



## U.S. Workers Outraged Over Outsourcing

**Media misses the message; Unions strike over job loss**

By Mark Anderson

**T**he mainstream media portrayed a telecommunications strike spanning 13 states as an issue of concerns over health care and job security. However, union representatives and workers told AFP that the outsourcing of American jobs to other countries was at the center of their grievance.

The strike, involving 100,000 SBC communications workers, started on May 21 in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Illinois, Connecticut, Missouri, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, California and Nevada.

Since then, a tentative contract settlement has been reached, and the details are being worked out. Ballots will go out to union members around June 11, with a proposed pact to be ratified by a vote of union members in late June. The results are expected to be announced on July 1.

During the strike, signs carried by some of the strikers

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## BILDERBERG 2004!



**Four-page Bilderberg Pull-Out in Center of this Issue.**

**A**CTIONS TAKEN AT SECRET BILDERBERG meetings affect you and all Americans, just as they have throughout a half-century of plotting, say independent investigators who have tracked the shadowy group over the years. This year in Italy is typical: Bilderberg focused on issues related to American taxes, U.S. foreign aid and a direct UN tax on oil at the wellhead.

The power of these international financiers and political leaders is awesome. By penetrating Bilderberg meetings for more than two decades, reporters have been able to get advance information on the end of the Cold War, the downfall of Margaret Thatcher as prime minister of Britain,

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Above, AFP correspondent James P. Tucker Jr. confronts the heavy security at this year's Bilderberg conference at the Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees in Stresa, Italy. When Tucker tried to get access to the gathering of power brokers and politicians, he was abruptly turned away.

## How the U.S. Media Keeps Bilderberg Secret

By Christopher Bollyn

**T**he blackout of Bilderberg in the U.S. media speaks volumes about the controlled press in America. How could the national media ignore a four-day meeting between the world's most influential men and elected U.S. officials and policy makers?

This year, with the United States embroiled in a costly and artificial "war on terror," some 35 influential Americans attended Bilderberg in Italy, including seven pro-war "neo-cons" and two U.S. senators—one a leading candidate for vice president.

"They don't set policies for the world," Denis Healy, former politician from Britain's Labour Party and one of the first Bilderbergers told British journalist Jon Ronson, "they just discuss what the policies should be with the people who can make them happen."

For four days in early June, key U.S. policymakers

dined and networked with the people who control the global flows of money and oil. But don't look for it in the pages of *The Wall Street Journal* or *The New York Times*—Bilderbergers also influence the media.

While Bilderberg meetings are reported in the foreign press, they are completely ignored by the U.S. media. A search of America's leading newspapers reveals that the word Bilderberg appears very rarely, perhaps once or

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PERSONAL

From the Editor

THIS WEEK, AFP's COVERAGE of the 2004 Bilderberg conference in Stresa, Italy, is unparalleled, in that no other national newspaper in the United States bothered to report in detail on the shadowy group's annual confab.

How sad it is that not one major American news outlet felt compelled to inform Americans about just such an event where power brokers, politicians and wealthy capitalists gathered for a weekend to discuss some of the most pressing issues of the day.

Take a close look at our special, four-page insert on Bilderberg. Would you consider the people who attended and the topics discussed at this year's gathering important information? And your neighbor, do you think he would be interested to know what wealthy, powerful men like David Rockefeller were discussing with other attendees like Sen. John Edwards (S.C.), the former Democratic presidential contender?

In a year when the mainstream media has admitted failing Americans in the lead-up to the war in Iraq, you would think they would be especially sensitive to something like Bilderberg. Think again. Bilderberg is yet another example of how the Establishment press is in the pocket of the power elites, disclosing only what they want the average American to know.

On an administrative note, in this issue, readers will find that AFP has put together another issue of *Whole Body Health*, containing critical health stories that you will not read in any mainstream newspaper. AFP prides itself on providing an alternative to the mainstream, and *Whole Body Health* is another example.

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Christopher Petherick  
Managing Editor



Want Cheap Gas:  
Why Don't You  
Move to Iraq?

While Americans are shelling out record prices for fuel, Iraqis pay only about 5 cents a gallon for gasoline—a benefit of hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies bankrolled by U.S. taxpayers, reports AP.

TORTURE FOR PROFIT

Lawyers for Iraqis tortured while in U.S. custody have sued two mercenary companies for their alleged involvement in the abuse of prisoners. The lawsuit, which was filed in federal court in San Diego, Calif., names the Titan Corporation of San Diego and CACI International of Arlington, Va., and three individuals who work for the firms. It says the companies participated in the acts with the goal of winning more contracts from the U.S. government.

'ALL VOLUNTEER'?

President Richard Nixon ended the draft in 1973 but it is no longer an "all-volunteer" Army because of the "stop-loss" policy introduced during the invasion of Iraq. This allows commanders to hold soldiers past their discharge date if they are to be deployed. "Stop-loss is a gross breach of contract," says Andrew Exum, a former Army captain.

HOLLINGS FIRM

Sen. Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.) is standing by his comments (AFP, May 24, 2004) that President Bush invaded Iraq to protect Israel and appease American Jews. Hollings said in a letter to a constituent that he could provide quotes from Jewish leaders in the United States and Israel supporting his position.



ABUSE DATA SOUGHT

The American Civil Liberties Union, the Center for Constitutional Rights and other groups filed a complaint under the Freedom of Information Act June 2 charging the government with illegally withholding information about the condition of prisoners in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The complaint was prompted by news of abuse of prisoners in Iraq.

ISRAEL & TORTURE

Israel had to torture prisoners during its invasions of Palestinian lands, a government lawyer told the Israeli Supreme Court, Associated Press reports. The court was told that 85 percent of the 1,000 to 1,500 Palestinians in Shin Bet custody every year are tortured. Practices include covering the heads of detainees with urine-drenched hoods, forcing them to sit for hours with their hands tied and blasting them with cold air or music.

ESCAPING ISRAEL

Mordechai Vanunu, who was released in April after 18 years in prison for divulging nuclear secrets, is appealing a government-imposed ban on traveling outside Israel. "Here there is hate and even danger to my life," he told *The New York Times*. "My future is in Europe or in the United States."

SUPPORT OSAMA

Almost half of all Saudis said in a poll conducted last year that they have a favorable view of Osama bin Laden, but fewer than 5 percent thought it was a good idea for bin Laden to rule the country. The

COUNTRY MUSIC GOES PRO-WAR



"If it ain't pro-war, it ain't on country radio, reports NBC News. Pro-Iraq-war singers like Toby Keith, Darryl Worley and Charlie Daniels have all had hits with patriotic, pro-war songs, which received widespread air on radio stations across the country. However, other country singers like Willie Nelson (above with anti-war Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio), Merle Haggard and Nanci Griffith who released songs questioning the need to go to war went nowhere. "I've been in country music since 1972, and I think every conflict is that way," said John Hart, president of Nashville-based Bullseye Marketing Research. "Every time we bomb somebody it's 'Hell yeah! Let's kick their [expletive deleted]'. That's where country music is coming from."

poll was conducted between August and November 2003, after simultaneous suicide attacks in May 2003 when 36 people were killed in Riyadh.

MONEY FOR NOTHING

"Between 1992 and the raid on [Ahmed] Chalabi's home, the U.S. government funneled more than a hundred million dollars to the Iraqi National Congress. The current Bush administration gave Chalabi's group at least \$39 million. Exactly what the INC [Chalabi's group] provided in exchange for these sums has yet to be fully explained," reports *The New Yorker*.

'VIRTUAL' CONTROL

The Department of Homeland Security named Accenture as prime contractor in a multibillion-dollar project to create a "virtual border" to stop terrorists from entering the U.S. from Mexico. The project will use the latest technology, including biometrics, to identify people entering the U.S. Critics have objected to giving the job to the company, citing the fact that it has "offshored" (Accenture is based in Bermuda) and it does nothing to stem the tide of illegal immigration.

MEXICAN RUSH HOUR

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously on June 7 that the Bush administration can open U.S. roadways to Mexican trucks without first doing an environmental impact study. The U.S. is obligated to open the roads under the 1993 NAFTA treaty. Mexicans can drive smoke-emitting, poorly maintained trucks driven by tired, overworked truckers down your street. They are not burdened with safety and environmental laws that apply to U.S. truckers.

PUBLISHER INJURED

Clayton Douglas, the editor and publisher of *The Free American* and *Arizona Thunder Riders Magazine*, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident May 20 when he was struck by a car. Clayton was thrown from his motorcycle and suffered a severe head injury, a broken clavicle and broken ribs. He is at the Maricopa County Medical Center in Phoenix. Anyone wishing to send cards or letters, please direct them to Janet Douglas, P.O. Box 15457, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85267.

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# AFP Editorial

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees freedom of the press. With such a fantastic promise we at *American Free Press* believe that the media big and small have an obligation to their readers to inform them without fear or favor about what's really happening in the country and the world.

Thomas Jefferson believed an honest press has an obligation to keep our government and its officials honest. He was concerned about a press that would libel others and cover up the skulduggery which is rampant in our government. However, today the work of a free and honest press seems insurmountably difficult when our government is so intertwined with the big internationalist media.

In fact our government and media have been for decades so globalist in thought and in outreach that it is the rare politician or publication that dares to place America first.

*American Free Press* is different. Our writers and editors

totally support the Constitution and a free press. Moreover, we believe we have an obligation to report honestly and candidly on the important issues of the day. We have a duty to expose the secret comings and goings of our leaders regardless of their field of endeavor.

## They meet to discuss wars and international finances. They talk about taxes and how taxpayer dollars should be spent. They confer on what peoples and nations should be penalized.

In fact, many of these so-called leaders are not in the government. They are not elected by the people or the people's representatives. They travel annually to a secret and secluded resort area to meet with their counterparts from Western Europe and North America and even (this year) Israel.

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# The Conspiracy of Silence Continues

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twice a year. When mentioned, Bilderberg is usually found in a non-news article, such as a book review or a satirical article about conspiracy theories.

Occasionally Bilderberg is mentioned in connection with an individual. *The Washington Post*, for example, ran a May 24 article about Richard Perle, and how he used his government position to enrich himself. The article, entitled "The Ultimate Insider," reported: "Perle joined Hollinger's board in 1994, having met [Conrad M.] Black at an annual Bilderberg Conference, where members of the international business and foreign policy elite meet to network and discuss issues."

Perle is a Bilderberg regular. According to the article, Perle flew with Black on a company jet to meet with the crown prince of Jordan and "visit Perle's friend, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in the mid-1990s."

*American Free Press* is practically the only newspaper, and James P. Tucker Jr. is almost the only reporter, that reports on Bilderberg. Tucker has written more articles about it than all other U.S. newsmen combined.

*The Washington Post* has mentioned Bilderberg in 26 articles during the past 27 years. *The New York Times* has a similar record. In both cases, however, the context is rarely a news item.

I inquired at *The Washington Post* if the capital's leading paper would report on this year's Bilderberg conference in Stresa, Italy.

Phil Bennett, a managing editor, I was told, was the person who could answer my question—but he was out of town.

"Is he at the Bilderberg conference?" I asked his secretary.

"I beg your pardon!" was the noticeably irritated reply.

"Well, maybe he's there with Donald Graham," I said. (Donald E. Graham, head of the Washington Post Company, is a Bilderberg stalwart.)

"I think you should talk to the ombudsman." With that I was shunted back to the ombudsman's message machine where I had started my inquiry.

I then asked Toby Usnik of *The New York Times* if America's newspaper of record planned to cover the Bilderberg conference. C. L. Sulzberger of *The New York*

*Times* was a member of Bilderberg's original governing council and the *Times* usually has a representative there.

Usnik's response: "Per your query on coverage of the Bilderberg Conference, we have no current plans to cover the conference. But if the president goes, our White House correspondent is likely to go with him."

Only *The Washington Times* published a short United Press International news piece on Sunday, June 6. It said that U.S. Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.) was attending Bilderberg.

Asked about the avoidance of Bilderberg in the U.S. press, Tucker notes that sources had indicated that Bilderberger Katharine Graham had influenced the national association of newspaper publishers to decree a blackout of reporting news on Bilderberg.

Reuters, Associated Press and UPI all reported on Bilderberg in the 1960s and 70s although certainly not in any substantive detail. However, since these wire services dropped Bilderberg, most U.S. newspapers are left in the dark. Asked about the change in their coverage of Bilderberg, John Hendel, UPI's American desk editor, said: "We were much larger then in terms of manpower."

The recent UPI story on Edwards attending Bilderberg, he said, had been put together from outside news sources.

Jack Stokes in AP's corporate communications office said AP would report on Bilderberg "if news comes out of it."

*The Chicago Tribune*, which has avoided Bilderberg for 30 years, reported in 1965 how then Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.) had attended two Bilderberg meetings, in 1962 and 1964.

Ford had been attacked for belonging to a "secret group" after he said there was no place in the Republican Party for a secret organization such as the John Birch Society.

"My district is 65 percent Dutch ancestry," Ford said. "Just mention that and say that Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands sponsors the meetings. I don't care what else you write."

The *Tribune* piece noted that during the 1964 campaign, the Bilderberg meetings were described as gatherings of "king makers." ★

They talk about taxes and how taxpayer dollars should be spent. They confer on what peoples and nations should be helped by the American taxpayers and what countries should be penalized.

Of course, we are talking about the Bilderbergers, who meet annually and get reported and discussed in these pages. Their meetings are never covered in the pages of *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post* despite the fact that publishers, editors and reporters from those media attend these meetings and know exactly what transpires.

The excuse spokesmen for these media give for non-coverage is that these secret meetings—which we know deliberate on the fate of all of us—are not really policy meetings but just a group getting together in private sessions just as any one of us would meet with friends. Policy meetings happen only in the imaginations of "conspiracy" buffs, say Bilderberg attendees.

But we know that what is discussed at Bilderberg often translates into policy. Just take a look at our coverage on pages 9 through 12.

Ask your local newspaper editors why they haven't reported on the Bilderberg meeting. They will tell you that they have never heard of such a meeting or that they do know about it but it was private and closed.

Send them a copy of AFP's special, four-page 2004 Bilderberg pull-out. And let us know what your local editors say. ★

## Read My Lips

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President Bush the Elder's breaking of his "read my lips, no new taxes" pledge and much, much more.

Bilderberg goes to great lengths to keep the time and place of its meetings secret. High government officials who attend, some from Congress, others from the White House, departments of State, Defense and Treasury, will refuse to provide the information.

These officials know that the meeting times and locations should be public information. The taxpayers pay their transportation costs and they conduct public business behind closed doors, protected by a throng of armed guards.

You will rarely read or hear the word "Bilderberg" in either the print or broadcast media. That's because the media is part of this international conspiracy.

Inside you will find the names and publications of journalists, editors and publishers who attend Bilderberg in a non-reporting capacity—meaning they will not report what has been discussed by these powerful elites.

Reporters, columnists and others from *The Washington Post*, *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* attend Bilderberg and pledge to keep details private. Similarly, people from the major networks have attended Bilderberg on the same pledge.

If these same publications and broadcast outlets learned that 120 football players were meeting secretly in a sealed-off resort for three days, they would work tirelessly to learn what is transpiring. But when 120 of the world's most powerful people meet secretly, they are uninterested.

Why? They claim it is because the private atmosphere allows power elites to speak candidly about their views.

But when so many people with so much power get together in one place to discuss issues that affect all of us, the American public is owed an explanation. See pages 9 to 12 for AFP's exclusive coverage of this year's event. ★





On May 21, union members picketed a California office of telecommunications giant SBC as part of a 13-state strike, protesting the outsourcing of American jobs. The mainstream media portrayed the demonstrations as a fight over usual grievances such as health care and job security. However, union members told AFP that the focus of the strike was over the issue of outsourcing. Shown are three photos from the anti-outsourcing rallies.

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specified "outsourcing" as a key concern, along with worries about preserving health care benefits in the face of what union representatives called "substantial cost-shifting demands by SBC management."

In contrast, reporting of the strike by CBS radio, as well as other major broadcast outlets and elements of the print media, left the average reader/listener with the impression that it was a typical gripe about health benefits and pay. Even though there were some brief references to job security and outsourcing, there was little elaboration and overall coverage missed the most important issue.

But in these jittery times—when a University of Berkeley study predicts that some 12 million hi-tech, manufacturing and other types of U.S. jobs will go overseas by 2015—the union's concerns were outside the context the big media regularly uses to falsely frame issues of this kind.

Brian K. Strawser of Buchanan, Mich., president of Local 4032 of the Communication Workers of America (CWA), told AFP that the dominant media was ignoring workers' concerns about their jobs being eliminated via "outsourcing" to overseas cheap-labor havens.

"We were kind of upset about that," said Strawser, adding that 29,000 unionized SBC jobs have been eliminated over the last three years. Many of them have been outsourced to India and the Philippines. By his reckoning, 8 out of 10 technical-support calls for digital subscriber lines, a high-speed Internet connection, on SBC's phone lines are now answered in India.

### SECOND LARGEST TELECOM

SBC owns the lines used by Sprint, MCI and many other phone-service providers. As the second-largest telecom company in the United States, it earned \$8.5 billion in profits last year. Its board of directors was reportedly so pleased that top executives such as CEO Ed Whitacre were given huge pay increases. His salary increased by 93 percent and his 2003 compensation was a tidy \$19.3 million.

Union employees at SBC say they want guarantees of upward mobility. A May 19 CWA news release noted that CWA members were seeking access to new-growth jobs in Internet data services and installation of wi-fi (wireless Internet) hot spots, voice over the Internet, DSL broadband and other areas.

"Virtually all of this SBC work, amounting to thousands of jobs, is being outsourced, including going offshore to countries such as India and the Philippines," warned the news release.

"What does leadership mean for one of America's largest companies?" the union asked during the strike. "Does it mean working to keep American jobs or contracting customer service out to India? Does it mean working with us to resolve the national health care crisis or cutting health care for employees and retirees? Isn't it time someone in corporate America stood by their workers?"

Writer Tom Piatak believes the idea of corporate America standing by its workers is in short supply.

Writing in the journal, *Chronicles*, Piatak noted that a Hewlett-Packard CEO had declared, "there is no job that



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is America's God-given right anymore."

Piatak thinks the CEO's "blunt declaration that patriotism has no place in the boardroom," perfectly captures the logic behind outsourcing.

Meanwhile, Greg Mankiw, a top Bush administration economic advisor, claims outsourcing "is just another way of doing international trade" that will supposedly help the economy "in the long run."

But while the administration's response has been to denounce critics of outsourcing as "economic isolationists," a recent Gallup Poll revealed that 61 percent of Americans were concerned that they, or a relative or friend, may lose a job to outsourcing. The same poll showed that 85 percent believed a candidate's position on outsourcing would be important in how they choose to vote in the November election.

Retired GM executive and author, Gus Stelzer, who has studied trade and job issues for decades, says the lack of sufficient tariffs on imports from low-wage, virtual slave-labor nations—combined with the enormous tax and regulatory burdens, or domestic "tariffs," that all levels of government impose on the American private sector—is taking its toll on America's economic fabric. Companies such as SBC often succumb to the temptations inherent in such a system, utilizing the ultra-low wages paid to overseas workers to slash costs and reap enormous profits.

Stelzer argues that tariffs are a necessary form of taxation that could provide needed revenue to the federal government, while creating leeway for the government to lower domestic taxes and regulations, which would make America much more business-friendly for firms of all sizes—benefiting both white collar and blue collar workers.

Interestingly, a May 24 CWA news release announced that an U.S. trade panel gave final clearance on May 14 for anti-dumping duties on imports of color televisions from the People's Republic of China. ★

That was confirmed by Mike Bindas, president of the International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers-Communications Workers of America (IUE-CWA).

The IUE-CWA is the industrial division of the Communication Workers of America.

Bindas, speaking on behalf of IUE-CWA, one of three petitioners in a trade case, filed in May 2003, stated the following:

"We are very pleased with the outcome. This decision will benefit the hundreds of U.S. workers whose jobs are threatened by the flood of unfair imports into our country."

The petition had alleged that color TV imports from

China had been sold in the United States at prices below what it would have cost to produce them in this country.

The IBEW and Five Rivers Electronics Innovations LLC in Greenville, Tenn., had joined IUE-CWA in filing the petition with the Department of Commerce and a body called the International Trade Commission.

Central to their complaint was an import trend between 2001 and 2003, when TV imports from China reportedly surged from 56,000 units to 1.8 million units, a staggering 3,000 percent increase.

IUE-CWA, aside from representing SBC workers, also represents hundreds of workers producing color TVs in the United States, and thousands more who produce components and materials used in TV production. ★

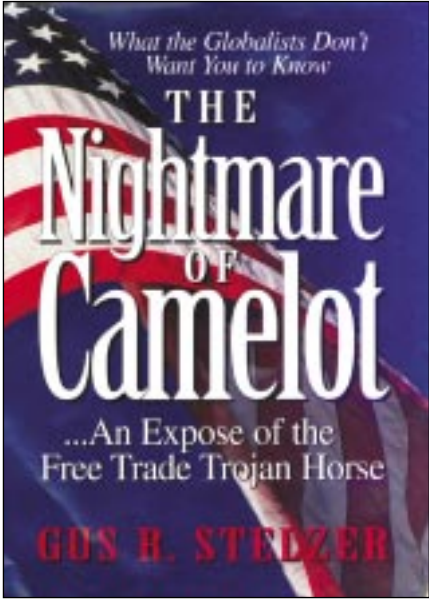
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# Four More for Greenspan

## America's Top 'Counterfeiter' Gets Another Term

By Patrick Philbin

**P**resident Bush has nominated Alan Greenspan to a fifth four-year term as chairman of America's central bank, strongly praising his performance, stating, "Alan Greenspan has done a superb job as chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and I have great confidence in his economic stewardship."

The Senate's confirmation of the current Fed chairman, who has held the post since 1987, is expected to be swift.

Bush's announcement was warmly greeted by members of the two dominant political parties and their couriers in the kept financial press, which, once again, demonstrates that, on fundamental issues and policies, there is basically no difference between Democrats and Republicans. In fact, political unanimity on Greenspan and the continuation of the Federal Reserve System itself is a must, for the Fed is an important pillar of the nation's ruling plutocracy.

Despite all the hosannas for the current chairman's management of monetary policy, the Federal Reserve, like every central bank ever conceived, has been for the mutual benefit of bankers and governments and to the financial detriment of just about everyone else.

The Federal Reserve conducts the nation's monetary policy through the banking system increasing or decreasing the money supply by the expansion or contraction of bank credit. The primary mechanism by which this is accom-

plished is through its "open market operation" wherein the central bank enters the government bond market and either buys U.S. securities or sells its holdings of them.

The purchase of securities by the Fed increases the money supply while the selling of government bonds contracts it. Either operation is conducted through the banking system by the creation or reduction of bank credit or the amount of loanable funds, which banks can offer mostly for business loans.

The details of how money enters the economy through the banking system has been made necessarily opaque by the creators of the system in order to bamboozle the public and dimwitted politicians.

The heart of the matter, however—which politicians, bankers and the controlled financial punditry refuse to discuss—is, where does the Fed get the funds to buy the securities? The answer is quite simple: it prints money (Federal Reserve notes) out of thin air just as a counterfeiter would do, although when the Fed does so, it is hailed as "sage monetary policy."

And, since the Fed has been given the privilege of the monopoly of note issuance with virtually no political oversight, it can print as much money as it pleases. For the most part, the Fed acts "conservatively" and is not too profligate with its power, in order to avoid scrutiny.

Nevertheless, there is little difference between the Fed's action and that of "private" counterfeiters, except, of course, that the state sanctions and allows the central bank to conduct such a nefarious operation.

The whole point of counterfeiting is to obtain "free goods"—something for nothing—and that is what the Fed, the banks, the government and all their minions get out of



central banking. The Fed, however, profits from its creation of money in the form of interest it makes from loaning money to the world's banks, which in turn loan money into circulation at a profit.

For the vast majority outside this very privileged nexus, the economic impact is considerably baneful. An "artificial" increase in the money supply eventually leads to a rise in overall prices and a subsequent decline in the purchasing power of money. If the counterfeiting is drastic enough, it will ignite the dreaded business cycle.

While Alan Greenspan may be able to sleep at night, due, no doubt, to the kudos from the president, until the Federal Reserve is eliminated, as the distinguished Rep. Ron Paul (R-Tex.) has courageously called for, it will continue its counterfeiting ways, thus thwarting the chance for real economic prosperity. ★

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# Reserve Your Exultation; Job Growth Stats Deceptive

**D**eceit about jobs is taking over from deceit about the Iraq war. Lost in the hoopla about 248,000 jobs created in May is the discouraging pattern of job creation. Why didn't the pundits touting the "good news on the jobs front" tell us that 176,000 of the jobs—or 71 percent—are concentrated in low-paying domestic services that cannot be outsourced?

Here is where the May jobs are: restaurants and bars, 33,000; health care and social assistance, 36,000; temporary help, 31,000; retail trade, 19,000; transportation and warehousing, 15,000; financial activities, 15,000; real estate, 9,000; services to buildings and dwellings, 8,000; education, 8,000.

This repeats the pattern of last month and, indeed, of every month in the new millennium. Our economy is not creating jobs that are part of the high tech global economy or that require university education. The jobs that made America a land of opportunity where people could rise are missing.

If we add the 37,000 construction jobs created in May, then 213,000—or 86 percent—of May's jobs are in sectors that do not face import competition and cannot be outsourced. Neither do they produce exports to close the massive trade deficit. The U.S. economy might be part of the global economy, but jobs are not being created for the U.S. work force in that part of the economy.

Despite the obvious facts, pundits continue to mislead the public that all is well on the jobs front. Writing in the June 6 *Washington Times*, Alan Reynolds touts the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projection that 1 million new jobs will be created for computer specialists during the 10-year period from 2002 to 2012.

What Reynolds doesn't tell you is that the BLS does not say that these jobs with American firms will be filled by Americans. Neither does Reynolds tell you that of the 10

occupations predicted to provide the most jobs, seven require no college education.

U.S. firms might create 1 million jobs for computer specialists, be they Indian, Chinese, East European or American, by 2012, but so far the economy is still losing computer jobs. There are 8,000 fewer than a year ago and 223,000 fewer than in January 2001.

For the last 40 months, the only sectors of the U.S. economy that have experienced net job growth are: construc-

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tion, financial activities, education and health services, restaurants and bars, membership associations and organizations, and government. Together these sectors created 3.35 million jobs, of which health care, government and restaurants and bars account for 73 percent.

During the same 40 months, the U.S. economy lost 4.35 million jobs in manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail, transportation and warehousing, utilities, information, and professional and business services.

Despite Sarbanes-Oxley, legislation that greatly increased the accounting burden on U.S. firms, Americans lost 64,000 accounting jobs, many of which were outsourced to the Philippines.

Despite the loss of 1 million jobs, the U.S. economy found the need for 67,000 more jobs in legal services.

With fewer architectural, engineering, computer, information and manufacturing jobs than four years ago, what becomes of university graduates trained for nonexistent jobs in the high-tech economy? They have to retrain to wait tables and serve drinks when they graduate. When the vast majority of new jobs are in domestic services that only require short term on-the-job training, what sense does a university education make?

Pundits are fond of citing "studies" paid for by Indian offshore jobs platforms that "only" 3.3 million U.S. jobs will be outsourced in the next 10 years. For an economy that has lost 1 million jobs since January 2001, this is a crippling amount.

For an economy that has only 1.1 million jobs in "computer systems design and related" and only 1.26 million jobs in "architectural and engineering services," 3.3 million more jobs to be outsourced is a devastating blow to students who pursue difficult curricula in college in hopes of a career.

Jobs deceit reached new heights with a *New York Times* columnist's report from a visit to India. True, he said, Indians now have many of our computer jobs. However, he effused, Americans were getting rich as a result. The proof: Indians were working on American brand computers, cooled by American brand AC, drinking American brand soft drinks. The columnist was impervious to the fact that none of the American brands he named were made in America by Americans.

Americans are being taken for a ride on jobs, just as they were on Iraqi "weapons of mass destruction" and terrorist links to Al Qaeda. The jobs mess will be just as big and just as costly as the Iraq mess. Americans are being manipulated beyond their means.

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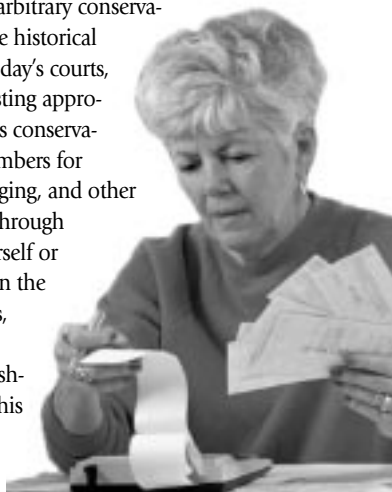
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# Hate Crimes Proposal Hidden in Spending Bill

*Religious leader asks you to make senators aware of flim-flammetry*

**A** warning comes from Rev. Ted Pike\* that Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) plans to sneak his "hate crimes" initiative into the massive 2005 defense spending bill without other senators knowing. It is critical, Pike warns, that free-speech champions contact their senators and express their opposition. Senators should be warned that Kennedy may try to slip his "hate crimes" bill (S. 966) into the fiscal 2005 Department of Defense appropriations bill—which passed the House on May 20 as H.R. 4200.

Even senators who oppose the Kennedy bill could be victimized if they do not know Kennedy's amendment is coming. When the huge spending bill hits the floor, it will be peppered with pork and other unrelated amendments. Unless a senator is specifically aware of Kennedy's amendment, he could innocently vote wrong.

Many of the Senate's cooler heads are afraid to vote against so-called "anti-hate" bills. Already, "conservative" Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) have been bullied into backing Ted's bill.

The bill targets thought crimes and would have a chilling effect on your free speech rights.

All states have laws that punish violent criminals. Kennedy wants the police to look inside the perpetrator's head and decide if the victim was maimed or killed not only for his money, but whether the criminal acted out of "hate."

It becomes a federal crime if officials conclude that the incident was prompted by "hate" against a certain portion of the population—minorities, the handicapped and homosexuals. This adds additional penalties.

The chilling effect such a law would have on free speech is obvious to anyone capable of walking and chewing gum at the same time. Express anger over Israel's occupation of Palestinian lands? A Jewish American may be offended by

your "hate speech." Oppose racial quotas at universities and workplaces? Lower your voice around "minorities."

In the 2000 presidential campaign, Democrats trotted out Francis Renee Mullins, who denounced George Bush for, as Texas governor, opposing "hate crime" laws at the state and federal level. Three white hoodlums dragged her black father, James Byrd, Jr. to death behind a pickup truck.

The footage of an aggrieved and grieving daughter was emotional. It was also wrong. The thugs who killed her father would much prefer being tried under a federal "hate crime" law such as the Kennedy bill. Texas has sentenced two hands-on killers to death. The third, who appealed to jurors for mercy, is serving a life term. The two on death row are

scared of dying. They wish they had been tried under a federal "hate crime" law because execution is forbidden. The dead man's daughter, by her own account, agrees with the killers.

There's another evil aspect of the Kennedy bill. It feeds a tendency of recent years to federalize every crime. The United States has never had a "national police force." The FBI is an information-gathering organization and on guard against the nation's internal enemies.

The assassination of President John Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, was a crime against the state of Texas, not a federal crime. The FBI became involved in the investigation at the request of the state. In an emotional reaction, Congress made killing presidents a federal crime.

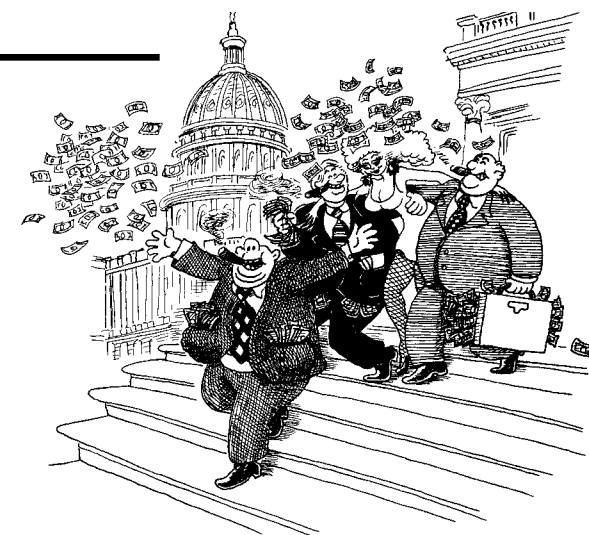
A trend to federalize local crimes has continued and should stop.

## BETTER THAN A BAD BUDGET

Congress may be unable to pass a budget plan this year but simply fund government activities on an agency-by-agency basis.

Republicans want to make all of Bush's tax cuts permanent and Democrats argue that they must be "paid for" by cutting other costs or raising other taxes.

Insults, bluffs, dire warnings and sweet-talk by Republicans have failed to budge Democrats, who are backed by four GOP rebels led by Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), who also demand a "pay-as-you-go" approach to



extending the tax cuts.

The mentality of lawmakers opposing tax cuts was summed up by William Gale, senior economist at the Tax Policy Center:

"We should think of tax cuts as 'loans,' not as 'grants,' and in particular as loans that are not paid back by the same people who get them."

So, by Gale's labored reasoning, when government officials take less of your money, they are "loaning" you your money back? How generous of them.

## INCOHERENT ON ALIENS

Congress has a mix of good, bad and silly actions regarding the crisis of criminal aliens invading this country.

Republican leaders are pushing legislation to reduce the number of appeals available to criminal aliens before they are deported. Currently, aliens who have committed major felonies have more chances to ask for judicial review, thus delaying deportation, than an alien guilty only of overstaying a visa, lawmakers said.

"We need to correct the absurdity of giving criminals more rights than noncriminals," said Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and chief sponsor of the bill. "A lot of these people, they file appeals, they file for habeas and then they blend into the community and are lost."

A decision by the Supreme Court in 2001 gave criminal aliens the right to district court habeas corpus petitions, which require authorities to show cause for holding a person. The decision also grants the right to have a federal appeals court review the removal order.

Thus led to an explosion in litigation, Hatch said, delaying deportation of criminals.

In 1995, Hatch said, 403 habeas corpus petitions were filed and 1,939 immigration cases were in federal courts. In 2003, by contrast, 2,374 habeas corpus petitions were filed and there were 11,906 cases in federal courts.

In the House, Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner Jr. (R-Wis.) has sponsored a companion bill.

While this proposal is good, Congress is unable to resist silliness. The House has overwhelmingly rejected a bill to require hospitals to identify illegal aliens the government requires them to treat even if they are unable to pay. Doesn't the government want to know who they are?

And the Senate Judiciary Committee removed a little bit of good from a bill that is a whole lot bad. The pending legislation would make it a federal crime to participate in street-gang violence. This is just another effort—in line with "hate crime" bills—to federalize local crimes and extend the police state. But the bill wasn't bad enough because it contained a provision requiring the deportation of convicted aliens. It could lead to the deportation of illegal aliens, argued Sen. Russell Feingold (D-Wis.). The requirement was removed.

\* See Pike's ad on page 13 of this issue.

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# Bilderberg 2004

## Investigation Reveals: Bilderbergers Want Taxes Up, War in Iraq Over

By James P. Tucker Jr.

**S**tresa, Italy—At this year's secret Bilderberg meeting, some of the world's most powerful elite focused on U.S. taxes and foreign giveaways, as well as the increasingly violent Iraq occupation and the role the United Nations should play in all future similar outbreaks of violence.

Prior to the meeting, a Bilderberg memo promised that its members would deal mainly with European-American relations and in that context, with U.S. politics, Iraq, the Middle East, European geopolitics, NATO, China, energy and economic problems.

During the conference, Britain came in for harsh criticism for supporting the invasion of Iraq. It was also lambasted for failing to embrace the euro, despite Prime Minister Tony Blair's promise to do so at a Bilderberg meeting some years ago in the Scottish resort of Turnberry.

Bilderberg members also expressed frustration with the rising clamor in Britain to quit the European Union.

As expected, the United States was heavily criticized for the fact that its foreign aid was a smaller percentage of gross domestic product than that of other nations. That marked the third straight meeting at which Bilderbergers' decades of almost total congeniality was marred by hostility among the Americans, Britons and continental Europeans.

The first evidence of division in the ranks was apparent in 2002 when Bilderbergers met at Chantilly, Va., near Washington. Then, Europeans were angry that the United States was preparing for an invasion of Iraq. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld tried to placate them with a promise not to invade "this year." Instead, the war began in March 2003.

Bilderbergers, however, remain united in their long-term goal to strengthen the role the UN plays in regulating global relations. Aside from that objective, other matters on this year's conference agenda included the following:

- British elites are to press on with membership in the European Union despite growing domestic opposition.
- The Free Trade Area of the Americas should be enacted and include the entire Western Hemisphere except for Cuba until Fidel Castro is gone. It should then evolve into the "American Union" as a carbon copy of the European Union.
- An "Asian-Pacific Union" is to emerge as the third great superstate,

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Global Press Wants Tucker's Insights

## AFP's Jim Tucker Assessed as Security Threat

By the Staff of American Free Press

**O**n Monday, May 31, AFP correspondent James P. Tucker Jr. was arrested by Italian plainclothes policemen on his first day in Stresa, Italy, to cover this year's secret Bilderberg conference.

His crime? He did what any good journalist would do. He went to the five-star Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees, where the conference was to be held, hoping to pry information from hotel staff. On his way out of the hotel, three plainclothes cops blocked his path, seized his passport and led him to an unmarked car.

"The officer in charge, Antonio Bacinelli, told me they were taking me for a five-minute ride because their commander wanted to talk to me," says Tucker, "but it was more like 40 minutes as the car whizzed through small towns to police headquarters."

At police HQ, he was led from the car and placed in an interrogation room.

"I told the cops that I was sure the State Department wasn't happy about me covering Bilderberg, but they were unlikely to approve of Italian police putting me in jail for doing my job," adds Tucker, who remembers his interrogator as a craggy-faced officer in his 60s, dressed in a business suit.

"He interviewed me through translators, including Bacinelli and a young woman, and asked me if I had any particular reason for being in Stresa. I replied: 'You know exactly who I am, but I will tell you anyway. I'm here to cover Bilderberg for the American newspaper, *American Free Press*.'"

Tucker then handed over his American press credentials, which they examined.

The female officer read aloud, in English, what was printed on the back of Tucker's plastic-sealed press card. The wording contained the following: "The holder hereof agrees to assume all risks incident to use of this pass" but "members of the police force shall be courteous and cooperative on all occasions to the bearer of this pass."

According to Tucker, there was then "a burst of Italian chatter in which the word 'journalist' was heard several times, before the female officer smiled, returned his passport and press card and told him he would face no further harassment from the police."

"To my surprise, Bacinelli and the commander drove me back to the hotel," smiles Tucker, remembering every minute of his three hours in custody. "They even followed me into the hotel and sat in

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Photos above: A group of Italian, British and other European reporters interview AFP's Jim Tucker, acknowledged as the world's foremost Bilderberg hunter. And while the European press readily acknowledges this, the American mainstream media refuses to even admit that there's more to the meeting than meets the eye. Also shown is a picture of the Grand Hotel in Stresa located on the coast of Lake Maggiore.

# Pro-Israel Neo-Cons Prominent at 2004 Bilderberg Meeting

By Michael Collins Piper

This year's American delegation—some 33 members strong—among the 127 acknowledged attendees at the 2004 Bilderberg meeting was populated by a heavy contingent of individuals known for their intimate ties to the powerful Israeli lobby in the United States. In full force was that faction known as the so-called “neo-conservatives”—those who have determined that Israel's security should be central to all U.S. foreign policy decisions, even those policies that focus on other parts of the world, outside the realm of U.S.-Middle East relations.

Most notable among this group is the now-infamous Richard Perle, who has attended several past Bilderberg meetings, when Republican administrations have been ensconced in Washington.

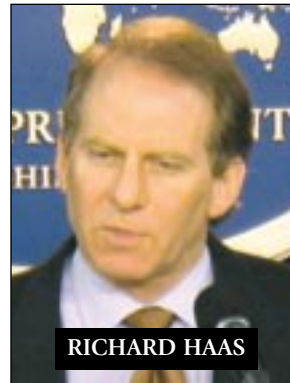
A former member and chairman of the “Dubya” Bush-administrated created Defense Policy Board (DPB), Perle was once a lobbyist for an Israeli arms manufacturer and, in the 1970s—while serving as a top aide to then-Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.)—was investigated by the FBI for espionage on behalf of Israel. After a stint as an undersecretary of defense in the Reagan administration, Perle went on to become a major player in the burgeoning neo-conservative network that played the critical role in pushing the United States into the war against Iraq.

Considering the fact that Perle was forced to resign from the DPB after it was learned that he had been advising Goldman Sachs International on how it might profit from the war in Iraq, it is not surprising that Goldman Sachs has long been represented at the Bilderberg meetings and now boasts its “international advisor” Martin Taylor as Bilderberg's honorary secretary general.

Joining Perle were two other Bush administration neo-conservative heavyweights generally known to have been major forces behind the push for war in Iraq: Douglas Feith,



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deputy undersecretary of defense for policy—the top lieutenant of neoconservative stalwart and longtime Perle associate, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz—and his colleague, William J. Luti, deputy undersecretary of defense for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

The neo-conservatives were also represented at Bilderberg by Max Boot, a top editor for *The Wall Street Journal*, who has been known for his advocacy of American imperialism in the pages of both the *Journal* and in *The Weekly Standard*, which is published by European-based Rothschild family satellite Rupert Murdoch and edited by neoconservative theoretician William Kristol.

Also in attendance at this year's Bilderberg was Kristol's close colleague, Robert Kagan—a contributing editor of *The Weekly Standard* and a director of Kristol's Project for the New American Century, which once declared that “a new Pearl Harbor” was necessary in order for the United States to begin waging imperial ventures around the globe.

The neo-conservative Hudson Institute was represented at Bilderberg by Marie Josee Kravis, who is both the wife of billionaire Henry Kravis (also in attendance, representing his financial empire) and a business colleague of Perle, having served with Perle as a director of the neo-conservative (and Rothschild family affiliated) Hollinger publishing empire,

which includes *The Jerusalem Post* among its holdings.

Another neo-conservative figure on hand was Bruce Kovner, one of America's richest men, who has helped finance *The New York Sun* newspaper, a small circulation—but highly influential—neo-conservative journal. Kovner also serves as chairman of the American Enterprise Institute, with which the aforementioned Perle has long been associated.

These neo-conservatives were also joined this year at Bilderberg by a handful of other top former Washington policy makers and publicists known for their sympathies for Israel, including Dennis Ross of the pro-Israel Washington Institute for Near East Policy, effectively an offshoot of the America Israel Public Affairs Committee, former State Department official Richard N. Haas, president of the CFR, and former Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke. ★

## Tipped Off to Tucker

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the lobby while I went into a lounge area where I could keep my eyes on them. I had said to them: “If you chaps are so interested in Bilderberg, you are invited to join me again in the days ahead. I will be happy to tell you what the Bilderberg boys are doing.”

They had replied: “Oh no. We're regulars at this hotel.”

Later, a hotel employee, who agreed to talk anonymously, told Tucker the police were not regulars.

“I think the police had been tipped off to the fact that I was going to be there. In past years of covering Bilderberg, security and police had been supplied with photographs of me and were always alerted to my arrival on the conference scene. I think they were expecting me again this time,” said Tucker, wondering what will be in store for him next year. ★

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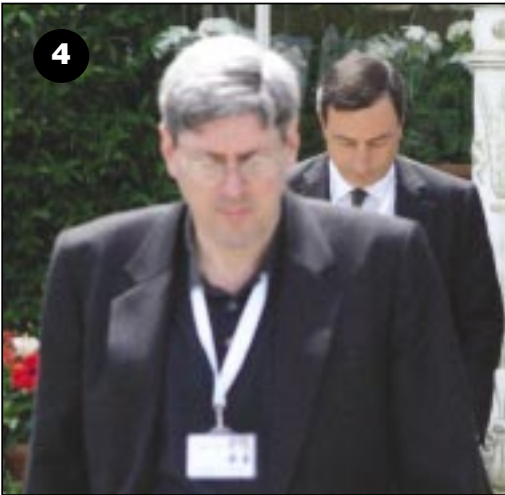
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# Stresa, Italy: Caught in the Act



## BILDERBERG 2004 ATTENDEES PHOTO GALLERY

Many luminaries of world's industry, finance and politics attended this year's Bilderberg meeting in the small resort town of Stresa, Italy. These are just a few of the 127 capitalists, politicians and power brokers who showed up in Italy. Attendee photographs are here identified by number: (1) Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, one of the richest men in the world, attended with his wife in order to put his 2 (billion) cents in. (2) Washington Post CEO Donald Graham and Indra K. Nooyi, the president and chairman of PepsiCo, have a friendly chat following their arrival by helicopter. (3) High-powered attorney Vernon Jordan was there at Bilderberg yet again. (4) Neo-con Douglas Feith, under-secretary for policy in the Department of Defense, makes his way from the lobby of the Grand Hotel in Stresa. (5) Etienne Davignon, pipe-smoking Belgian banker and this year's honorary Bilderberg chairman, talks on a cell phone. (6) No surprise, accused war criminal Henry Kissinger is still a power player at Bilderberg. (7) Richard Holbrooke, a key aide to Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and a former UN ambassador, also on his cell phone. (8) Hasan Cemal, a senior columnist with Turkey's popular *Milliyet* daily newspaper. (9) Bilderberg luminary David Rockefeller appears annoyed as he lifts his head from a bowl of soup at an outdoor cafe in the hotel. (10) Henri de Castries, the chairman of France's massive AXA Insurance company. (11) Martin Wolf, an associate editor at *The Financial Times*. (12) Richard Perle (far right), chief architect of the war in Iraq and now considered "on the outs" after the Iraq war blew up in America's face, laughs and talks with Vernon Jordan and other unidentified Bilderbergers. (13) An Italian journalist reads an Italian daily's front-page report on the Bilderberg meeting in Stresa. While the European press covered the gathering, the U.S. mainstream media all but ignored the important secret confab.



# Strategies

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neatly dividing the world into three great regions for the administrative convenience of banking and corporate elites. The United States and other international financial institutions should facilitate and administrate these global trade pacts.

Bilderbergers have, for some time, argued for three global currencies—the euro for Europe, the dollar for the American Union and another for the “Asian-Pacific Union.”

One Bilderberger, Kenneth Clarke, a former chancellor of the British exchequer, saw the consolidation of currencies as an ideal strategy when he spoke to this reporter several years ago in Portugal. At that time, Clarke told me that “dollarization” would dominate the globe and “our children will laugh at all the petty currencies we have now.”

Another much-discussed subject at this year’s conference was the concept of imposing a direct UN tax on people worldwide. In order to achieve it, some Bilderbergers presented two proposals: a tax on oil at the wellhead and a tax on international financial transactions.

Bilderberg leaders tilted strongly toward the oil tax because everyone who drives a car, rides public transportation or flies in a plane will end up paying the tax. That will represent more people than those engaged in international financial transactions across the globe.

On the issue of Iraq, European Bilderbergers were more upset that the United States invaded without the UN’s blessing than the fact that over 800 American soldiers have died and thousands of innocent Iraqi citizens have been killed.

Word reached the conference from Rumsfeld, who was unable to attend this year’s meeting, that the U.S. military would assume a more defensive stance in Iraq, rather than the more provocative operations of door-to-door searches and widespread detention.

Rumsfeld was, however, represented in Stresa by Douglas Feith, his undersecretary for policy, and William Luti, deputy undersecretary for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs. Former Pentagon advisor Richard Perle, one of the major architects of the war in Iraq, was also present. It had been Perle, Feith and Paul Wolfowitz who, from the mid 1990s, had fashioned the Middle East policy later adopted by Bush,



**Bilderberg upset about lost revenues, not war dead.**

Cheney and Rumsfeld.

European Bilderbergers also protested the fact that the Pentagon was considering reducing troop levels in Germany and tried hard to convince their American counterparts to resist the move. They argued it would “undermine unity” and, irrespective of the military implications, the German economy benefited annually from the millions of dollars spent by U.S. servicemen there.

Resistance in Britain to the euro, and to membership in the European Union, caused much concern and was deemed an obstacle to the solidification of the superstate.

It was noted that many Europeans were unaware of the European Parliament elections scheduled for June 10 and should there be a low turnout, it could be attributed to a protest boycott of the elections by EU opposition groups.

Four former Conservative members of Parliament have endorsed the United Kingdom Independence Party, which demands British withdrawal from the European Union. And, if allowed to vote in a referendum, it has been reported that Britons would reject membership in the European Union by strong proportions. A YouGov survey, taken at the end of May, showed 48 percent would vote to get out of the European Union and 36 percent would vote to stay in.

As it stands, Europeans can only select members for the European Parliament but not the EU Commission, the bureaucratic powerhouse of the union.

Bilderberg participants ended their secret sessions on an upbeat note with a ferry ride to a luxury island on Lake Maggiore, where John Elkman, the latest vice president of the Fiat motor company, will marry his new bride in September. ★

## Etienne Davignon: A Powerful Anti-Bush Bilderberg Member

By the Staff at American Free Press

**V**iscount Etienne Davignon is one of the most prominent, if not the most powerful of European Bilderbergers. Rumored to have succeeded former British foreign secretary, Lord Carrington, as chairman of Bilderberg several years ago, Davignon’s name is always on the lips of those who run the European Union.

At 74, he remains active as a director on major corporate boards across the globe and holds key roles within European banking, energy and industrial think tanks. Belgian by birth, he has been most closely associated with the Belgian foreign ministry. In 1974, he was appointed the first president of the Atomic Energy Commission and from 1976 to 1984 was European Commissioner for Industrial Affairs and Energy. He was also chairman, and until 2001, vice-chairman of Belgium’s largest holding company.

Like many former Eurocrats at his level, his wealth has been enhanced by lucrative directorships of giants like Fiat and financial institutions such as the Bank of Montreal. He has also served on the board of Kissinger Associates and maintains a close relationship with his fellow Bilderbergers Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller.

It would be almost impossible on this page to list his directorships, which include mining conglomerates and financial institutions worldwide. It also goes with the territory that he has enough honorary degrees to be able to wallpaper a house with them.

It is in Europe that he has had the greatest influence, not only through his roles in the European Union but within critical think tanks. For example, he has been a key figure in the Center for EU Policy Studies, a body very much like Bilderberg. Ordinary members of the organization are required to pay annual fees of \$30,000, but those who wish to join what is called ‘the inner circle’ and rub shoulders with Davignon are charged \$80,000 per year for the privilege.

He is one of those elitist European Bilderbergers not known for his support for the small business community in Europe. More importantly, he is a man of grand designs and an opponent of the Bush administration’s foreign policy. He will often praise America for its post World War II policy of establishing alliances like NATO and founding the UN and the World Bank.

But he will attack the Bush preemption doctrine, arguing that it has fractured alliances. In his view, America is returning to an era of isolationism that hurts Europe and the world. For him, Bush’s Coalition of the Willing is not the type of alliance the world demands for stability.

In interviews in Europe, he has constantly expressed what he terms European disenchantment with Bush policies.

Ironically, his views could not have pleased some of the neo-con architects of Bush’s policies—Richard Perle and Douglas Feith—who were at the Bilderberger conference in Stresa, Italy. ★

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# UN's Dirty Little Mission

## Drug Use, Drunkenness, Debauchery Pervasive

By Fred Lingel

**T**he United Nations continues to be mired in scandal with new revelations by three of its staff about UN missions where drug use, drunkenness and debauchery were pervasive. The latest scandal is exposed in a book, *Emergency Sex and Other Desperate Measures*, and describes how Bulgarians employed by the UN in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh in the mid-1990s behaved like a "battalion of criminal lunatics." They hired prostitutes and ran booze and drug parties.

Perhaps one of the most shocking details provided by the book's authors was that a number of the UN workers in Cambodia were actually former Bulgarian prison inmates provided to the UN because Bulgaria needed funds but did not want to send its regular soldiers.

The allegations have been denounced as untrue by the Bulgarian government, which is a major player in George Bush's coalition in Iraq.

### OFFENSES WIDESPREAD

Similar stories have surfaced over the years about UN missions in the Balkans, East Timor and west Africa, with allegations of trafficking of underage girls for prostitution and pedophilia.

In 2002, evidence was provided to the UN that peacekeepers and local aid workers employed by the organization had been involved in exploitation in Sierra Leone.

A subsequent investigation by a UN assessment group found that UN workers traded food and aid for sex from young girls not only in Sierra Leone but also in Liberia and Guinea. In some cases, women in refugee camps were being told they would not get aid unless they succumbed to the advances of locally appointed aid workers. When the UN was confronted about the levels of sexual abuse in countries where it had a mandate, it cited legal reasons for refusing to identify those found to be involved in it.

An investigative team was only sent into Sierra Leone after it became public that children as young as 14 had been sexually abused. It later transpired that some of the abusers, employed by aid organizations hired by the UN, had a history of such behavior.

One investigative report provided evidence that 67 staff members from 40 non-government organizations working with the UN were part of a process of sexual exploitation. The UN refused to divulge the names of the organizations and the culprits, again citing legal reasons.

Over the years, journalists tasked with delving into the ugly aspects of UN missions have discovered that the organization has been too slow to carry out investigations. When it had done so, the process has been ponderous, secretive and burdened by internal bureaucratic wrangling. It is, its critics allege, a body that finds it difficult to investigate itself and shies away from making public its findings in instances where there has been criminal conduct by its staff. The oil for food debacle in Iraq has proved that it only reacts when the evidence of misconduct is overwhelming and in the public domain.

One of the major criticisms over the years has been the UN's refusal to swiftly deal with the brothels that spring up near sites where UN peacekeepers are based.

It took an American UN staffer, Jacques Klein, to com-

bat the problem in Bosnia, where he ran two operations to stop trafficking in women that was subsidized by peacekeepers. Many of the women were from East European countries, and some were underage. The brothels were run by organized crime families such as the Rising Sun in Moscow and its affiliates in Romania and quickly expanded to number several hundred.

Working with local police, Klein orchestrated 846 raids, shut down 125 brothels and persuaded police to issue criminal proceedings against their owners. He also managed to return 256 prostitutes, some of them teenagers, to their countries of origin. His success was achieved before the European Union took over responsibility for security in the region, but many brothels still remain close to military bases in Bosnia. ★

**Right, United Nations Special Representative for Liberia Jacques Paul Klein saws a weapon during an arms-destruction ceremony for guns turned in by former Liberian combatants. While Klein was stationed in Bosnia, he orchestrated the closing of more than 100 brothels (many using teenage European girls as prostitutes) operated by organized crime and catering to UN personnel. But Bosnia is not the only nation where UN peacekeepers have been misbehaving. Other countries include Sierra Leone, East Timor, Cambodia, Guinea and many more.**

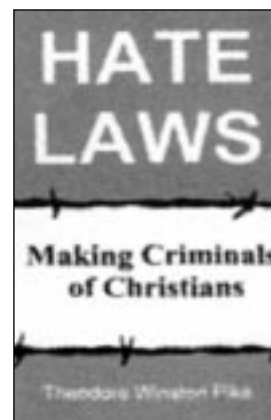


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# Buzzsaw:

## The Myth of a Free Press

By Michael Collins Piper

It's no surprise for you to read regular commentary in *American Free Press* about how corrupt the American media is. In fact, that perception is growing widely, particularly as new revelations continue to emerge regarding the complicity of the media monopoly in perpetrating the Bush administration's outrageous lies about Saddam Hussein and Saddam's mythical cache of weapons of mass destruction. But you may be surprised to hear a bevy of big-name journalists with roots in the self-styled "mainstream" media come forth to say that the media is corrupt.

In a fascinating, wide-ranging new book entitled *Into the Buzzsaw—Leading Journalists Expose the Myth of a Free Press*, you'll discover just how rotten the media elite really is. In 18 fascinating chapters—following a lively introduction by famed author Gore Vidal—the book explores the rampant misdeeds of the print and broadcast media, confirming that everything you ever thought was bad about the media is exactly true.

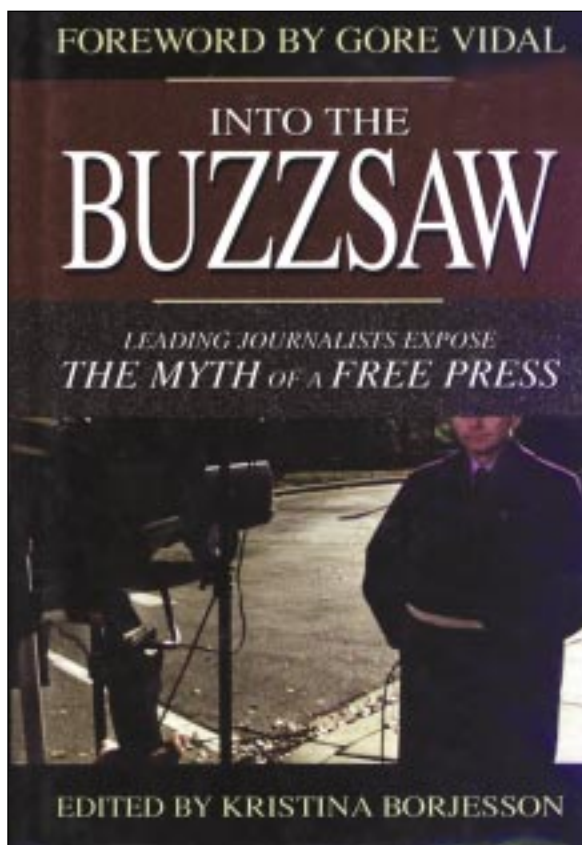
In his introduction, Vidal reminds readers of how Bush himself actually warned the press, "You better watch what you say," but the truth is that the media has proved itself to be a friendly lapdog for Bush and the intrigues of his neo-conservative cabal that have been dubbed "the high priests of war." And as Vidal comments, "In the hundreds of wars that the United States has fought since the union was invented, at every time of true crisis a small group can always be counted upon to use the crisis of the day to stifle free speech." In fact, that small group includes the masters of the American media.

Although it is well known (at least to informed observers) that the American media has a peculiar proclivity for promoting the interests of the state of Israel and forever "talking up" events of the mid-20th century recalled as "the Holocaust," the multiplicity of writers whose works appear in *Into the Buzzsaw* point out that the mass media can also be counted upon to cover up or otherwise distort relevant news and information about a wide variety of topics, often to protect favored special interests or to suppress misdeeds by the high and mighty, both within government and in the corporate arena.

Many tend to view the major media as being "liberal," and while this is certainly true in many respects, the writers of *Into the Buzzsaw* demonstrate quite conclusively and effectively that, in the classic sense, the major media and its controllers are rather "conservative" in that they actively work to maintain the *status quo*: rule of America (and the world) by a select, well-placed few, including, of course, that tightly knit clique of families and financial interests who control the media at the highest levels.

As *Buzzsaw's* editor, Kristina Borjesson, notes, describing the reality of the "buzz saw":

The buzz saw is what can rip through you when you try to investigate or expose anything this country's large



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institutions—be they corporate or government—want kept under wraps. The system fights back with official lies, disinformation and stonewalling. Your phone starts acting funny. Strange people call you at strange hours to give you strange information. The FBI calls you. Your car is broken into, and their thief takes your computer and your reporter's notebook and leaves everything else behind. You feel like you've been sucked into a game of Dungeons and Dragons. It gets harder and harder to distinguish truth and reality from falsehood and fiction. The sense of fear and paranoia is, at times, overwhelming.

Walk into the buzz saw, and you'll cut right to this layer of reality. You will feel a deep sense of loss and betrayal, a shocking shift in paradigm. Anyone who hasn't experienced it will call you crazy. Those who don't know the truth, or are covering it up, will call you a conspiracy nut. The word "conspiracy" is commonly used now (either as an adjective or part of a phrase) to malign those who raise unpopular questions about sensitive issues. The fact is, conspiracies do exist. There are laws on the books addressing them and Justice Department officials deal with them all the time.

### INTO THE BUZZ SAW

For her own part, Borjesson—an award-winning former CBS and CNN journalist with a vast array of notable

media accomplishments—encountered the reality of the "buzz saw" when she was investigating the downing of TWA Flight 800 off the coast of New York (the topic of two essays in *Buzzsaw*). The bosses who assigned her the story ultimately proved to play a part in the effort to help the government cover up whatever really happened. The liner was presumably accidentally shot down by a U.S. Navy missile, but that truth is not something that the powers-that-be wanted to be known.

In the meantime, of course—although Borjesson doesn't mention it—the Israeli disinformation network in the United States started promoting an "alternative" theory that while, yes, indeed, a missile was the cause of the disaster, the perpetrators were actually evil Iranians or evil Iraqis or—you guessed—"Muslim terrorists." All of which shows how a grain of truth can be twisted to fit a particular agenda.

### REVEALING CHAPTER

A particularly fascinating and revealing chapter in *Buzzsaw* is the essay by Gerard Colby, who exposes how his own publisher, Prentice-Hall, collaborated with agents of the wealthy DuPont family dynasty to suppress their own book, written by Colby, *DuPont: Behind the Nylon Curtain*. Colby explains that this bizarre and little-understood phenomenon—publishers trashing their own publications—is known as "privishing." Colby writes:

According to the sworn testimony in federal court of a 20-year Viking Press editor, William Decker, the term was used in the industry to describe how publishers killed off books without author awareness or consent. . . . The mechanism used is simple: cut off the book's life-support system by reducing the initial print run so that the book "cannot price profitably according to any conceivable formula," refuse to do reprints, drastically slash the book's advertising budget, and all but cancel the promotional tour. The publisher's purpose is to kill off a book that, for one reason or another, is considered "troublesome" or potentially so. . . .

*Into the Buzzsaw* is truly "must" reading for those who want first-hand insights into the corruption of the major media by some of the very journalists who lived through it, sometimes at risk to their own lives. Readers will learn a lot about how the media really works, from a behind-the-scenes perspective that is sometimes quite chilling.

A particularly interesting chapter is Gary Webb's account of his battle with both the CIA and the major media after he wrote an explosive series of articles for *The San Jose Mercury News* detailing the CIA's role in the illicit drug traffic.

However, even Webb pulls his punches: Webb once admitted to Andrew St. George, the veteran journalist who pioneered many ground-breaking stories for *The Spotlight*, that he (Webb) was fully aware that Israel's Mossad was also deeply involved as a partner with the CIA in the drug trafficking but that he would never dare to write about that. In fact, the topic scared Webb so much that he broke things off and fled from the New York delicatessen where the two journalists were having lunch. But what Webb does dare to write about is interesting and revealing in and of itself.

There's a lot more in *Buzzsaw* that readers will find fascinating, including Monika Jensen-Stevenson's riveting account of the official U.S. government cover-up of American POWs having remained alive in Vietnam long after the war was over—a topic most thoroughly written about for the past 25 years by AFP's own award-winning Mike Blair. The list of remarkable stories and anecdotes in *Buzzsaw* is tremendous. Don't miss this book. ★





# Tenet's Departure Means Little

There's an old saying here on Capitol Hill that the members of Congress come and go but the staff lives on forever. That is, if they are wily enough. The same applies to the CIA in general and to its director of the last seven years, George J. Tenet in particular.

Starting out as a lowly congressional aide, Tenet diligently pursued a Hill career, earning a reputation for hard work and loyalty. He joined the staff of the Senate Intelligence Committee, where he became staff director.

Ultimately, in 1997, President Bill Clinton selected Tenet to be director of central intelligence. Tenet was also elected to membership on Rockefeller-CIA controlled Council on Foreign Relations. When George W. Bush moved into the White House in 2001 he retained Tenet as director. This move on Bush's part caused small concern among GOP loyalists but no serious challenge materialized.

After all, George Bush the Elder had been director of central intelligence during the Ford administration from 1976 to 1977. The Bush family was at ease with the agency, and the agency was at ease with the Bush family. In fact agency employees thought so highly of the elder Bush that they could be seen driving out of the CIA's Langley, Va., headquarters in cars sporting Bush for president bumper stickers in 1980, when Bush was challenging Ronald Reagan for the GOP presidential nomination.

The CIA has a darker side to it. Since its inception in 1947, it is no secret that the CIA has been involved in money laundering and drug running, working closely with the big banks and major oil companies. Illegal activity and unethical behavior are no blocks for the CIA in its worldwide criminal activity since its founding since World War II.

The reputation of the CIA has been very mercurial in its global defense of big banking and big oil. AFP writer John Tiffany in our May 10 issue, pages 12-13, chronicles a partial list of the crimes of the CIA.

The CIA is accountable only to the president, and any congressional "oversight" is non-existent. Congress, representing the American taxpayers, appropriates the necessary funds for the agency. No exact figure is made public, but for many years the cost has been guesstimated at \$30 billion. By today's standards this is a farcical figure indeed.

Tiffany writes: "It is estimated the CIA has committed over 100,000 serious crimes worldwide in its history so far. To finance its activities, it frequently engages in gunrunning and drug smuggling—including large-scale importation of heroin and cocaine into the United States."

Guatemala, Hungary, Laos, Haiti, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Brazil, Indonesia, Greece, South Vietnam, Cambodia and others have felt the heavy hand of the CIA working its will allegedly to save these countries for "democracy," while in reality turning them into bloody dictatorships.

The CIA has been active in Afghanistan where the poppy industry runs unchecked selling heroin around the world.

CIA-friendly companies like Halliburton, Vice President Dick Cheney's "former" employer, are major players in

Iraq. Halliburton's expertise is oil, and Iraq has plenty of it.

Since the horrible day of 9-11 the American people have embarked on a crusade to cleanse the Earth of terror. President Bush himself set that nebulous goal in 2001.

The man in charge of that tall order has been Tenet. What is more he has had daily meetings with the president to work on that program.

Back in the 1980s and 1990s Tenet focused on protecting the United States from terrorism. Key target countries in this quest would be Iraq, Iran and North Korea, which coincidentally are the very countries that President Bush dubbed "the Axis of Evil" in a speech before Congress.

Of course that selection originated with the Zionist-oriented neo-conservatives who populate powerful positions in the Department of Defense.

Note that Tenet himself coordinated and nurtured a working relationship between Israel's Mossad and the CIA.

Tenet's tenure at the CIA was quickly drawing to a close when time and again he failed to understand the threat to the United States from Al Qaeda. He also assured the president that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction that would be used against the United States.

The war in Iraq is still very much alive as the July 1 deadline for independence for that country is only days away.



Tenet will be gone by then, but will his replacement be any better? Acting director John McLaughlin, a 30-year veteran of the CIA, states his objective for the CIA "is a vigorous, creative, agile, analytic capability that is equal to the 21st-century challenges."

Possibly in the wings waiting to be tapped as director of central intelligence is former CIA officer and head of the House Intelligence Committee Porter Goss (R-Fla.). Of course, the call is Bush's, and only time will tell.

Meanwhile, the CIA, ever the rogue, criminal organization it has always been and will continue to be, is doing business as it always has been doing it.

Intelligence directors will come and go but the staff lives on forever.

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## Books to Stimulate Your Cerebral Cortex

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## Letters

# AFP Ahead of the Curve on Reports of Abuse, Torture of Terror Suspects

I'd like to thank AFP for its continued coverage of allegations of torture and abuse in U.S.-run prisons in Iraq. AFP was way ahead of the mainstream when it came to reporting on charges that prisoners of war were being abused by American soldiers.

Don't those soldiers know that if we continue to treat others with such disdain, it will only come back to haunt us?  
WILLIAM HUNTINGTON  
Greenfield, New York

## GENOCIDE IN IRAQ

I thought you might have commented on the report that the IMF-World Bank had made a "loan" to Iraq. Such a "loan" is a strengthening of the chains around the legs of Iraq. Have we forgotten central African genocide?

Allowing three nationalist factions supposedly to function together as a "democracy" in the "new" Iraq is an invitation for the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to create genocide in Iraq that will be worse than that in central Africa.

Iraq was punished by America and England for nationalizing the oil deposits. That was the real reason for gulf wars I and II to end 20th century and start the

21st century with a "war to bring peace"—an oxymoron if there ever was one.

JIM CAMMACK  
Boise, Idaho

## THE ELITE RULE

Talk of a global plantation is appearing more frequently in various publications and articles. A global plantation implies slavery. Slaves must be housed, fed, clothed and medicated at the expense of the "owner"—in this case the elite.

A more realistic picture is that of peons and serfs, who must provide for themselves in a feudal society.

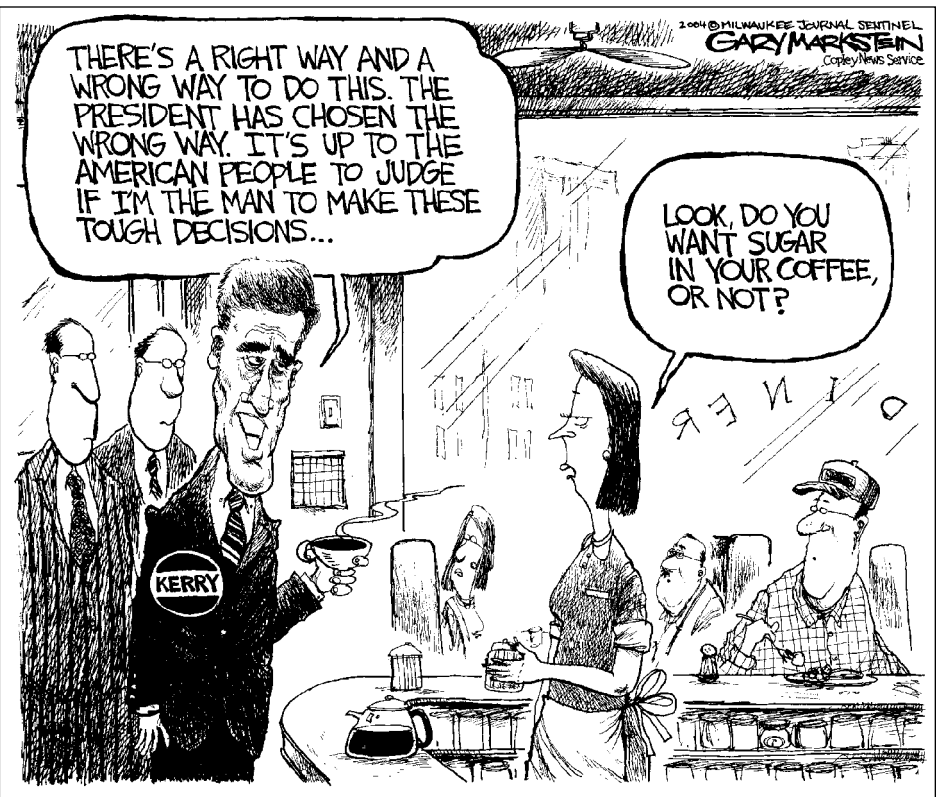
The feudal system has its masters—the elite—who are just as dictatorial as communists, fascists and "democratically elected" president/dictators for life as in the banana republics, Cuba and Africa. However, the elite cannot collect taxes from slaves. They can tax serfs and peons.

T.A. SNELL

Yorba Linda, California

## A VETERAN SPEAKS HIS MIND

Regretfully, I am going to have to drop my distributorship from 20 papers a week to 12. AFP is hard to sell in a military town where people think that the government can do no wrong.



Of course, the people who live here fail to see the irony in their support for the government. This is a town where there is one World War II vet who spent over three years in a Japanese concentration camp and took over 40 years to get any compensation. There are also several Vietnam era vets who are starting to have medical problems, which will never be addressed, because they were in Cambodia and Laos. Their records say they never left the states. I am retired military, a tax protester and am outspoken. I can find better things to do with my time than try to change the minds of those who never want to change.

CLAYTON L. ALFRED  
Peru, Indiana

people whose minds are closed. You seem to be the type of American who has risen above the uninformed herd. Your leadership is just what America needs on the home front. Don't lose heart so readily. And keep your letters coming.—Ed.)

## AFP TELLS TRUTH

I have been with AFP since the beginning. I purchased the "Unanswered Questions about 9-11" and mailed copies to the White House, my senators and representative. I asked for them to comment, but heard nothing.

I think the 9-11 investigation will cover up any lack of government action that could have prevented the Sept. 11 attacks.

Perhaps if readers mailed copies of AFP to the president, congressional com-

(We appreciate your candor, and we understand the difficulty selling AFP to

## Did They Really Say That?

"Statesmanship has to be judged first and foremost by whether you recognize historic opportunities and seize them. . . . When you think of statesmen, you think of people who seized historic opportunities to change the world for the better, people like Roosevelt, people like Churchill, and people like Truman, who understood the challenges of communism. And [President Bush] has been an agent of change for the better—historic change for the better," said National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice (right) in an interview with Cox Newspapers.



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"The Rules of Engagement have changed over here. If someone throws a rock at a soldier, they are now considered a combatant. We are changing to a zero tolerance policy so incidents like two days ago do not happen again. For 4,000 years, he who has the biggest stick is in charge and respected. That is the way of life over here. The Marines have unleashed the big stick and will be very aggressive in Fallujah now!" writes Abu Ghraib prison interrogator Joe Ryan in a diary he posted on the Internet. The diary was taken down by Ryan when news of the allegations of torture broke, but was automatically archived on the Internet and has been circulating there ever since.

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"There are certain points . . . where you have your drug related activities combined with money laundering and information laundering, converging with your terrorist activities. Certain investigations [by the FBI] were being quashed, let's say per State Department's request, because it would have affected certain foreign relations [or] affected certain business relations with foreign organizations," said Sibel Edmonds, a former FBI translator who is now blowing the whistle on federal investigators' failure to stop the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Had more U.S. news outlets been more honest about the facts surrounding Iraq and Saddam Hussein, America might never have gone to war in the first place . . .

## Weapons of Mass Distraction

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mittee chairmen and to the commission they may get more action and a response. I see a cover-up coming like so many in the past.

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WILLIE LOWE  
Callahan, Florida

(Every week AFP sends all of the senators and congressmen a complimentary issue of *American Free Press*. We know they are reading it. Now, if only they'd just take AFP's message to heart.—Ed.)

#### SADDAM & OKC

For many years, the neo-conservatives have been trying to create an Arab connection to the Oklahoma City bombing and, right from the start, Michael Collins Piper has been on to them.

As Mr. Piper states in AFP's May 31 issue: "The theory that the two Arabs were involved in a highly unlikely alliance to blow up the Murrah building and blame it on American 'lily white' patsies comes at a time when the neo-conservatives are struggling to explain the failure of their war in Iraq. The 'Saddam Bombed Oklahoma City' crowd sees this theory as another justification for a war that, Americans now know, was based on a patchwork of lies."

Undoubtedly, Saddam was a nasty dictator. But the tired, old tale that Saddam

tried to blow up OKC seems way too convenient for any of us to believe.

Thank you AFP for bringing us all back to reality.

WILLIAM LANEY  
Via email

#### FATHER FAHEY FAN

I would like to add a word on Patrick Philbin's profile of Fr. Denis Fahey in AFP's May 31 issue. Fr. Fahey's books are very scholarly but readable by folks like me, with just a basic education.

These books are still available from: Omni Christian Book Club, P.O. Box 900566, Palmdale, CA 93590 or the web site, [omnicbc.com](http://omnicbc.com).

M. HEMPEL  
Elidridge, MO

#### THE LAST WORD

Congress wants to pass a bill that would give them the final word on judicial decisions. This is demonstrated by the introduction of H.R. 3920 in the 108th Congress, titled "To Allow Congress to Reverse the Judgments of the United States Supreme Court."

Americans should be warned. Ask yourselves what this means: Do we really want Congress to be the last step? If so, statutes like the Patriot Act will have no challengers.

TIM FRENCH  
Longwood, Florida



### Bidding Farewell to Ronald Reagan

Above, soldiers from the Old Guard walk alongside the caisson carrying the flag-draped casket of the former president, Ronald Reagan, on Constitution Avenue June 9, 2004, in Washington, D.C. Mr. Reagan's casket remained in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda for public viewing until Friday. For those who lived during Ronald Reagan's presidency, he provided direction and confidence to a nation shaken by defeat in Vietnam and the taking of American hostages by Iran during the malaise of the Jimmy Carter years. He also was instrumental in the ultimate dismantling of the old Soviet Union and, inevitably, set the stage for the emergence of America as the world's lone superpower, however long that might last. The massive outpouring of popular appreciation for Reagan, evidenced by the overwhelming turnout for the funeral events, caught the liberals and the media by surprise.

MATTHEW CAVANAUGH/GETTY IMAGES

## AFP's Letter of the Week

### Our Duty to Protect Freedom of Speech

I HAVE READ THE *AMERICAN FREE PRESS* SINCE IT BEGAN, and I enjoy your honest and straightforward views and candor and will continue to do so as yours is the most accurate paper I know of. However, I must inform you that I became very disgruntled and could not believe it until I read it myself that the *American Free Press* was actually advocating, through the Charley Reese commentary in your May 24, 2004 issue, the censorship of our airwaves.

I am sick and tired of people that can't just change the channel rather than subject our First Amendment, and all other constitutional rights, to more violations whether via the religious right, or the puritanical goody-two shoes.

Where I realize that it is possible that children might purposely or inadvertently listen to vulgar or lewd programming, and I am myself repelled by it, it is preposterous and absurd that in a so called "free" society we continuously trample on the Constitution on the pretext of protecting the children from harm.

Where do we draw the line?

Your very name—*American Free Press*—evokes the protection of these rights. Yet who is Charley Reese, or Charlton Heston for that matter, to dictate what it is we should or should not air on free radio. If we continue down the path of protecting ourselves and our children from ourselves in this way, we voluntarily give up those rights fought for and given us by our Forefathers. You—if anyone—should be fighting for our free speech rights, no matter what the content, and fight for expansion, not the further encroachment, and erosion of these rights.

I firmly believe that all those who attack our Constitution in any way, shape, or form, including the FCC, should be condemned as traitors to the Constitution, that goes for George W. Bush and his illegal Patriot Acts, too.

DAVE BEAULIEU  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

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