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Turners to pump \$1 billion into world depopulation

Ted Turner and Jane Fonda have begun a deadly crusade to build up radical environmentalism and population control, using \$1 billion of Turner's \$2 billion "personal" fortune. The scheme was reported in the May 4 issue of *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, the leading rag of the foundation world.

The money will be channeled through the Turner Foundation, which already funds such leading eco-terrorist groups as the Rainforest Action Network, an offshoot of Greenpeace and Earth First! According to the article, Turner's philosophy is to give money to the small action groups, the "tree huggers," as Turner calls them.

Jane Fonda reportedly will run the foundation's population control programs, while Peter Bahouth, former executive director of Greenpeace USA, will oversee environmental grantmaking under Turner's direct supervision. The article quotes State Department depopulation maniac Timothy Wirth, hailing the foundation as the only organized effort to implement the plan to reduce global population unveiled at the Cairo conference last year.

Cartels demand further farm support cutbacks

Despite government reports that U.S. surplus food reserves have disappeared, think-tanks for the financial and "agribusiness" cartels are pouring forth more demands for budget cutbacks in vital federal farm programs.

Targeting the upcoming congressional debate over the next five-year farm bill, the World Resources Institute and the Food and Agriculture Policy Research Institute issued their proposals on April 28. Similar demands were presented earlier that week by the British-run Heritage Foundation.

The World Resources Institute, chaired by Canadian genocidalist Maurice Strong, released a report entitled "Growing Green:

Enhancing the Economic and Environmental Performance of U.S. Agriculture." It calls for "major cuts in farm subsidies," to slash \$5 billion a year from the U.S. budget, and for diverting more acreage from food production for "environmental" reasons.

The Food and Agriculture Policy Institute offered three policy "options," beginning with putting an end to all farm support programs. Its report also suggested that loans might be offered to farmers based on expected "marketings." In any case, the institute declared, farmers should continue diverting acreage into non-food use, to ensure "conservation" of the land.

Governors now question welfare block grants

The National Governors' Association (NGA) continues to have second thoughts about taking out a "Contract on America"—especially after taking another look at what state governments would have to manage, under the welfare reform bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. The legislation is currently under review in the Senate.

The NGA's staff recently released a broad critique of the bill's workfare scheme, noting that "most states do not believe they can achieve" the goals of the House bill, which would require half of all adult welfare recipients to work by 2003. The NGA report asks the Senate "to avoid prescribing narrow federal work standards for cash assistance block grants," which would replace Aid to Families with Dependent Children, under the House legislation. The states want more latitude to develop "innovative" work programs, because regular jobs do not exist.

The NGA also urges the Senate not to deny aid to hundreds of thousands of disabled children, now receiving cash assistance under the Supplemental Security Income program. And, the governors would also oppose provisions of the House bill that would prohibit federal welfare payments to unmarried teenage mothers, and to additional children born to women already receiving welfare.

Traffic in banned freon now second only to drugs

Freon, the vital refrigerant used in cooling systems worldwide, has become the most lucrative contraband traffic in the United States next to illegal drugs—thanks to the criminal lobbying efforts of the environmentalist movement. The federal ban on the use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), scheduled for the end of 1995, has already opened the door for a vast smuggling and underground distribution network, profiting from skyrocketing increases in retail prices for freon.

The nearly prohibitive federal tax of \$5.35 a pound, already imposed on all products containing CFCs, has pushed retail prices for freon to \$15 a pound, up from \$1 in 1989, the *New York Times* reported on April 30. "Short of illegal trafficking in controlled substances, in dollar value freon is one of the most significant illegal imports," the *Times* quoted Tom Watts-Fitzgerald, an assistant U.S. Attorney in Miami.

In the biggest criminal case yet, a Fort Lauderdale, Florida woman was indicted in April for smuggling more than 3,000 tons of the compound, with a street value of up to \$52 million, into the United States over the course of a year. From Miami and other ports it is distributed throughout the United States, according to law-enforcement officials.

Budget-cutters attack entitlements, again

The "bipartisan" parade of misguided accountants continues on Capitol Hill, waving placards and pie-charts in support of further dismantling of vital federal programs. Among the latest entries was the Concord Coalition on May 1, when former Senator Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.) and former Congressman Tim Penny (D-Minn.) presented their "Zero Deficit Plan" to eliminate the federal budget deficit by the year 2002.

Tsongas said that plan includes no tax cuts or defense spending increases, and that entitlements are the key. "You can't balance

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the budget without looking at entitlements," he said. The "zero" plan would squeeze \$25 billion out of the Medicare program for the elderly—by increasing the deductible for Supplementary Medical Insurance to \$150 from the current \$100, requiring co-payments for clinical laboratory services and home health visits, and increasing SMI premiums to 30% from the current 25%.

During the press conference announcing the scheme, Tsongas added that "moving into managed care would bring more savings, as would extending the age eligibility." That bit of genteel rhetoric translates into eliminating many forms of treatment, and denying any Medicare coverage until, for many recipients, it may be too late.

At another press conference later the same day, former pro footballers Jack Kemp and Rep. Steve Largent (R-Okla.) teamed up to release Kemp's "Empower America" ploy, with a dazzling brochure entitled "Your Turn to Balance the Budget." Complete with color graphics and charts, the brochure included options for spectators to make their own cuts of \$60 billion, to start "down the path" toward the goal of a balanced budget by 2002.

Largent, now a freshman congressman instead of a wide receiver, said of the Medicare program, "I think that when the facts are laid out, most Americans would agree that we can't afford to take it off the table." He added that "there's a dark cloud on the horizon. Our house of cards will fall if we don't make tough decisions soon."

Harvard policy peddler offers nuclear terrorism

Graham Allison, the Anglophile director of Harvard University's Center for Science and International Affairs, declares that if the United States does not have a "determined program of action" against terrorism, then "we have every reason to anticipate acts of nuclear terrorism against American targets before this decade is out."

"What is the message of the Oklahoma City bombing for American national security?" asks Allison, in an April 30 commentary in the *Washington Post*. First, he says

the assertion that the United States faces no direct or immediate threat to its security following the Cold War, "is dead wrong." America's democracy, says Allison, is "most open to terrorists' attack," and such actions "not only threaten our security but our freedom."

"Second, more deadly acts are surely yet to come," warns Allison, who cites the accessibility of "weapons-grade uranium and plutonium" due to the collapse of the Soviet empire, which he says can be used to make "100,000 additional nuclear weapons."

Instead of using a van full of explosives, the "terrorists could have used 100 pounds of highly enriched uranium," and "Oklahoma City would have disappeared," he writes. "The American government must recognize the threat and get real in combating it." He concludes this scenario, in the manner of the evil H.G. Wells and Bertrand Russell, by asking: "Must we wait for the nuclear morning after?"

Health conditions worsen on U.S.-Mexico border

Appalling sanitary conditions in the temporary work camps on both sides of the border pose the risk of dangerous outbreaks of infectious disease, the *Washington Post* reported on April 30. The so-called "colonias" are prime targets for epidemics of tuberculosis and hepatitis, health officials in San Diego warn.

Mexican officials are now worrying that the U.S. failure to immunize more than 40% of young children in some border areas could lead to sustained transmission of childhood diseases to Mexico, where child immunization is now over 90%, according to the *Post*.

The North American Free Trade Agreement is expected to draw even more families to the slave-labor assembly plants along the Mexican side of the border, which would add to the already crowded and impoverished colonias. On the U.S. side alone, an estimated 300,000 people now live in colonias, which often lack running water and adequate sewage facilities.

● **BRITISH RAGE** over President Clinton's Irish peace initiatives spilled over into the State Department's briefing on April 28. A questioner cited Clinton's White House meeting with Irish Republican Army leader Gerry Adams, whining that "Margaret Thatcher last night wondered how President Clinton would have felt if the Oklahoma bombers had been invited to 10 Downing Street."

● **WINSTON CHURCHILL II**, Sir Winston's grandson, puffed the destructive "special relationship" Britain claims with the United States, during an address to a 50th reunion dinner of World War II veterans in Monroe, Louisiana on April 22. Lying about FDR's postwar plans to break it (and omitting Clinton's challenges), Churchill intoned that it "runs far deeper than the relations between two transient politicians."

● **OLIVER NORTH** was asked, on CNN's "Inside Politics" on April 25, whom he thought President Clinton was talking about, in his recent attacks on purveyors of hate and division. "Well, he darn well better not be talking about me," North replied, attacking the President for proposing "deviations from America's long civil liberties traditions."

● **ANGIER BIDDLE DUKE**, 79, died on April 29, after falling into the path of an oncoming car while "rollerblading" near his home in Southampton, N.Y. A leader of the Anglo-American establishment, he headed the International Rescue Committee during the 1950s. He was chief of protocol in the administration of President John F. Kennedy.

● **GROWING POVERTY** in the United States has been masked by official statistics, but the Academy of Sciences will soon recommend changes in the way poverty is measured. The new criteria would substantially increase the official number of working poor, the *New York Times* claimed April 30. The latest figures classify 39.3 million Americans as impoverished.