

National News

Gramm touts slave-labor to Young Republicans

During an address on July 1 to the Young Republican convention in Atlanta, Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.) elaborated on his pet scheme to turn federal prisons into "mini-industrial parks." According to wire service accounts, the Presidential candidate's speech delighted the crowd of several hundred, who gave him the highest vote total in a subsequent straw poll.

Under Gramm's slave-labor scheme, inmates would work 10 hours a day to make revenue-producing goods, in full competition with the free labor force. "Selling it nationally, selling the products that prisoners make internationally, having prisoners make component parts for everything from tractors to cars to television sets . . . makes eminently good sense," said Gramm. "I think we made a terrible mistake when we let special interest groups stop prison labor."

If elected, Gramm vowed to repeal the Cooper-Hawes Act, the Sumners-Ashurst Act, and the Percy amendment, which make it illegal to sell prison-made goods in the private market, and require working prisoners to be paid according to a union scale.

Thatcher toys with running for President

Along with the political twaddle Margaret Thatcher presented on June 28 to the National Press Club in Washington, she made herself ample proof of the wisdom of the Founding Fathers, in establishing a constitutional requirement that the President of the United States be born in this country.

Thatcher, the former prime minister of Great Britain, who turned its collapsing economy into a scrap heap, was jokingly asked whether she would run for President in the upcoming election. "You'd have to pass a very simple amendment," she replied. "I have been a tax lawyer in my time, and in tax law, there are lots of deeming provisions—that is, you deem something to

be income which isn't."

With a knowing laugh, she explained, "You could deem someone to be a citizen of the United States, even though she wasn't born here, but born in Britain. If you could deem a person born in Britain to be born in the United States for the purposes of Presidential elections, boy, you wouldn't stop me from coming." Happily, the Constitution will.

Ex-prosecutor pleads guilty in Cali case

Former federal prosecutor Donald Ferguson pled guilty on July 3 in the Cali drug cartel case, further tightening the noose around the neck of former Justice Department official Michael Abbell. Ferguson pled guilty to reduced charges of conspiring to obstruct justice and money laundering, and agreed to cooperate in the government's ongoing case against Abbell.

Ferguson, an assistant U.S. attorney in Miami in the mid-1970s, was recruited by Abbell in 1990 to help him represent drug-runners for Colombia's Cali Cartel in Florida, according to the indictment. Ferguson was charged with helping to secure false statements from drug defendants in order to exculpate Cali kingpin Miguel Rodríguez rejuela, and with delivering \$75,000 in drug profits to the wife of a jailed drug defendant in Miami.

Jeb Bush wants an end to federal government

"Son-of-a-Bush" Jeb Bush told a Dallas conference earlier this year that "Republicans must kill the government goose that lays the golden eggs. . . . They must not reinvent government; they must *deinvent* it in order to succeed in governing." Bush's address was featured in the June 1995 issue of *Imprimis*, a publication of Hillsdale College, a Conservative Revolution hotbed in Michigan.

Bush, now chairman of the Foundation

for Florida's Future, told the Dallas conference (which was titled "Taking on Big Government: Agenda for the 1990s"), that the United States "desperately" needs a revolution. "We need to create a 'crisis' that will ensure that there are no alternatives to less government." He pointed to the adoption of a "constitutional requirement for a balanced budget [as] just such a crisis," because this would deprive the federal government of revenue flows. "Money is the key to the growth of big government, and the lack of it is the tool with which smaller and more efficient government can be fashioned."

Bush praised House Speaker Newt Gingrich's (R-Ga.) "visionary leadership," and echoed the most extreme "Third Wave" elements of the Contract with America. "We must rethink the role of government in the Information Age," he asserted. Listing those services he believes most in need of privatization (prisons, schools, child welfare), Bush singled out education as "the most archaic of all systems managed by government." Why? Because "the school calendar reflects the Agricultural Age," while the "system for service delivery is a classic top-down, centralized anachronism of the Industrial Age."

Supreme Court rules for owl's rights over man's

By a 6-3 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 29 that the 1973 Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits disturbing the habitats of such creatures as spotted owls on private property as well as on federal lands. Overturning a federal appeals court decision, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the U.S. Interior Department and Fish and Wildlife Service, in a suit brought by timber industry and landowner representatives over the right to log on private land inhabited by the spotted owl.

At issue was whether the ESA prevented only the killing of protected species, or whether it also could prevent supposedly threatening intrusions into these species' habitats. At stake, however, is the fundamental tenet underlying Western civilization, that mankind is superior to all other

species, having been created in the image of God and endowed with the power of reason.

The Supreme Court decision is the latest round in an absurd battle over the rights of the spotted owl which has gone on for years, with all parties ignoring the fundamental issue. The agenda has been dominated by pagan environmentalists both in and out of government, under the overall direction of the Worldwide Fund for Nature. In the case of the spotted owl, the environmentalists' target has been the once-vast timber output of the Pacific Northwest.

As many naturalists and forest experts have testified, the only significant threat to the survival of the spotted owl is its own vulnerability to other birds of prey. But its listing as an endangered species, coupled with other environmentalist restrictions on logging, has closed off huge tracts of public and private forests. The resulting bankruptcy of scores of logging and milling companies, especially among the family-owned operations which formerly accounted for more than 60% of all timber output, has sent lumber prices skyrocketing. The industry as a whole has also fallen into the hands of half a dozen giant companies operating increasingly as a cartel.

Rockefeller funds back eco-fascist takeover

The Rockefeller Foundation is financing the creation of an international army of fascist green cadres to implement a "paradigm shift" and lead the world to a fascist "sustainable" society, according to its just-released 1994 annual report. The report states that "humankind has crossed a dangerous threshold in its relationship with its habitat" and has "seriously damaged the planet's ability to regenerate."

According to the report, these "dangerous trends" can only be reversed with a "new approach" that leads all human activity toward "sustainability." The foundation says that the effort "demands exceptional leaders who can collaborate across national borders to define a common ground on which the future can be built."

To create a sufficient number of en-

forcers for a New Dark Age, the Rockefeller Foundation has spent over \$5 million a year since 1991 on its Leadership for Environment and Development program, designed to ensure "nothing less than humanity's acceptance of responsibility for stewardship of the earth." The program is presently operating in Brazil, Canada, China, Russia, India, Indonesia, Mexico, and Nigeria.

Sheriff tied to 'Get LaRouche' team indicted

Sheriff Paul Barrett, the former gamekeeper for the J. C. Bryant family plantation in Mississippi, was indicted on five counts of obstruction of justice, perjury, and witness tampering by the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia in early July. If convicted, Barrett will join the ranks of former Loudoun County, Virginia Sheriff's Lt. Donald Moore, J.C. Herbert Bryant, Jr., and other members of the "Get LaRouche" task force which railroaded economist Lyndon LaRouche to prison, who have been convicted on various charges.

Bryant was convicted last year on charges of making false statements and impersonating a federal officer. He has not yet been sentenced.

The charges against Barrett stem from testimony Barrett gave as a witness in Bryant's trial. Barrett is accused of falsely testifying that he sold a motorcycle which Bryant purchased for his use in Warren County, Virginia for \$1,500 when in fact, a Dr. Calvin Poole paid Barrett over \$10,000 for the item. He is also charged with obstruction of justice and witness tampering as a result of an alleged attempt to persuade Poole to hide this fact from law enforcement officers.

Barrett is also charged with perjuring himself before the Grand Jury which brought the charges against Bryant, when he "deliberately" mis-identified a signature on a notarized "oath of Office" as that of J.C. Herbert Bryant, Jr. The falsified document was a key supporting piece of evidence in Bryant's defense against the charge that he was illegally in possession of handguns on the day he was arrested in Washington.

Briefly

● **CALIFORNIA'S** state legislature recessed on June 30 without agreeing on a budget for the fiscal year which began July 1. Since the collapse of the state's tax base in the late 1980s, budget deadlocks have become an annual event. In 1992, the legislature was unable to pass a new budget until September, making interim payments in IOUs—a practice banned this year by the courts.

● **ORANGE COUNTY**, California voters rejected a 0.5% increase in the county's 7.75% sales tax on June 27, intended to raise \$130 million a year for 10 years, according to Reuters. The county filed for bankruptcy last year after revenues which had been invested in derivatives went up in smoke. A *New York Times* editorial on July 2 denounced the voters for their "arrogance," which "is roiling the bond markets."

● **THE U.S. SPACE** Shuttle mission to hook up with Russia's Mir space station drew enormous interest, despite being largely ignored by the major media. NASA Space Shuttle program director Brewster Shaw reported that there were 2.8 million inquiries for status information through the Internet, even though all lines were busy during much of the mission.

● **JOHN TRAIN'S** outfit, Freedom House, has been denied consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, after failing to win a majority in the U.N. Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. Voting against were China, Cuba, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Sudan, Swaziland, and Tunisia. Train was a key conspirator in the judicial frameup of Lyndon LaRouche.

● **'DR. DEATH,'** Jack Kevorkian, celebrated the opening of his Michigan "suicide clinic" on June 27 with the murder of his 24th victim, a 60-year-old woman suffering from a paralyzing nervous disorder. Her death was ruled a homicide by carbon monoxide poisoning.