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Bradley blasts Gore's indifference to poverty

Democratic Presidential candidate Bill Bradley levelled strong attacks against Al Gore's policies, during his speech to the National Urban League convention in Houston on Aug. 9. "After seven years of a Democratic administration," he said, "the percentage of American children living in poverty has barely blipped down. . . . One year after the Welfare Reform Bill, which I voted against, there was a 29% increase of children living in deep poverty. That's half the poverty level."

Bradley, citing figures from the Children's Defense Fund, said that this adds up to 374,000 children. He said that he finds it difficult to discuss prosperity when there are 43 million Americans without health insurance, and when 14 million children live in poverty, including 40% of black children.

Bradley asked how can we talk about a great economy when we still cannot ensure that everyone has adequate health care, when a quality education is denied to many children? "This I know for sure: Timid leadership and the silence of good people have caused us to risk losing yet another generation that won't participate or benefit from the new economy that is emerging. It is morally unacceptable and economically perilous to continue this course."

Following his speech, *EIR's* Harley Schlanger briefly caught his attention: "Senator, with your discussion of prosperity and the new economy, aren't you concerned about the imminent blow-out of the \$300 trillion derivatives bubble?" Bradley spun around and replied, "Yes, I am." "What do you propose to do about it?" asked *EIR*. He punted: "It's a cause for concern, it should be looked into," and then turned away.

Retailers settle Saipan sweatshop lawsuit

Four retailers decided to settle a lawsuit out of court, stemming from charges that apparel factories on Saipan, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, were

sweatshops that abused, underpaid, and mistreated immigrant labor in the U.S. territory. Nordstrom, J.Crew, Cutter and Buck, and Gymboree agreed to a monitoring system for their contractors on Saipan and to establish a \$1.25 million fund to finance the program and to pay partial damages for some of the workers. According to a press release from Fenton Communications on Aug. 9, "the monitoring is a further step in working towards compliance in Saipan with U.S. labor laws and binding international treaties established to protect human rights." Vérité, an Amherst, Massachusetts-based non-governmental organization, will monitor compliance with the settlement and will have wide powers to oversee the conduct of the contractors, including surveillance, announced and unannounced visits to facilities, and investigations of worker complaints.

The settlement affects two lawsuits, one Federal and one state, both filed in California. Both lawsuits, however, are proceeding against more than a dozen other retailers, as well as more than a dozen of Saipan's garment factories.

Anglophile media renew attacks against Clintons

Katharine Graham's *Washington Post* renewed the British-inspired smears against President Clinton in its second editorial on Aug. 11, ostensibly on his Aug. 9 keynote to the American Bar Association annual convention. "The ABA picked an odd choice to deliver the keynote speech," moralized the *Post*. "It picked a lawyer who had only recently gotten himself in trouble by lying in a civil deposition in the presence of a Federal judge and then lying again before a Federal grand jury investigating his previous behavior. It picked a lawyer who was held in contempt of court and fined by the judge whose case he had corrupted and who was then referred to his state bar for possible disciplinary action. Even as he spoke to the ABA's membership Monday evening, this lawyer faced possible disbarment for his lies."

The editorial had nothing to say about Kenneth Starr's "investigation . . . looking for a crime," as Webster Hubbell characterized it in his speech before the ABA on Aug. 7.

Meanwhile, Ambrose Evans-Pritchard launched an attack on First Lady Hillary Clinton in the Aug. 7 issue of the London *Daily Telegraph*. "Hillary Clinton was warned," he threatened, "if she used her position as First Lady to launch a candidacy for the U.S. Senate, she would forfeit her privileges and immunity. Suppressed stories would come to light. Her on-off, 15-year love affair with Vincent W. Foster would find its way from the fringes of right-wing, talk-radio to the pages of the great metropolitan newspapers. As a politician, she would be fair game." Evans-Pritchard goes on to rehash his own embellished tales from 1993, around allegations that former White House aide Vincent Foster was murdered to cover up nefarious dealings involving the Clintons.

Spook Bodansky hypes Islamic terror threat

Anglo-Zionist terrorist controller Yossef Bodansky made an appearance at the National Press Club on Aug. 6, to plug his new book and set off alarms of an impending new terrorist atrocity. "We're sitting on a volcano," he warned darkly, and he proceeded to describe signs of activity by Osama bin Laden, suggesting that Bin Laden is preparing to launch new attacks that may include weapons of mass destruction aimed at U.S. targets.

But bin Laden is not, after all, "the personification of international terrorism," he said. Bin Laden is, rather, a "linchpin" between those states that sponsor terrorism and the "myriad of Islamic terrorist, radicals, networks, the guys that we call the Afghans, their disciples, the Bosniacs, the Kosovars, etc., who are spread out all over the world." He named Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, and Sudan as the "classical Islamist circle" of states rising up to support Bin Laden.

Reporters pressed Bodansky about his relationship to Israeli intelligence, including Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, whom he denied having met. The rest of his reply was rambling: "Whatever's been done with that relationship between Congress and embassies exists. I never worked for anybody, if that's the question. If that's what you're impugning, no, I never worked."