was provided with council, who wisely remained silent while Pope Stephen raved and screamed at it. The crime of Formosus was that he had crowned emperor

one of the numerous illegitimate heirs of Charlemagne after first having performed the same office for a candidate favored by Stephen. After Stephen's rant, the corpse was stripped of its clothes and its fingers were chopped off. It was then dragged through the palace and hurled from a balcony to a howling mob below who threw it into the Tiber. The body was later rescued by people sympathetic to Formosus and given a quiet burial. Stephen was strangled to death a few years later.

In 964 Pope Benedict V raped a young girl and absconded to Constantinople with the papal treasury only to reappear when the money ran out. Church historian Gerbert called Benedict 'the most iniquitous of all the monsters of ungodliness'. The pontiff was eventually slain by a jealous husband. His corpse, bearing a hundred dagger wounds, was dragged through the streets before being tossed into a cesspit.

In October 1032 the papal miter was purchased for the 11-year old Benedict IX. Upon reaching his 14th year, a chronicler wrote that Benedict had already surpassed in wantonness and profligacy all who had preceded him. He often had to leave Rome in a hurry.

Gregory VII was a master forger, surpassing even the great fraud known as the 'Donation of Constantine', the document that created the Papal States. Gregory had an entire school of forgers turning out document after document bearing the papal seal of approval. These documents were later systematized in the mid-1100s in Bologna by Gratian, a Benedictine monk. He called his work the *Decretum*, or Code of Canon Law. It was peppered throughout with several centuries of forgeries along with Gratian's own fictional additions. Gregory also formalized the celibacy doctrine in order to curtail the many gifts of church lands being given away to all of the illegitimate children of priests and bishops. According to Catholic historian Peter de Rosa in his book *Vicars of Christ*:

"Popes had mistresses as young as fifteen years of age, were guilty of incest and sexual perversions of every sort, had innumerable children, were murdered in the very act of adultery. In the old Catholic phrase, why be holier than the Pope?"

Another interesting figure was Alexander VI (formerly Rodrigo Borgia). He reigned from 1492-1503. Alexander committed his first murder at the age of 12. Upon assuming the Papal miter he cried, "I am Pope, Vicar of Christ!" In his *Decline and Fall* Gibbon referred to Alexander as the Tiberius of Rome. Like his predecessor Innocent VIII, Alexander sired many children, baptized them personally and officiated at their weddings in the Vatican. He had ten known illegitimate children (including the notorious Cesare and Lucrezia) by his favorite mistress, Vannoza Catanei. When she faded, Borgia took the 15-year old Giulia Farnese. Farnese obtained a Cardinal's red hat for her brother who later became Paul III.

KEEP THE WATER FOR THE BIRDS TREATED WITH OXYSOL AND SILVER COLLOIDS. In other words, RAISE THE SHIELDS AND KEEP THEM UP. There are NO restrictions on animal supplements of that particular variety as in "colloids". Now, isn't it a dastardly turn of events that prevents our ability to share? Do what you will, however, for we are bound by the very causes of action brought against us for that which was for your benefit. Sometimes it does, yes, seem quite painful as the results of our actions do indeed come back upon us.

I again warn you that the happenings of the day are in full-out takeover foreclosure of the global communities and societies aimed at YOU. The Elite are NOT out to protect you good people; just the opposite. Fall into the trap and expect it to pinch you soundly. Think carefully about what you do and, actually, what you say and how you say it for there actually will be this time when FEW do much for the many—but always with free-will choices as to service. When good men do NOTHING it becomes quite interesting indeed to watch the negative impacts hit more and more heavily and in far more confusion than ever anticipated. Always think very carefully when you withhold your help or withdraw your support and sharing, for each is a measure of intentions. All things are POSSIBLE WITH GOD; all things are ALLOWED by GOD! It is the promise of the human manifest experience!

God blesses abundantly all who see and hear—AND LISTEN!

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WHO "gotcha"?

[QUOTING, emphasis added:]

KILLER MARBURG OUTBREAK IN ANGOLA

Reuters, 4/12/05

LUANDA, Angola—Fear and ignorance are fuelling the world's deadliest outbreak of Marburg fever in Angola, where locals are too suspicious of medics in "astronaut" suits to let them take away infected loved ones, aid workers said today.

Terrified residents stoned **World Health Organisation (WHO)** workers' vehicles late last week, putting a brief halt to their operations to contain the disease in Uige province, northeast of Angola's capital Luanda.

...**The outbreak has killed 192 of the 213 known cases.** There is no cure for the disease which is related to Ebola.

...Marburg, a rare hemorrhagic fever, is spread through contact with bodily fluids including blood and saliva. Symptoms include headaches, internal bleeding, nausea, vomiting and bloody diarrhoea.

MSF has opened the city's only isolation ward in a cordoned-off section of the general hospital.

...Health workers have said basic hygiene rules are still not fully observed in hospitals.

Emergency measures to deal with the outbreak have stretched to the limit Angola's healthcare facilities which have been left in tatters after decades of civil war.

But many locals have not welcomed the strange-looking healthcare workers who have descended on Uige city dressed in full protective clothing.

[END QUOTING]

Alexander was followed by Julius II who purchased the papacy with his own private fortune. He didn't even pretend to be a Christian. A notorious womanizer who sired any number of bastards, Julius was so eaten away with syphilis that he couldn't even expose his foot to be kissed.

Under Leo X (1513-21)—who cursed and excommunicated Martin Luther—specific prices were enumerated by the Roman Chancery for every imaginable crime. For instance, a deacon accused of murder could be absolved for 20 crowns. Once pardoned, he could not be prosecuted by civil authorities. Two hundred years earlier, John XXII had done much the same thing, setting prices for crimes ranging from incest to sodomy.

During his pontificate Innocent VIII (1484-92) granted a 20-year Butterbriefe indulgence to persons who met his price. For a sum, one could purchase the privilege of eating favorite dishes during Lent.

Leo X (Giovanni de Medici) commissioned the Dominican friar Tetzl to sell indulgences which released one from purgatory. Tetzl's famous refrain went, "As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs!"

Pope Sixtus IV charged Roman brothels a Church tax. According to historian Will Durant, in 1490 there were 6800 registered prostitutes in Rome. Pius II declared that Rome was the only city run by bastards (the sons of Popes and Cardinals).

The iniquity of the various Popes has filled many books, and one has to wonder if the Church has been cursed from the very beginning. After all, Constantine leveled the Stadium of Caligula and the Temple of Apollo and used the stones and marble from them to erect the original basilica of Peter. Could he have been engaging in an act of sympathetic magic, as some have alleged? Constantine's choice of building materials might account for the observation made in Rome by Martin Luther centuries later who declared, "If there is a Hell, Rome is built over it. It is an abyss from whence issues every kind of sin."

Very brief mention should be made of the staggering scale of the Inquisition. In his *History of the Inquisition*, Canon Llorente, who was Secretary of the Inquisition in Madrid from 1790-92, estimated the number of condemned in Spain alone to have exceeded 3 million, with 300,000 burned at the stake. A Catholic historian comments on the events leading up to the suppression of the Spanish Inquisition:

"When Napoleon conquered Spain in 1808, a Polish officer in his army, Col. Lemanouski, reported that the Dominicans (in charge of the Inquisition) blockaded themselves in their monastery in Madrid. When Lemanouski's troops forced an entry, the inquisitors denied the existence of any torture chambers. The soldiers searched the monastery and discovered them under the floors. The chambers were full of prisoners, all naked, many insane. The French troops, used to cruelty and blood, could not stomach the sight. They emptied the torture chambers, laid gunpowder to the monastery and blew the place up."

Rome was truly drunk with the Martyr's blood. And the Papacy isn't fairing much better in our

modern age, and would appear to be in serious decline, if not in outright defeat.

In November 2000 Italian headlines screamed, "Devil Defeats Pope!" *Il Messaggero* reported that the Pope had been confronted by a teenage girl in the Vatican who screamed insults in a cavernous voice during an audience. John Paul attempted an exorcism but his ministrations had no effect on the girl.

Devils in the Vatican would come as no surprise to Msgr. Luigi Marinelli. His book *Gone With the Wind* at the Vatican fairly flew off the shelves in Italy, revealing as it did stories of money-laundering prelates, sex abuse and Satanic rituals performed within the walls of the Holy See.

Marinelli's comments echo those of the late Fr. Malachi Martin, a former Jesuit and exorcist, whose 1990 book *The Keys of this Blood* contains the following disturbing information:

"Most frighteningly for John Paul, he had come up against the irremovable presence of a malign strength in his own Vatican and in certain bishop's chanceries. It was what knowledgeable Churchmen called the 'superforce'. Rumors, difficult to verify, tied its installation to the beginning of Paul VI's reign in 1963. Indeed, Paul had alluded somberly to 'the smoke of Satan which has entered the Sanctuary'—an oblique reference to an enthronement ceremony performed by Satanists in the Vatican. Besides, the incidence of Satanic pedophilia—rites and practices—was already documented among certain bishops and priests as widely dispersed as Turin in Italy and South Carolina in the United States. The cultic acts of Satanic pedophilia are considered by professionals to be the culmination of the Fallen Archangel's rites."

Adding fuel to the fire is ex-Jesuit Robert Kaiser with his recent book *Clerical Error*. Kaiser states that Malachi Martin was something of a confabulist who lived for 30 years as a kept man under the roof of Manhattan socialite Kakia Livanos, the ex-wife of Greek shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos. Kaiser goes on to say that Martin also stole his wife Mary from him at one point in the '60s when all three were quartered in Rome. Kaiser also surmises that Martin may have been a paid lobbyist for the American Jewish Committee.

In his new book *Glimpses of the Devil*, psychiatrist M. Scott Peck weighs in with many interesting comments on possession and exorcism. He also declares Martin to have been most scrupulous in his histories of the exorcisms recounted in *Hostage to the Devil*. However, according to Peck, although a formidable scholar and gifted polyglot (17 languages), Martin could by turns be a 'pathological liar' and a 'leprechaun'. Needless to say, the jury is still out on the legacy of Malachi Martin.

On the other hand, the verdict on the pederasty that is endemic to the Roman priesthood, is in. The Church paid out more than \$1 billion in claims to victims of sex abuse by clergy in the 1990s alone. And the American branch offers a very disturbing treatment method to offenders. One startling example should suffice:

Fr. Jay Mullin was accused of molesting a boy more than 20 years ago in Boston. Then Cardinal

Bernard Law commanded Mullin to be evaluated at St. Luke's Institute. The Institute is a Washington clinic that was profiled in a Boston Globe article of February 24, 2002:

"Mullin was flown south in 1992 to a clinic outside Washington, D.C. The church-run clinic had a huge collection of child pornography of varying degrees, which ranged from soft porn to hardcore S&M images, all featuring pre-teen boys and girls."

This would have to rate as the most devilish form of aversion therapy ever known. It would be akin to treating alcoholics with copious quantities of vintage wine or bombarding junkies with free packets of China White heroin. Truly degenerate and depraved lunatics were running the asylum known as St. Lukes.

Notwithstanding the scandal and shock of the aforementioned, Rome carries on quietly with her program of world dominion. They lead the competition to establish the first one-world system that has ever existed. Their ultimate goal is global religious syncretism, and to eventually wield control and authority over every individual on earth. The human solidarity goals of the Roman Church are identical to the goals and objectives of the United Nations. This is why they are such a perfect fit. Rome only gives the appearance of objecting to the UN agenda. At the 1996 World Food Summit in Rome Cardinal Angelo Sodana pledged the Holy See's support for the UN's humanistic 'Programs of Action'.

Rome also has designs on Jerusalem.

For 46 years after Israel's rebirth the Vatican refused to acknowledge Israel's right to exist. But Rome wants to exert premier influence over Jerusalem, which will one day function as the capital of her World Church.

In a 1993 letter to the Pope, Shimon Peres promised to internationalize Jerusalem, granting the UN political control of the Old City and the Vatican hegemony over the holy sites within. This was confirmed by the Italian newspaper *La Stampa*. In March 1995 the Israeli radio station Arutz Sheva was leaked a cable from the Israeli Embassy in Rome, confirming the hand over of Jerusalem to the Vatican.

The future Pope will establish his throne one day within the walls of the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. It is from here that he will rule his World Church.

And this day may not be as far off as many believe. The cornerstones for the Third Temple have already been quarried by the Jewish group known as the Temple Mount Faithful. They are extremely well financed and organized. They have also produced priestly vestments in accordance with scriptural outlines and are presently attempting to breed a perfect red heifer in anticipation of the coming dedication ceremonies. Obviously, Rome and the Temple Mount Faithful are headed for a showdown.

In a letter sent to the Vatican in January 2004, the TMF demanded that Pope John Paul return the Temple Menorah and other vessels and treasures removed in 70AD by Titus and taken to Rome, where they are presently held within the Secret Vatican Archives.

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Life/Death Circumstances A Constant Consideration

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THU., Apr. 14, 2005 11:54 A.M. YR 18, DAY 241

Manila, Philippines

RE: LIFE AND/OR DEATH CIRCUMSTANCES
ARE A CONSTANT CONSIDERATION—GCH/d

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CAN WE DROP THE SUBJECT ALREADY?

What topic is it that you prefer we “drop” when considering life or death issues and right to or right not to live or die?

If you decide to end your life it is called suicide. If you choose to take the life of another it is called homicide. What is not to understand?

We all want to just haggle over Popes and Terri Schiavo as one outshines the other depending on the other happenings of the world where a Prince “Rainier” (whose call to fame is among the issues of having married an American Movie Star and living high and wondrously wealthy in Monaco) also dies, and thus and so.

How many, is it again, that perished in Indonesia and around the Indian Ocean in months since the Big Tsunami? Now, before the world can “settle”, the Indo volcanoes, as well as those around the globe, are started heaving up their lava lunches.

Now, readers, THAT can bring devastation of a planet in short order with very long-term winters.

In the same Indonesian-Sumatra area the whole small chain of islands off-shore are all but restructured from one end to the other and scattered all over the rest of the map come the now awakening volcanoes. It would certainly be worthy of a “Soltec” lecture but that must wait while you consider other substantially more important, to your living status, matters of urgent concern.

For you who want the instructions for “Living Wills” it becomes important that you find out your LEGAL options for I have little input as to the qualification or even the perceived “quality” of your life or your preferences for death as you recognize physical presence to somehow be.

Where can you get good information regarding this matter? Try Internet <flsenate.gov/welcome/living_will/livingwill.pdf> while a surrogate form can be downloaded from <flsenate.gov/welcome/livingwill/designation.pdf>. Or, you can send \$6 to “AFP”, 645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Suite 100, Washington, D.C. 20003 and you will be sent a copy.

I do hope that you will be most cautious and consider circumstances very carefully for once you are deaded, it is all over this go-round. This is just a “Public Service” announcement to you who would think God and individual can’t sufficiently work out these personal matters.

I would further suggest, however, that you would also be willing to share that which you LEAVE and might be useful to those left behind. Some people are going to die if they fail to get some living help in the form of organs, bone marrow, etc. And no, I am NOT jesting for when your life is considered too unpleasant for continued living—someone might very well be able to see through your wasted eyes, as a for instance. Therefore, you can simply add an addendum in consideration of helping the living to your “Living Will” instructions.

I would note, in addition, that if your surrogate interpreters get on with their life and leave you hanging around for a decade or more where that old bod is doing ok on its own except for water and a meal, it might be worth RECONSIDERATION and especially if that surrogate has gone on with living outside your preferred wishes and yet can see to it that he/she both gets the money, the insurance AND goodness, all his/her sinful wishes while you simply have to miserably and slowly starve and dehydrate to death. Do that which you will for God allows and certainly so too does your guardian judicial system.

My “problem” is the inability to separate one homicide from another such as on 9/11/2001 or the murdered child after an abduction or child pornography session in the name of “sex”.

I cannot tell the difference in death of an innocent Iraqi child from a malformed child of a victim of depleted uranium from the killing fields. Mr. Malthus will end up killing you all if you aren’t careful.

And yes, it is why we are offering newer books by great and observant writers so you lose that cop-out of “I didn’t know...”. This is also why we will again offer Dr. Coleman’s most important book of the recent century. **KNOW THINE ENEMY AND RECOGNIZE THE MANY DISGUISES WHO APPEAR LIKE DOCTORS, LAWYERS, NURSES AND YOU NAME IT!**

If you fail to know your enemy, you are destined to perish.

DEATH TOLL FROM DEPLETED URANIUM

I do not jest about several things come upon you and will speak of the most obscene right after we look again at the viruses waging war as weapons of mass destruction and the new flu virus which is going to hit like mercurial hell-fire once introduced AGAIN.

But the most dreadful before our faces and which takes a long time as does AIDS, in the most appalling wipe-out of your youth and those who pay the highest price for “your so-called freedom”, your young soldiers. You have doomed them to death as slow and miserable as anything you can imagine.

Moreover, you are kept ignorant and while others on the globe realize the truth you continue, in the U.S., to hang onto the absurd media lies and blackouts.

I don’t need to bring revelation and dump it onto your heads. It is well documented in publications of Truth shared with you at the very risk of heinous targeting and through attacks against the daring publishers.

I don’t need to go further on this topic in point than *American Free Press*, April 4, 2005.

[QUOTING: Front page, by James P. Tucker Jr. (your friendly Bilderberger uncoverer):]

DU DEATH TOLL TOPS 11,000

Nationwide Media Blackout Keeps U.S. Public Ignorant About This Important Story

The death toll from the highly toxic weapons component known as depleted uranium (DU) has reached 11,000 soldiers and the growing scandal may be the reason behind Anthony Principi’s departure as secretary of the Veterans Affairs Department. This view was expressed by Arthur Bernklau, executive director of Veterans for Constitutional Law in New York, writing in Preventive Psychiatry E-Newsletter.

“The real reason for Mr. Principi’s departure was really never given,” Bernklau said. “However, a special report published by eminent scientist Leuren Moret naming depleted uranium as the definitive cause of ‘Gulf War Syndrome’ has fed a growing scandal about the continued use of uranium munitions by the U.S. military.”

The “malady [from DU] that thousands of our military have suffered and died from has finally been identified as the cause of this sickness, eliminating the guessing. ... The terrible truth is now being revealed,” Bernklau said.

Of the 580,400 soldiers who served in Gulf War I, 11,000 are now DEAD, he said. **By the year 2000 there were 325,000 ON PERMANENT MEDICAL DISABILITY. More than a decade later, more than half [56 percent] who served in Gulf War I have permanent medical problems.** The disability rate for veterans of the world wars of the last century was 5 percent, rising to 10 percent in Vietnam.

“The VA secretary was aware of this fact as far back as 2000,” Bernklau said. “He and the Bush administration have been hiding these facts, but now, thanks to Moret’s report, it is far too big to hide or to cover up.”

Terry Johnson, public affairs specialist at the VA, recently reported that veterans of both Persian Gulf wars now on disability total 518,739, Bernklau said.

“The long-term effect of DU is a virtual death sentence,” Bernklau said. “Marion Fulk, a nuclear chemist, who retired from the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab, and was also involved in the Manhattan Project, interprets the new and rapid malignancies in the soldiers [from the second war] as ‘spectacular’—and a matter of concern’.”

While this important story appeared in a Washington newspaper and the wire services, it did not receive national exposure—a compelling sign

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that the American public is being kept in the dark about the terrible effects of this toxic weapon.

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SO WHAT TO DO?

Well, it actually is so ugly that it does make one want to “cut out of here” on a rather regular basis, doesn’t it? Me too!

You have gone even further with your children of the wars, good citizens. You now call those soldiers who have lived the experience and refuse to go BACK TO IRAQ, cowards and “yellow”. Oh, and how many of you sit on your backsides while they are sent to their demise—either abruptly or long-term? This is, however, another thing kept from your prying eyes—the military desertion rate. And where have you been today?

Who do you suppose is the loudest accusing mouth about these soldiers who have witnessed too much horror and are caused to cause mayhem at every turn of the machine gun? Ollie North is the drug-runner dealer PATRIOT who could weep in congress and get your undying loyalty while he laughed at you all the way to his TV success.


May GOD truly help all, for it is difficult to see from day to day just how you can expect “salvation” at no cost unto self. May life serve you well in that you never have to make crucial choices for as you are going the life you save will not likely even be your own.

I am called “uncaring” for your painful moments in passage along this way. I am simply making an effort to have you consider the major problems you will be facing in the not-too-distant future as things are going. You will more and more be called upon to test your metal in the choices of how to handle these life and death decisions as more and more sick and damaged bodies will need immediate choices as to action in an effort to save lives or simply start letting the sick go on their way to whatever place is beyond this physical realm as you have learned to express and experience.

It may be less than “sensitive” to remind all of you that ALL OF YOU shall die, for ascension is not going to “just happen” because you practiced with some great Guru of the East or Shaman of the mountains. And no, I won’t tell you what you WANT TO HEAR just because you demand it of me for your demands are NOT my commands

By the way, the numbers given about the Gulf War DU are only relevant to those U.S. statistics while you have to consider how many MORE civilians and international coalition troops might be in the same shape of potential demise.

It is time that you lovely U.S. citizens reach out in consideration of your neighbors and fellow humans for this is a global problem at your doorstep and you cannot survive without one another. You are on an “island” and when you have destroyed it you have likewise destroyed yourselves. It is going to take more than a 2,000 year-old man on a cross, nailed tight to the boards to insure capture and detention, to save your assets. It all starts and ends with YOU. So be it.

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4/9/05—#1 (18-236)

SAT., Apr. 9, 2005 7:39 A.M. YR 18, DAY 236

Manila, Philippines

RE: MEMO TO FILE REGARDING ANNUAL MEETING OF THE T-A FDN AS MANDATED BY THE SEC. OTHER COMMENTS ARE FOR FILE RECORDS—DJE

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PILOT ERROR

Having wasted much of EJ’s time and energy in an effort to recover a prior memorandum to the files on this same matter, I have to concur that the simple answer to “what happened” was as fundamental as failure to “save” the document.

This was yesterday’s lengthy and time-consuming report following EJ’s immediate report following the annual meeting of the Membership of the DON ESTEBAN BENITEZ TALLANO & DON GREGORIO MADRIGAL ACOP FOUNDATION, INC (FDN &/OR T-A FDN) and distributed to a small circle of our colleagues on Thursday evening, to which I refer.

Annually on April 7th we are required to meet in order to fulfill the regulations set forth by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that is also the authority regarding registration and regulations for ALL incorporated entities, inclusive of Foundations. Notification to members is truly not necessary for this is an established mandatory and pre-scheduled meeting outside the consideration of any Board of Trustees or Directors.

However, be it noted that notices were distributed weeks prior to the set meeting as were registered notifications mailed to all delinquent “members” with full records placed in the minutes and into reports entered through and by Secretary Marcos and presented to the Board of Trustees and to the Committee of the Whole, which is how we handle the failure to have a quorum of Trustees present. The last scheduled meeting of the Trustees was attended by only three Trustees. This is brought into this memorandum for reference purposes and record keeping. All minutes and attendance records are safely and securely kept by the Secretary.

Trustee meetings are also pre-scheduled to reduce the need for registered delivery. We have witnessed the president and treasurer being absent on most irregular “excuses” with no consideration of the remaining Trustees who have to be present to cover the PRE-scheduled meeting. Ekkers have always made themselves available, even if inconvenient, to fill that position along with Mr. Marcos, the secretary. If for some reason Mr. Marcos could not be present, the assistant Secretary has kept attendance records for the Secretary. Meetings are conducted according to

regulations and our bylaws and a lack of quorum is always noted.

During the few months prior to this Annual Meeting we have decided that the [penalty for] failure to attend Trustees’ meetings should be suspension and/or expulsion. We have formulated an array of “violations” that would merit the same result, not the least of which is the chronic failure to pay dues.

Therefore, on the 7th at the prescheduled 10:00 AM meeting we first convened a Trustees’ meeting as a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of properly forwarding the Trustees’ recommendations to the membership.

Having already established a protocol for handling delinquent Board Trustees and having it noted and documented in several prior meetings, the Committee of the Whole informed the membership that 4 Trustees have obviously “constructively resigned” since they have neither paid dues nor attended meetings, which leaves the Foundation with only 8 members, 7 of which were serving as Trustees until the convening of the Membership Meeting. One of the four informed the then president that he “quit” and another stands to be indicted for criminal altering of government documents; the other two have filed a complaint with the SEC to “dissolve” the Foundation, hardly a friendly or supportive gesture.

The two “active” Trustees that have done nothing but stall and procrastinate were holding the positions of president and treasurer. They have made no effort to organize the committees needed to move the objectives of the Foundation ahead for the benefit of the people but have instead used up virtually a whole year attempting in one way or another to take control of it for their own personal profit. Neither of them have prepared their reports to the membership at its annual meeting, leaving those reports to be made by the secretary.

What they have been doing recently is attempting to recruit new members whom they can control so that they could “load the Board” with their own selection of Trustees. Because the secretary also serves as the Chairman of the Membership Committee, they have been attempting to get him to violate the rules and induct several new members prior to the membership meeting. When they finally understood that he was not going to do their bidding, they decided to boycott the membership meeting so that there would be no quorum. Their first “excuse” was that they could not pay the fees due and owing since December 31st; next they invented the excuse that the meeting was supposed to be at 2:00 PM instead of 10:00 AM.

All Trustee positions are for one year only, from one annual meeting to the next, and become “vacant” upon the “call to order” of the next. The primary purposes of the annual meeting are to make and hear the reports of the year’s activities and elect the

Trustees for the following year. The two schemers were counting on there having to be 7 members present to constitute a quorum of the former 12 members, not realizing that the four dissidents could be considered resigned, reducing the number to 5, which were in attendance.

In their attempts to gain control of the Board the two schemers had been “courting” a Trustee, Professor Jaime Ramirez, that is not of the greedy variety but who went along with them as a matter of curiosity. He reported that they had held a secret meeting on the night of the 6th of April which they had insisted the secretary (and Membership Chairman) had to attend but which he could not attend as he was too busy writing the reports that they were supposed to write. They (the two schemers) later claimed that the secret meeting had to do with some kind of “investment” possibility for future “members”, which they obviously planned to induct before the membership meeting. The secretary’s inability to accommodate them thwarted their plan to railroad in new members to get control of the Board so they had to boycott the meeting in an attempt to delay it for lack of quorum so that they could have more time to recruit.

All potential “members” must be properly “processed” by submitting an application form, a brief resume’ (which should be verified), and fees of P1600 so immediate approval of any new member is difficult at best. To have processed new members by the 7th April membership meeting would have required submission of their applications no later than March 31. To this date none have been received. We do not hesitate to speculate that, since those being solicited as new members were also referred to as “investors”, it is quite likely that Ocampo was intending to collect money from them for his own use, as he did with Gen. Gutang. He may even have planned to encumber, at least verbally, assets of the Foundation to justify an “investment” exceeding the fees.

When Mr. Marcos could not attend the “SECRET” meeting due to having to have all annual reports ready for the meeting on the 7th, the secret attendees obviously decided to boycott the membership meeting, thinking that the remaining members would not constitute a quorum so that the meeting would have to be rescheduled, giving them more time to “recruit”.

When the attending members discovered a way to proceed and the Trustee that had attended the secret meeting the previous night reported to them that we were proceeding, they changed their excuse from inability to pay their dues so that they could vote to “we thought the meeting was at 2:00 pm rather than 10:00 am (as had always been the specified time)”. In addition to the prior notices distributed with the time and location properly given, Mr. Marcos called them the morning of the 7th to remind them that the meeting was at 10:00 am. The Trustee that had attended the secret meeting the previous night was on time for the 10 AM meeting.

Because there was an uncompleted resolution from two prior Trustees’ meetings, made by the Committee as a Whole in both instances, a Trustees’ meeting was first called so that those recommendations could be transmitted to the Membership. This was done and the Trustee’s meeting was adjourned.

The Vice President, acting as the membership-meeting chairman, then called the members to order and inquired of the Secretary if a quorum was present. It was agreed that, because it had been made clear that the four dissident Trustees were to be expelled by the members, that it would be a miscarriage of justice to allow their ghosts to continue to sap the energy of the Foundation and that, since they had never paid their dues or attended meetings for more than one year, they should be considered “resigned”. Subtracting four from twelve leaves a total of eight so with five present we were a quorum.

The “standard” bylaws provided in the SEC “kit” provide for a term of one year for Trustees and Officers. If a corporation/foundation wants different terms it must amend its bylaws and get SEC approval of the amendment. Since our bylaws concerning that matter have not been amended, upon convening the Annual Membership Meeting each Trustee’s and Officer’s service was terminated so as to be replaced by those elected at the Meeting.

While we had announced our intention of reelecting the same Trustees and Officers, when the two schemers obviously and deliberately boycotted the meeting to destroy the quorum, we decided not to elect them to the two remaining slots. Instead of electing Attorney Manuel G. Natividad, who can very seldom attend the Trustees’ meetings, as a Trustee, we elected Erlinda Marcos (the wife of Cenon). By this time Professor Jaime Ramirez had become more aligned with us than with the schemers so he was reelected as a Trustee. We then passed a resolution to require that a member pay his/her dues for the next year by January 1 or immediately forfeit membership. As soon as that amendment to our bylaws is accepted by the SEC, we will (again) notify the delinquent members of the amount they are in arrears, give them a reasonable time in which to pay, and officially terminate their membership if they do not pay. Hereafter we should send them a reminder in late November so that non-payment by January 1 results in automatic termination without further expense to the Foundation.

Since Attorney Manuel G. Natividad did not attend the membership meeting, it was decided not to elect him as a Trustee until he could be consulted. The suggestion has been made that he could be made an Ex Officio member of the Board of Trustees so that he could exercise all of the privileges of a Trustee when he attended but he would not be counted in the computation of a quorum.

It has recently been discovered and reported that the corporation of Rolando M. Ocampo, Raise International Management, Inc. (RIM), is defunct and no longer registered with the SEC, a matter of very serious interest to the members since the Trustees had spent many weeks negotiating a contract with RIM on the promise of an impending transaction that could fund the office start-up of the FDN. Strangely, as soon as the contract was signed, nothing more was heard of the transaction.

This contract has several odious aspects, a few of which we will chronicle here. Taking the most important first: Since RIM is a “non-entity” the contract is null and void; whether the FDN suffered damage is yet to be determined. The negotiation of the contract by Mr. Ocampo is clearly criminal fraud

in which the attorney, Florentino Viray, is complicit since he accepted payment from Mr. Ocampo. When Mr. Ocampo first proposed the contract Mr. Ekker advised him that, as a Trustee of the FDN he was in a conflict of interest position to be negotiating a commission agreement with the FDN. With the aid of the attorney and the president of the FDN, however, Ocampo was adamant in pushing ahead.

Mr. Ekker had been advancing money to the attorney on behalf of the FDN for advice on various other matters, the most important of which was to position the FDN in such a way as to gain the support of the courts to, at the least, inventory the gold on lease from the Royal Family to the government in 1949 because the lease has expired and the gold should now be released to the Estate/Foundation. As an asset of the FDN, at least 50% of the gold should be included in the FDN’s financial annual report to the SEC. Because of the blatant conflict of interest of the attorney in writing the contract between RIM and the FDN, Mr. Ekker stopped advancing money to the attorney, explaining that he could not support such illegal activity.

The contract as proposed and presented for final signature contained language that would give Mr. Ocampo (as president of RIM) a commission of 15% of all FDN transactions and the authority to not only negotiate but also to obligate the FDN to the acceptance of the terms of his negotiation. Such language was objected to by Trustee Gutang, supported by Mr. and Mrs. Ekker. After some two hours of haggling, and seeing that he stood soon to lose the whole contract, Ocampo capitulated to receiving a commission on only those contracts that he initiated, negotiated and completed—and—were accepted by a majority of the Trustees while the Trustees agreed to leave the percentage at 15%.

Even though it is now known that the contract is null and void due to the REVOKED status of the corporation, RIM, the character of Mr. Ocampo, and probably of his attorney, have been revealed so that the remaining Trustees can now see that they will be better off without him and his co-conspirator, Fidel P. Lajom.

Because the two scheming Trustees claimed 2:00 pm to be the time of the meeting, Professor Ramirez stayed at the meeting site in the Coffee Shop of the Gilarmi Hotel. The two and Attorney Viray came at 2:00 pm, pronounced no quorum, said our meeting could not have been legal, and left. For some 8 or 9 months they have had a special arrangement with the Secretary so that he does not have to mail their Notices but communicates their notice by telephone or SMS and so it is true that they might not have had a written notice. However, a written notice of the Annual Membership Meeting is not required, since it is a matter of public record, having been assigned by the SEC. Besides that, the Secretary had telephoned and talked to the president before 7:00 am that very morning, during which conversation the starting time of 10:00 am was emphasized.

To further discredit the conspirators’ claim, two days later while Mr. Ekker was in a meeting at the same place of the scheduled Membership Meeting, Attorney Natividad appeared at 10:00 am, ready to attend the Membership Meeting. When Mr. Ekker informed him that the meeting had been held two days

prior, he brought forth the Notice that he had received, only to find upon close inspection that the date was for April 7 and this was April 9. Clearly, there could have been no REAL mis-scheduling or mis-noticing of the meeting.

Since then copies of letters, one to the Trustees and another to the SEC, have been faxed to the number shown on the meeting notice stating that Lajom, as President, declared the Membership Meeting “adjourned” due to lack of quorum, resetting the date of the meeting to June 7, and “directing” the Secretary to properly notice the new meeting “as soon as you are formally informed of the place and time”.

The letter to the SEC states: “The written notice of meeting prepared by the Corporate Secretary scheduled the time of meeting a 10:00 o’clock in the morning of April 07, 2005. The other members were made to understand that the schedule time of the meeting was at 2:00 o’clock in the afternoon.” Of course, we are left to wonder which “other members” were misled as to the time of the meeting. The Secretary had telephoned both Lajom and Ramirez, and getting no answer so early in the morning from Ocampo, had sent him a text message reminding him that the time of the meeting was 10:00 am.

The letter to the SEC concludes with: “Since there was conflicting schedule of the time of annual meeting of the membership...”. On the contrary, there could have been no “conflicting schedule”, except as an invention of a clever attorney attempting to set up a possible conflict to facilitate litigation.

The SEC regulations call for the filing of a General Information Sheet (GIS) within 30 days after an Annual Membership Meeting. When it is filed early next week it will show the reduction of Trustees from 11 to 7 and the election of 5. We will proceed with the business of the Foundation, even though we may have to fend off some attacks from Mr. Ocampo and his attorney. If they are silly enough to file a complaint, we can cross complain for damages and bring up the fraudulent contract.

In summary: Cenon C. Marcos and Professor Jaime Ramirez are working very hard and very rapidly to elevate the Foundation to its appropriate stature and free it from the stains on the name of Tallano and, possibly, Ocampo. We will be spending a lot of time with attorneys in the next few weeks in a serious effort to establish our presence with the courts so that we can terminate the government’s lease of the gold and get it released for use. In the meantime, other avenues are opening up and progress is being made, albeit mostly not visible or documentable.

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As a change of topic but in response to those curious about our subsequent meeting with business parties yesterday, it was a grand meeting. I did not attend, as my instructions are to not “distract” and that needs no further explanation.

Three of our Trustees attended along with some 10 to a dozen other parties at the highest level of business development ranging from city-building to power/irrigation facilities and agricultural recovery projects.

Judge Reyes, formerly Judge in the final decisions of the cases involving the FDN, for lack of longer and repeated explanations, also attended. He was pleased to report that he has been asked to render his “opinion” in the “imposter” case against Julian Tallano. His familiarity with the case going back to the Agana Decision with Compromise Agreement of 1972 will be most helpful to the Court of Appeals where that case is now lodged.

Before the meeting was ended, the friend and attorney of Mr. Marcos came and remained for discussions after the business people had departed to give input to SEC matters, etc. He has some other cases open and pending demanding his full-time attention and when those are cleared, expected very soon, he will probably become counsel to the Foundation.

I am not, INTENTIONALLY, offering names because this is also the land of law by gun. Thank you for not asking. We will name names as appropriate and already recognized as fully involved.

One interesting point in the meeting yesterday was that all attending business parties want to become active members of the FDN. We will let that unfold properly and under advisement to avoid ever getting into a position of being “ruled” through deceit and manipulation.

The current situation is very positive and the job itself must be accomplished by Philippine CITIZENS. We are foreigners in a troubled land and our mission is not to get more power or wealth but to establish a way for a nation and a people to grow in freedom—with their own wondrous assets at THEIR disposal.

We have fully documented our position and standing and render public notice at every step of the way. This is as much for those who must come after us as for anything to do with us two old folk. It is God’s Plan, not ours, and how arrogant we would be to present otherwise. I am kept out of regular push-pull and “sell you nonsense” gatherings to keep me clear and focused.

I am pleased when I am mistaken for my Guide, but I claim nothing of special category other than objectivity as can only be accomplished by remaining in service at all times but generally being available. In that way I am untouched by the socializations with people playing at making home runs out of fabrications. The real LOAD does fall on others and where I participate I am fully operational so if we just live long enough we will get this job done. If we don’t live as long as we might prefer, then we will go “home” with happy hearts.

I am always sorry when anyone is offended by perception of anything that I might give reflection or other perceptions than presented. However, I too have to let that go and remind myself that perhaps human “familiarity” breeds contempt or judgments outside my station or service protocol, whatever that might be.

The Philippines is on the brink of collapse and today’s paper indicates full military action pending. That happens regularly, however, so we fail to get more than mildly interested in such hype. It is such a daily event that to gain too much interest in the daily disinformation we feel is gross error since what

happens is outside our ability to impact it any way.

We do notice however, that Ms. President GMA “LIED” openly and deliberately TO THE CNN INTERVIEWER when she outrightly and righteously stated that THE POPE HAD BACKED HER ENTRY INTO THE PRESIDENCY WHILE BLESSING THE EDSA REVOLUTION THAT UNSEATED ESTRADA. BS SQUARED!

Now, this is one of those times WE WERE HERE and the POPE DID NOT endorse the “little liar from Manila”. Part of the conspiracy was fully represented by the Roman Catholic Church in the body of Archbishop Cardinal SIN—but as a matter of fact, Pope John Paul was already planning a visit to the Philippines AND CANCELLED THE VISIT. Moreover, it cannot even be properly established as to how much the people here resent the expense of the trip to the Vatican when she went basically UNINVITED. I don’t need to go there at this writing but so much information comes from the Roman “holiday” as to shock and awe.

There were the heads of state in full costume as the big costume party took place around a hideous depiction of CHRIST on that confounded cross of DEATH. As long as the World Controllers can keep CHRIST ON THAT CROSS we can NEVER have a free and wondrous “Christian” society of any kind. The next POPE will be an even more powerful puppet of the Black Nobility. The funeral was simply a time of pulling the little puppets together to remind them of their slave status.

Is this just “my opinion”? Gosh no—the full story starts on page one of *COMMITTEE OF 300*. The Black Nobility is also recognized earlier as the Club of Rome.

Now what clues tell us that the Black Nobility STILL RUNS THE SHOW?

Clue: After the POPE’s body was laid out for viewing, the entire process of viewing was held up until the BLACK NOBILITY arrived and was in order (FIRST PECKING ORDER) for FIRST viewing and “consecration” of the body itself. This was a very tacky ritual at best but allowed for the full flow of rituals thereafter. And yes indeed, later there were the children of the chosen; Bush, Bush, Clinton, Rice and yes indeed, off on the side—Kissinger. These all represented respectful funeral attendees. No, they are ALL players in the CLUB. And yes indeed, there was little Miss Muffet GMA right there trying to get herself integrated with the “greats” while her nation is in collapse—CHECK IT OUT, doesn’t take more than watching CNN.

Oh well and so be it. We were warned! I further suggest that everybody get out your copy of *COMMITTEE OF 300* **and study it well!**

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Today becomes too busy as has become our usual operating schedule and good news abounds. EJ is off to another follow-on meeting with some of yesterday’s business people who have business in China. Hopefully they will bring in their friends from Malaysia next week and there are other contacts in Indonesia and South Korea so there are hardly any dull moments. I will effort to keep you all at least partly informed.

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TEAM B MOVES TO TAKE COMMAND

In the end, the behind-the-scenes Team B experiment inside the upper ranks of the U.S. intelligence community laid the groundwork for the modern-day “neo-conservative” network that ultimately assumed control of the Bush administration beginning in 2001.

Writing in his scholarly (if vaguely-admiring) study of the neo-conservatives—*The Rise of Neoconservatism: Intellectuals and Foreign Affairs*—John Ehrman reports that the rejuvenation of the Cold War-era “blue ribbon” group known as the Committee on the Present Danger was a direct outgrowth of the Team B process, essentially a public relations approach to disseminating the Team B geopolitical outlook.

Professor Benjamin Ginsberg notes in his history, *The Fatal Embrace: Jews & the State*, a study of the Jewish role in American political affairs, that veteran diplomat Paul Nitze of “Team B” fame and former Under Secretary of State Eugene Rostow were among the founders of the new Committee, along with former Treasury Secretary Charles Walker who was then serving as a lobbyist for defense contracting firms that helped supply financing for the committee. The committee’s general counsel was Max Kampelman, a high-powered Washington figure known as a key player in the Israeli lobby. Ginsberg candidly described the nature of the organization:

The Committee on the Present Danger, in effect, was an alliance between cold warriors ... who believed in the need to contain the Soviet Union ... the defense industry ... which had an obvious pecuniary interest in heightened levels of defense spending, and pro-Israel forces who had come to see high levels of defense spending and an interventionist U.S. foreign policy as essential to Israel’s survival and who hoped to make support for Israel an element of America’s effort to contain the Soviet Union.

Each of these allies had a stake in asserting that Soviet expansion represented a “clear and present danger” to the United States. For cold warriors, this was political gospel as well as a route

through which they hoped to return to power in the bureaucracy. For the defense industry, this was the key to high profits. For the Israel lobby, opposition to the USSR was a rubric through which to justify the expansion of American military and economic assistance to Israel.

Ginsberg pointed out that during the 1980 election campaign, the members of the committee became active in Ronald Reagan’s presidential election effort and thus, the committee “became the vehicle through which the alliance of cold warriors, defense contractors and pro-Israel groups became part of the Reagan coalition and gained access to the government”.

Ultimately, as noted by American historian, Richard Gid Powers, Reagan brought no less than sixty members of the Committee into his administration, including its founders, Paul Nitze and Eugene Rostow, who were placed in the most critical arms-control positions.

The New York Times went so far as to assert that the Committee’s influence amounted to “a virtual takeover of the nation’s national security apparatus”.

At the time the Reagan administration assumed office, many of the same personalities involved in the activities of the Committee on the Present Danger established yet another “blue ribbon” committee with motivations parallel to the operations of the Committee on the Present Danger.

Known as the Committee for a Free World, this new entity, founded by Midge Decter, wife of yet another ex-Trotskyite-turned-“neo-conservative”, Norman Podhoretz, included among its members such individuals as Elliott Abrams, Gertrude Himmelfarb (wife of Irving Kristol and mother of William Kristol) and Michael Ledeen, all of whom, today, are part of the “Perle-Kristol network”. Notably, one of those who helped raise funds for this committee was Donald Rumsfeld, who is now prosecuting the U.S. war against Iraq as Defense Secretary in the George W. Bush administration.

The bottom line of all of this, as Team B critic Anne Hessing Cahn put it, is that “When Ronald Reagan got elected, Team B became, in essence, the A Team.” And the impact of Team B’s false estimates is still affecting America into the beginning of the 21st Century, not only in terms of foreign policy, but in domestic policy as well. Ms. Cahn notes:

For more than a third of a century, perceptions about U.S. national security were colored by the view that the Soviet Union was on the road to military superiority over the United States. Neither Team B nor the multibillion-dollar intelligence agencies could see that the Soviet Union was dissolving from within.

For more than a third of a century, assertions of Soviet superiority created calls for the United

States to “rearm”. In the 1980s, the call was heeded so thoroughly that the United States embarked on a trillion-dollar defense buildup.

As a result, the country neglected its schools, cities, roads and bridges, and health care system. From the world’s greatest creditor nation, the United States became the world’s greatest debtor, in order to pay for arms to counter the threat of a nation that was collapsing.

Certainly, there is no question that the institution of Team B and its resulting impact on U.S. policy laid the groundwork for the future drive for power that brought the neo-conservatives (who had been groomed by Richard Perle through the Team B process) into outright control of policy in the George W. Bush administration beginning in 2001.

And in those heady years of the Reagan era—and the rise of the Team B group—what turned out to be a pivotal event that would have immense future ramifications was the appointment of none other than Richard Perle as assistant secretary of defense for international security policy and Perle’s subsequent recruitment as his own deputy his close friend and former Capitol Hill crony, Stephen J. Bryen.

And therein lies a story in and of itself...

THE PERLE-BRYEN SPY SCANDAL

Although Perle and Bryen achieved immense power as high-level political appointees in the Reagan administration, their rise was nearly derailed by a scandal that erupted just two years prior to Reagan’s election to the presidency. A complete understanding of this scandal is critical to understanding precisely how closely wed to the government of Israel that the Perle network truly is.

Let us begin by noting that in the era of the Team B intrigue (the mid-1970s) Perle left Senator Jackson’s staff and began engaging in the private arms business, setting up many lucrative deals between the Pentagon and Soltam, one of Israel’s premier weapons firms.

Meanwhile, Perle’s Capitol Hill associate, Stephen J. Bryen, was under observation by the FBI beginning as early as 1977 when he was suspected of using his post as a Senate Foreign Relations Committee staffer to obtain classified Pentagon information, particularly related to Arab military matters, that the Defense Intelligence Agency suspected Bryen was turning over to the Israelis.

Then, on March 9, 1978, Bryen was overheard in a private conversation over breakfast with four Israeli intelligence officials at the coffee shop of the Madison Hotel in Washington. It was clear, based on the content of his conversation, that he was providing the Israeli officials with high-level military information.

What was so amazing, however, was that Bryen (an American and a U.S. government employee) was heard continually referring to the U.S. government as “they” and to use the pronoun “we” when referring to his—and the Israeli government’s—position. Little did Bryen know that an American of Arabic descent, who had been active in Arab-American affairs and lobbying on the Middle East issue, would recognize him (Bryen) and actually understand the sensitive nature of the conversation that Bryen was conducting with the Israeli officials.

The Arab-American businessman, one Michael Saba, reported the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In due course, a full-scale FBI inquiry into Bryen evolved to the point that the Justice Department (which oversees the FBI) assembled a 632-page file on Bryen's activities. The U.S. Attorney handling the investigation, Joel Lisker (an American of the Jewish faith) recommended that Bryen be indicted on felony charges of having not only been an unregistered foreign agent for Israel but also of having committed espionage on behalf of Israel.

The scandal finally broke (to a limited degree) in the American media, with the liberal journal, *The Nation*, making the allegation that Bryen had routinely taken orders from Zvi Rafiah, a counselor at the Israeli Embassy. In fact, it was ultimately learned, Rafiah was not just an embassy counselor. He was the U.S. station chief for the clandestine services division of Israel's intelligence agency, the Mossad.

Despite all this, Bryen was not indicted. Instead, Bryen was told to "quietly" depart from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, which he did. Appropriately, Bryen promptly set up shop in Washington, D.C. as a publicist and lobbyist for Israel as the director of a group known as the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA).

Ultimately, as we have seen, when Republican Ronald Reagan was elected president with firm support from the neo-conservative Jewish network, Perle and Bryen moved back into the upper ranks of the U.S. government policy-making establishment—despite the scandal.

Perle was named Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy and quickly moved to bring in Bryen as his deputy for international economic trade and security policy. However, Perle became quite controversial for his own involvement with Israeli defense interests. On April 17, 1983 *The New York Times* published a major story pointing out that there were ethics questions surrounding Perle's work for Zoltam, the major Israeli defense firm. Precisely at the time Perle entered the Defense Department he had accepted a \$50,000 fee from Shlomo Zabłudowitz, the founder of Zoltam, for work that he had done on behalf of the firm. Then, nearly a year later, while serving in the Defense Department, he urged the Secretary of the U.S. Army to consider doing business with Zabłudowitz. Questions were raised as to whether this was a violation of U.S. laws governing the ethics of public officials, but Perle essentially escaped censure.

Ironically, similar ethics questions were raised about Perle's private business dealings in the days leading up to—and immediately after—the launch of the U.S. war against Iraq in March of 2003—some 20 years later. However, neither in 2003 (nor as previously) were serious questions raised about the more inflammatory accusations involving possible espionage by Perle and his friend and colleague Bryen on behalf of Israel.

In any event, Perle and Bryen became influential during the Reagan administration. In 1984, *Business Week* magazine noted of Perle: "To ensure that his views prevail, Perle has built up a powerful backstage network of allies in Washington. By 1986 *The Washington Post* was quoting a senior U.S. State Department official as saying that Perle was "the most powerful man in the Pentagon"—even more powerful than his actual superior, then-Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.

This, however, did not prevent independent newspapers such as the aforementioned *Spotlight*, whose investigative journalist Andrew St. George pioneered coverage of the Bryen affair, from attempting to bring the matter to widespread public attention, assisted by the Arab-American businessman, Michael Saba, who had first seen and overheard Bryen's leak of classified information to the Israeli agents.

Nor did it prevent Saba and Arab-American organizations from continuing to lobby for a full-force inquiry into both the Bryen affair itself and the shadowy circumstances that led to the shelving of the Justice Department's intended prosecution of Bryen. Although Saba published a detailed book outlining the activities of Perle and Bryen, entitled *The Armageddon Network*, the Reagan administration (under pressure from the Israeli lobby) refused to "come clean" and investigate the Bryen affair. In fact, the stench surrounding the matter became so putrid that even a "mainstream" newspaper such as *The Boston Globe* was moved to assert editorially on Aug. 28, 1986: "Stopping espionage, maintaining a balance in relationships with Israel and its Arab neighbors, and avoiding even a hint of Israeli interference in formulation of U.S. policy are all crucial to American interests in the Middle East. The Bryen case, which raised doubts on all counts, needs to be cleaned up." In recent years, virtually the only major publication to even recall the Bryen affair is the Washington, DC-based *American Free Press*.

ISRAEL AND THE CHINA CARD

So it was that Perle and Bryen remained influential—and unbridled—during their years in the Defense Department under Republican Ronald Reagan. Yet, interestingly, during that period, despite their much perceived hard-line "anti-communism", Perle and Bryen emerged as perhaps the two chief promoters of Israel's lucrative (but largely little known) arms exports to communist China.

On Jan. 25, 1985, the very pro-Israel *Washington Times* reported that "Perle, the [Reagan] administration official most responsible for trying to deny U.S. weapons technology to [Soviet-bloc] communist countries is said to favor the Israel-China arms link. Also said to favor the traffic is Stephen Bryen"

To many American conservatives—traditional anti-communists—this was significant, particularly in light of Perle's reputation as an "anti-communist". However, on May 21, 1984, *Business Week* magazine reported that a congressional aide had said of Perle: "He's not a virulent anti-communist; he is a virulent anti-Soviet."

At the time, Perle's critics found significance in this comment, noting that, indeed, many of the "neo-conservatives" were, in fact, ostensibly "reformed" Trotskyites and that, perhaps, the "neo-conservative" war against the Soviet Union was hardly more than a continuation of an ideological battle that had begun between Josef Stalin and his chief rival, Leon Trotsky, and which continued to rage between their followers, even after Stalin and Trotsky were no longer alive.

It may not be a coincidence that former Republican Vice President Nelson Rockefeller once created a stir by actually calling Perle a "communist". As cynics noted, although Rockefeller apologized, the outspoken and well-informed billionaire may have known something that most people did not.

JINSA—THE NEO-CONSERVATIVE WAR MACHINE

During the succeeding years, as Perle and Bryen continued to remain active in pro-Israel circles in Washington, their power and influence [were] heralded in *The Wall Street Journal* in an article entitled, "Roles of Ex-Pentagon Officials at Jewish Group Show Clout of Cold-Warrior, Pro-Israel Network". The article described what the *Journal* called a "tight little circle [that] illustrated an enduring network of Cold War conservatives and pro-Israel interests in Washington". Although the Cold War was over, the *Journal* noted, "their political and governmental ties are a source of influence for pro-Israeli forces."

The article related the activities of the group known as the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (or JINSA), which Perle's associate, Stephen Bryen, founded just prior to serving under Perle in the Reagan administration. (During Bryen's government hiatus, JINSA was run by Bryen's wife Shoshana.) Describing JINSA's influence, the *Journal* said:

With little fanfare, JINSA itself has carved out a niche by both cultivating closer U.S.-Israeli military ties and urging U.S. Jews to vote for a strong defense at home. Building support in the Pentagon is a high priority. Under a program called "Send a General to Israel", hundreds of thousands of dollars in tax-deductible contributions bankroll an annual tour of Israel by retired U.S. generals and admirals. They exchange views with Israeli officials and tour strategic areas like the Golan Heights."

Not by coincidence JINSA today (as noted earlier) is one of the prime movers in the "neo-conservative" circles governing policy in the Bush administration. Not only Vice President Dick Cheney, but Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Douglas Feith were associated—as we have seen—with JINSA prior to assuming office.

And this brings our discussion of the early years of the neo-conservative movement full circle, up to the events that occurred between Sept. 11, 2001 and the opening guns of the war against Iraq.

With his longtime friend Paul Wolfowitz working inside the Bush administration, promoting all-out war against Israel's perceived enemies, Perle joined William Kristol in assembling what amounts to a second-generation version of "Team B" that is nothing less than a "War Party".

In the wake of the 9-11 attacks, Perle and Kristol hammered out a letter to the president echoing Wolfowitz's call for all-out war against Iraq, Iran and Syria, not to mention the Palestinian Hezbollah. To supplement their effort, they called upon a bevy of "neo-conservative" operatives—along with a handful of "liberals"—to join them in signing the letter.

THE WAR PARTY—NAMING SOME NAMES

Although the list of signers is bipartisan and includes a number of persons identified with the "liberal" philosophy, the one thread of consistency is that, candidly, while most of [the] persons on the list happen to be Jewish, those who are not have still been longstanding and enthusiastic members of what traditional American conservative Pat Buchanan, a critic of the neo-conservatives, called "Israel's Amen Corner" in official Washington.

All of the signers, likewise, have longstanding and intimate connections to the Kristol family network and their allies in the sphere of influence surrounding Richard Perle from the old “Team B” days of the 1970s. They are indeed the “war party”. What follows is a virtual “who’s who” of the imperial war party.

Gary Bauer: Another longtime satellite of Irving Kristol and his son William (with whom he shared an interest in a vacation condominium), Bauer has been a strong and unswerving advocate for Israel inside the American “Christian Right” movement through his leadership of the Family Research Council.

William J. Bennett: Bennett’s entire career in official Washington has come with the patronage of the Kristol family, ranging from his post as chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities and then as secretary of education under President Ronald Reagan and as “drug czar” under President George H. W. Bush. Bennett is a co-director of a Kristol-sponsored “think tank” known as Empower America, founded in 1991. In return for Irving Kristol’s sponsorship, Bennett gave William Kristol his first high-level job in government, naming him chief of staff at the U.S. Department of Education.

Eliot Cohen: The director of the Center for Strategic Education at the [Paul] Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)—of which former deputy secretary of defense Paul Wolfowitz served as dean, prior to his return to the Defense Department—Cohen is the author of a new book devoted to the subject of “Israel’s security revolution”.

Midge Decter: The wife of Council on Foreign Relations figure Norman Podhoretz [see below] and a widely-promoted media figure in her own right, Decter is the mother of John Podhoretz who has been a deputy editor of *The Weekly Standard*, of which William Kristol is editor and publisher.

Thomas Donnelly: The deputy director of William Kristol’s Project for the New American Century, and a former executive editor of *The National Interest*, a “neo-conservative” journal founded by Kristol’s father, Irving Kristol, Donnelly is a veteran military correspondent who was trained at the Johns Hopkins’ University’s SAIS, where (as noted previously) Paul Wolfowitz served as dean prior to returning to the Defense Department.

Hillel Fradkin: An outspoken Zionist who is a “resident fellow” at the American Enterprise Institute and an adjunct professor of government at Georgetown University, Fradkin is the Washington director of the Israeli-based Shalem Center which describes itself as a “research institute for Jewish and Israeli social thought”. Fradkin has also served as a vice president of the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, a “conservative” foundation which has provided millions of dollars in funding to myriad pro-Israel (and anti-Arab and anti-Islamic) groups and projects. Of course, it is no coincidence that, in earlier years, William Kristol had been associated with this foundation and continues to be a major player in directing its affairs.

Frank Gaffney: A major player in the Perle-Kristol sphere, Gaffney is the “hawkish” director of the Center for Security Policy—a Washington think tank known for what has been described as support for “extreme right-wing Israeli causes”, and which includes Richard Perle on its board of advisors. Gaffney himself worked alongside Perle on the staff of Sen. Henry M. Jackson when Perle was active in establishing “Team B” and operating as an asset in

place for Israel. Gaffney’s board of directors also includes former American-Israel Public Affairs Committee director Morris Amitay, as well as former Navy Secretary John Lehman [see below]. Gaffney’s CSP receives funding from the Irving I. Moskowitz Foundation which has supported real estate takeovers in Israel associated with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and from the aforementioned Kristol-influenced Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation. Gaffney specializes in training pro-Israel interns for insertion into public policy-making posts in government and providing pro-Israel-oriented propaganda for distribution in Republican and “conservative” circles. Gaffney is a widely-quoted columnist who writes for the “neo-conservative” *Washington Times* newspaper.

Reuel Marc Gerecht: A former Middle Eastern specialist in the CIA’s directorate of operations (“black ops”) division, Gerecht’s writing is featured in Kristol-associated publications such as *The Weekly Standard*. He is protégé of Richard Perle.

Michael Joyce: Little known to the general public, Joyce, yet another protégé of Irving Kristol, is a former school teacher who has risen to power through his involvement with a number of well-heeled foundations known for sponsoring pro-Israel causes, including the Olin Foundation—funded by chemical and munitions interests—which has sponsored anti-Islamic propaganda by writer Steven Emerson (a widely-cited “authority” on “Islamic terrorism” and the (again, aforementioned) Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, of which he (Joyce) was the longtime director. The Bradley Foundation has been a major font of funding for National Affairs, Inc., the Kristol family-associated enterprise that publishes *The National Interest* and *The Public Interest* magazines.

Donald Kagan: A widely-published historian with an interest in the history of warfare and an advocate—like William Kristol—of flexing American military power worldwide, Kagan is a professor of classics and history at Yale University.

Robert Kagan: The son of Donald Kagan, mentioned above, he is director of William Kristol’s Project for the New American Century, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and also a contributing editor of Kristol’s *Weekly Standard* and writes a regular monthly column for the *Washington Post* where he consistently touts a staunch pro-Israel line and advocates U.S. meddling abroad. (Robert Kagan’s brother, Frederick Kagan, has also emerged as a leading figure in the neo-conservative power network as well.)

Charles Krauthammer: A well-known television “talking head” and nationally-syndicated newspaper columnist, Krauthammer, who was trained as a psychiatrist, seems obsessed with devoting all of his waking hours writing and talking about the need for the United States to devote its energies to the preservation of Israel and the destruction of Israel’s enemies. His venom for critics of Israel is perhaps unmatched.

John Lehman: A former National Security Council (NSC) advisor to then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Lehman went on to serve as Navy Secretary during the Reagan administration and as deputy director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency where he was closely associated with the intimate pro-Israel circles surrounding Paul Wolfowitz and Richard Perle. British journalist Claudia Wright notes that before he became Navy Secretary Lehman “was well-known in Israeli

military circles, sat on the board of a Philadelphia think tank run by American supporters of Israel, and operated a highly profitable defense consulting company with business ties to the Israeli arms industry”. Along with Perle, and other Kristol family cronies previously mentioned, Lehman is a member of the board of advisors of the Center for Security Policy [See Frank Gaffney, above].

Martin Peretz: The stridently pro-Israel publisher of the “liberal” *New Republic*, Peretz declared in the Sept. 24 edition of his magazine, in the wake of the terrorist attacks on 9-11 that “... we are all Israelis now.” Very much an ally of the neo-conservatives, Peretz has long been recognized as a key figure in a network of top-level publishers and media figures allied with one goal in mind: promoting the cause of Israel.

Norman Podhoretz: A Council on Foreign Relations member and a key figure in the influential New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee and its “liberal-turned-conservative” *Commentary* magazine, Podhoretz is another “ex-Trotskyite” who emerged as one of the leaders of the pro-Israel neo-conservative crowd in association with Irving Kristol. His son, John Podhoretz, was a colleague of William Kristol as deputy editor of the Rupert Murdoch-financed *Weekly Standard*.

Stephen J. Solarz: A former longtime member of the House of Representatives where he was a major legislative legman for the interests of Israel, Solarz is now a high-powered international consultant. **While in Congress, Solarz played a major role (in league with Paul Wolfowitz, then serving in the Reagan administration) in the overthrow of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos when the Asian leader attempted to assert his nation’s sovereignty [emphasis added].**

Vin Weber: A former member of the House of Representatives where he was an energetic (non-Jewish) supporter of Israel, Weber was a co-founder of William Kristol’s Empower America and in the 2000 presidential campaign was a top advisor to Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.). While in the House, Weber helped sabotage an effort to force a congressional investigation of Israel’s terroristic 1967 attack on the U.S.S. *Liberty* which resulted in the murder of 34 American sailors and the maiming of 172 others. Weber is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Marshall Wittmann: Although he is Jewish, Wittman was the director of legislative affairs for the pro-Israel Christian Coalition. Wittmann’s advocacy of “National Greatness Conservatism”—that is, U.S. meddling overseas and the flexing of U.S. military might on Israel’s behalf—has been promoted in the pages of William Kristol’s *Weekly Standard*.

While this is a representative overview of many of the people in the Perle-Kristol network, it is by no means complete. But it does illustrate the amazing power and influence that Kristol and his associates—The High Priests of War—have assembled.

Kristol’s magazine, *The Weekly Standard*, is the officially recognized media voice for this combine, to the point that although its actual circulation is quite small Kristol’s magazine is generally recognized by most other major media as certainly one of the most influential publications in America—bar none.

[END PART FIVE]

World News Insights

We begin this installment of World News Insights with a look at what appears to be in store for America: a financial meltdown of truly historic proportions.

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THE ECONOMIC TSUNAMI

By Mike Whitney, <CounterPunch.org>, 4/8/05

If the world's central bankers accumulate fewer dollars, the result would be an unrelenting American need to borrow in the face of an ever weaker dollar—a recipe for higher interest rates and higher prices. The economic repercussions could unfold gradually, resulting in a long, slow decline in living standards. Or there could be a quick unraveling, with the hallmarks of an uncontrolled fiscal crisis.—*New York Times*, 4/2/05

It seems that there are a growing number of people who believe as I do, that the economic tsunami planned by the Bush administration is probably only months away. In just 5 short years the national debt has increased by nearly 3 trillion dollars while the dollar has continued its predictable decline. The dollar has fallen a whopping 38% since Bush took office, due largely to the massive \$450 billion per year tax cuts. At the same time, numerous laws have been passed (Patriot Act, Intelligence Reform Bill, Homeland Security Bill, National ID, Passport requirements etc) anticipating the need for greater repression when the economy takes its inevitable nosedive. Regrettably, that nosedive looks to be coming sooner rather than later.

...The country has been intentionally plundered and will eventually wind up in the hands of its creditors as Bush and his lieutenants planned from the very beginning. Those who don't believe this should note the methodical way that the deficits have been produced at (around) \$450 billion per year; a systematic and orderly siphoning off of the nation's future. The value of the dollar and the increasing national debt follow exactly the same (deliberate) downward trajectory.

This same Ponzi scheme has been carried out repeatedly by the IMF and World Bank throughout the world; Argentina being the last dramatic illustration. (Argentina's economic collapse occurred when its trade deficit was running at 4%; right now ours is at an unprecedented 6%.) Bankruptcy is a fairly straightforward way of delivering valuable public assets and resources to collaborative industries, and of annihilating national sovereignty....

Did Americans really believe they could avoid a similar fate?

If so, they'd better forget about it, because the hammer is about to come down big-time, and the collateral damage will be huge.

...Just as the economy cannot float along with sharp increases in oil prices, so too, Bush's profligate deficits threaten the dollar's status as the world's reserve currency. This is much more serious than a simple decline in the value of the dollar. If the major oil producers convert from the dollar to the euro, the American economy will sink almost overnight. If oil is traded in euros then central banks around the world would be compelled to follow and America will be required to pay off its enormous \$8 trillion debt. That, of course, would be doomsday for the American economy. But, a recent report indicates that two-thirds of the world's 65 central banks have already "begun to move from dollars to euros". The Bush plan to savage the dollar has been telegraphed around the world and, as the *New York Times* says, "the greenback has nowhere to go but down". There's only one thing that the administration can do to ensure that energy dealers keep

trading in dollars: control the flow of oil. That means that an attack on Iran is nearly a certainty.

The difficulties facing both the dollar and the economy are not insurmountable. The world has been more than willing to compensate for America's wasteful spending as long as America shows itself to be a responsible steward of the global economy. However, the administration's military and economic recklessness suggests that some of the key players on the world stage (particularly Russia, Iran, Venezuela, Germany, France, China, Brazil) are collaborating on an alternate plan; a contingency plan. If Iran is bombed in an unprovoked act of aggression, we will certainly see this plan activated. The most likely scenario would be a quick switch to the euro that would have grave implications for the American economy. (Russia has already indicated that it will do this.) For Iran, an attack would justify arming disparate terrorist organizations with the weaponry they need to attack American and Israeli interests wherever they may be. In any event, an unprovoked attack will dispel the remaining illusions about Bush's war against terror and confirm to everyone that we are engaged in a new world war; a conflict for global domination....

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Believe it or not, America has found a way to compete with the low-cost-of-labor goods coming out of China and there will probably be plenty of jobs to go around.

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CORPORATION PREFERS PRISON SLAVE LABOR

The Idaho Observer, December 2004

...One of the most alarming trends in America is the growth of the prison labor industry. On the surface it would seem that Americans are a nation of bad apples that keep filling our prisons up—if you were to accept government explanations for the steady increase of criminal convictions that result in prison sentences. But a closer look at the profit motive that drives every corporation shows that prisons are actively marketing their labor pools—the able bodies they manage to place behind bars.

The first rule of investigation is "follow the money". This rule especially applies when investigating the activities of corporations because [while] motivations other than money, such as emotions, may compel certain behaviors in people, corporations have only one motive: Profit.

Several researchers concur that the money trail with corporate government begins the moment an order, such as a traffic ticket, a bond or a sentence is entered into the system. At that moment, a dollar value is attached to that person based upon the speculative amount of money the individual represents in the system. A bond is written. That bond is then sold on the open market through brokerage firms such as Merrill Lynch—which reportedly has the contract to sell city, county, state and federal prisoner bonds.

According to Lynne Schmaltz in her article "Profiteering off the prisoners", a monetary value is placed on the alleged crime and then "factored the way banks factor their money".

Schmaltz used the figure of \$4 million for a certain felony. The city/county/state/federal government from where the alleged crime originated then multiplies it by 10. The bond then goes out on the open market, with the prisoner's name and SSN attached to it, for \$40 million. An investor may offer to pay a percentage of the \$40 million with a promissory note to pay the full amount. When the promissory note reaches a bank, the

bank multiplies the amount again by 200 or 300 percent and sells the note as a bank security.

Since the mid-90s, the nation has been on a prison and jail-building spree. Billions of dollars are flowing from county, state and federal coffers into jail and prison construction projects to meet the projected demand for beds so prison slave laborers can get needed rest for the next day of work.

California, for example, has built 21 new prisons in the last 20 years; 10 more are now under construction and five more are to be completed in the next decade.

...Prison labor offers domestic relief to corporations which prefer to keep the work here at home. Where regular, tax-paying American workers demand high wages, health benefits and unemployment insurance and have demonstrated a historic tendency to organize, unionize and go on strike, prisoners will either work for whatever wage they decide to pay them or they can sit in their cell.

...The U.S. has become the most imprisoned nation in world history with 2.2 million people serving at least one year in a state or federal institution. China, which boasts of having one of the world's most notoriously intolerant government, holds 500,000 fewer prisoners than the U.S. with four times the population.

The U.S. has also seen a three-fold increase in prison population since 1980....

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, as of 1999, the clothing and apparel industry alone had lost 8,000 jobs to the federal prison labor system.

...Prison laborers are not just making license plates any more. Below is a partial list of items being produced in prison—at or below the cost of third world slave labor: clothing, shoes, furniture, aircraft parts, eyewear, circuit boards.

These products are produced under contract for major companies such as Chevron, IBM, Motorola, Compaq, Texas Instruments, Honeywell, Microsoft, Victoria's Secret and Boeing.

Schwartz stated that, "Federal prisons operate under the trade name Unicor and use their prisoners to make everything from lawn furniture to congressional desks. Their website proudly displays 'where the government shops first'."

As prison populations grow, so too will the numbers of prison slave laborers available for work. The volume and spectrum of products produced for the open market by prisoners at slave wages will certainly increase as well.

This prison labor problem did not just pop up all of a sudden. The following quote from an October 2004 report from the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) entitled "Prison Labor: U.S. style fascism" is from 1994.

According to the PLP, Oregon State Rep. Kevin Mannix, soliciting Nike, a Beaverton, Oregon-based corporation, to take a closer look at "hiring" a certain group of Oregonians to make Nike products. Citing his belief that Nike subcontractors pay their Indonesian workers the equivalent to \$1.20 per day, Mannix said, "We propose that [Nike] take a look at their labor costs. We could offer prison inmate labor right here in Oregon."

The hiring of prison labor out to commercial enterprisers has become so commonplace that state corrections departments are buying ads in trade publications to promote the attributes of their prison labor pools... "Are you experiencing high employee turnover? Worried about the cost of employee benefits? Getting hit by overseas competition? Having trouble motivating your work force? Thinking about expansion space? Then the Washington State Department of Corrections Private Sector Partnerships is for you."

PLP also reported that prisoners are working nine-hour days at Soledad State Prison in Monterey, California, making blue work shirts at 45 cents an hour. The shirts are "...exported for sale in Asia. Even with transportation costs, they can undersell Asian sweatshops," PLP observed.

Prison labor is also being contracted for telemarketing, construction, firefighting, brush clearing and product packaging.

...Department of Justice data from 1998 showed that 52.7 percent of state inmates, 73.7 percent of jail inmates and 87.6 percent of federal inmates were non-violent offenders.

The corporation does not care what type of crime resulted in conviction so long as the inmate is capable of putting in a day's work. As of 1998, the non-violent prison population in America crossed the 1,000,000 mark—a population greater than the combined populations of Wyoming and Alaska....

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The outlook is certainly looking bleak on the domestic front. Come to think of it, it's not looking very good on the international front, either.

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CHINESE BEGIN TO WORRY U.S. MILITARILY

By J. Yardley and T. Shanker, *New York Times*, 4/8/05

...While the American military is consumed with wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, global terrorism, and the threat of nuclear proliferation in North Korea and Iran, China is presenting a new and strategically different security concern to America in the western Pacific, as well as to Japan and Taiwan, Pentagon and military officials say.

China, these officials say, has smartly analyzed the strengths and weaknesses of the American military and focused its growing defense spending on weapons systems that could exploit the perceived weaknesses in case the United States ever needs to respond to fighting in Taiwan.

This rapid military modernization is the major reason President George W. Bush has warned the European Union not to lift its arms embargo against China.

A decade ago, U.S. military planners dismissed the threat of a Chinese attack against Taiwan as a 160-kilometer infantry swim. Now, the Pentagon believes that China has purchased or built enough amphibious assault ships, submarines, fighter jets and short-range missiles to pose an immediate threat to Taiwan and to any American force that might come to Taiwan's aid.

...“They are building their force to deter and delay our ability to intervene in a Taiwan crisis,” said Eric McVadon, a former military attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. “What they have done is cleverly develop some capabilities that have the prospect of attacking our niche vulnerabilities.”

...China's most recent military white paper also alarmed U.S. policymakers because it mentioned the United States by name for the first time since 1998. It stated that the American presence in the region “complicated security factors”.

China, meanwhile, blamed the United States and Japan for meddling in a domestic Chinese matter when those two countries recently issued a security statement that listed peace in Taiwan as a “common strategic objective”.

...U.S. carriers responding to a crisis would now initially have to operate at least 800 kilometers, or 500 miles, from Taiwan, which would reduce the number of jet fighter sorties they could launch and cut their loiter time in international airspace near Taiwan.

This is because China now has a modernizing fleet of submarines, including new Russian-made nuclear subs that can fire anti-ship missiles from a submerged position. America would first need to subdue these submarines before moving ships close to Taiwan....

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America's “niche vulnerabilities” mentioned in the article above include vulnerability of every naval vessel to the new Russian Onyx missile. The following article documents India's progress with this weapon.

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BRAHMOS TEST-FIRED OFF WEST COAST

T.S. Subramanian, *The Hindu*, 4/16/05

CHENNAI—BrahMos has scored a perfect ten out of ten. The 10th flight of BrahMos, the supersonic cruise missile jointly developed by India and Russia, which took place on Friday in a ship-to-ship mode was “a hundred per cent success”. The missile took off from the Naval vessel *INS Rajput* sailing in the Arabian off the western coast and pulverised a decommissioned naval ship.

...The event signals that the production of the missile for the Navy has started. All production facilities in India and Russia are totally geared up for producing enough ... missiles. “The process of induction of BrahMos into the Navy has started. That is why today's launch took place in combat-firing mode. This year, one Naval ship will be fitted with the missile. Next year, another one will be equipped with it,” informed sources said.

BrahMos is essentially an anti-ship supersonic cruise missile that flies at a speed of 2.8 to 3 Mach (2.8 to three times the speed of sound). It can take out targets 290 km away.

...The targeted ship went to pieces because of the power of the missile and its kinetic energy from its supersonic speed.

BrahMos is a versatile missile that can be launched from silos on land, big trucks, ships, aircraft and submarine. Work has started on developing the missile to be launched from aircraft [like the Mig-29].

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Vedomosti news service reports that India is also about to spend \$1 billion for the delivery of 400 T-90S main battle tanks this summer.

Russia continues to be very busy on the diplomatic scene. A bunch of new agreements have just been signed between Russia and Germany.

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EIGHT NEW COOPERATION AGREEMENTS SIGNED AT PUTIN-SCHROEDER TALKS

RIA Novosti, 4/11/05

HANOVER—The current summit in Hanover between the Federal Chancellor of Germany, Gerhard Schroeder, and the visiting Russian President, Vladimir Putin, has brought forth eight new agreements on bilateral cooperation.

The two leaders have signed a joint communique on strategic partnership in education, science and technologies. Speaking to reporters ahead of the signing ceremony, Russian presidential aide Sergei Prikhodko pointed out that despite being a framework document, the communique would identify cooperation priorities and set forth mechanisms for translating them into reality.

Also, Russia's Ministry of Communications & Information Technologies and the Economics and Labor Ministry of Germany have signed a cooperation accord in communications and IT sectors.

Gazprom, Russia's largest producer of natural gas, has made arrangements with Germany's BASF for cooperation in the energy industry.

The Russian state-owned bank Vneshekonombank has struck a loan deal with Germany's AKA Aushfrkredit -Gesellschaft and Deutsche Bank.

The RZhD company, operating Russia's railways network, and the German transnational group Siemens have signed a contract on the first leg of a project to design and manufacture high-speed and ultra-high-speed trains.

RZhS has also signed an agreement with its German counterpart, on cooperation in international freight shipments.

In addition, Agromashholding, one of Russia's major makers of agricultural machinery, and the German manufacturer Fendt have signed a declaration on strategic cooperation.

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We mentioned Japan as a potential Alliance partner in the previous issue of this paper, pointing out that the Russian-Japanese relationship is at an “unprecedented” level. This is now confirmed by Japanese Prime Minister Koizumi's recent declaration.

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RUSSIA AND JAPAN ARE PARTNERS ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE: KOIZUMI

By Andrei Fesyun, *RIA Novosti*, 4/16/05

TOKYO—Russia and Japan are partners on the international scene, basing their policies on the principles of freedom, democracy and market economics, Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said in Shimoda on Saturday.

“Our countries have known times of peace and war. However, the Cold War era is now history. We must strive for opening a new page in bilateral relations,” Koizumi noted, while addressing a ceremony devoted to the 150th anniversary of Japanese-Russian diplomatic relations at Madogahama Kaiyu park in the city of Shimoda.

“Both Russia and Japan jointly tackle highly important issues of international politics within the UN and G8 framework. They are guided by the 2003 plan of joint actions in their bilateral relations,” the Japanese Prime Minister went on to say....

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The rest of the world seems quite content to work things out “within the UN and G8 framework”. If sanity can prevail, the U.S. will, too; and if it won't, isn't it good the whole world is a democracy?

Finishing up this installment: We must admire the bold German ruling in the next article, which actually allows the use of a common word in accordance with its primary meaning. Amazing.

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GERMAN RULING SAYS DRESDEN WAS A HOLOCAUST

By Hannah Cleaver, *The Telegraph*—UK, 4/12/05

German prosecutors have provoked outrage by ruling that the 1945 RAF bombing of Dresden can legally be termed a “holocaust”.

...German law forbids the denial or playing down of the Holocaust as an incitement to hatred.

So delicate is the subject of the slaughter of Jews under Hitler that any use of the word “holocaust”, or comparison with it, faces intense scrutiny and sometimes legal action.

...Rudigger Bagger, a spokesman for the Hamburg public prosecutor, said the decision took into account only the criminal, not the moral, aspects of the case.

...Holger Apfel, the NPD's leader in the Saxon regional parliament, caused a scandal in January when he shouted down a commemoration of the Dresden bombing, prompting many others to walk out in disgust.

...Paul Spiegel, the president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, criticised the decision by prosecutors not to take action. He said the statements were incitement and allowing them to stand opened the door to further such comments.

“Morally, I have no understanding of this,” he said. “One can ban such remarks if you use the law consistently. It is questionable whether statements that are clearly incitement come under freedom of expression.”

Strictly speaking, the word “holocaust”, which comes from the ancient Greek for “burnt”, might seem apt for Dresden, much of it immolated by the fires started by the RAF's incendiary bombs.

But its primary meaning is now so closely linked to the Nazis' treatment of the Jews that such etymology appears to be in bad taste.

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NEVADA CORPORATIONS:

When Is An Owner NOT A Stockholder?

Budget's "Tip of the Week" #3:**NRS 78.197—Rights of persons holding obligations of corporation**

If you own part (or all) of a corporation, you're a stockholder, right? In Nevada, the answer to that question is, "Not necessarily." Let's look at another unique provision of Nevada corporate law:

NRS 78.197 Rights of persons holding obligations of corporation.

A corporation may provide in its articles of incorporation that the holder of a bond, debenture or other obligation of the corporation may have any of the rights of a stockholder in the corporation.

With this provision written into your Articles of Incorporation, you "may have any of the rights of a stockholder"—without owning stock! Thus, the holder of a note COULD own the corporation and could even be afforded the same VOTING RIGHTS as a stockholder—without being a stockholder. And in the absence of stockholders—in cases where no stock has been issued—presumably, the holder of a promissory note of the corporation could have 100% of the voting rights at any meeting.

If such a provision related to NRS 78.197 is NOT in your current Articles of Incorporation, check and see if the following standard clause exists under an Article relating to Amendments:

Except with respect to amending the non-assessability of shares per Article IV, this corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or its Bylaws in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute or by these Articles of Incorporation or by the corporation's Bylaws, and all rights conferred upon the stockholders are granted subject to this reservation.

If so, the corporation may "amend ... these Articles of Incorporation ... in the manner prescribed by ... the corporation's Bylaws". In other words, the Articles of Incorporation are modified by the Bylaws. If such a provision exists in your Articles of Incorporation, we suggest that you amend the Bylaws to reflect wording such as NRS 78.197 suggests for the Articles of Incorporation.

If neither of these provisions exists in your corporation's Articles, you might want to file an Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation. We can handle such a filing with the Secretary of State for you, just ask.

Next week, we'll look at what might be called a "turnip" or "prickly pear" clause in the *Nevada Revised Statutes*: NRS 78.7502.

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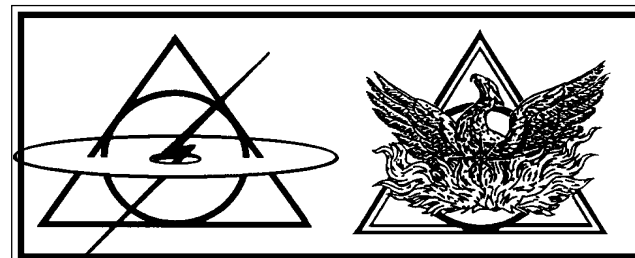
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