

National News

Parkhurst prepares highway terrorism

Mike Parkhurst, the would-be Führer of the independent truckers, and his cadre force in the Independent Truckers Association (ITA) are now holding planning meetings to plot terrorism on the nation's highways when the scheduled independent truckers shutdown begins Jan. 31.

Sources inside the ITA report that a planning meeting will take place over the Jan. 22-23 weekend to lay out specific plans for terrorist shutdowns of highways. The meeting, to occur at some undisclosed location, is by invitation only to Parkhurst's trusted cadre. Parkhurst, meanwhile, plans to keep his distance from the terrorist core of his movement, controlling them through intermediaries.

Other sources report that, under Parkhurst's instructions, various bridges on interstates across the country are being rigged with dynamite for detonation once the shutdown gets underway.

A meeting is scheduled for early Jan. 21 between officials of the Department of Transportation and the leadership of the Owner Operators Independent Drivers Association, a group with some 5,000 members who are supporting the strike though factional opponents of Parkhurst. Sources in the trucking industry report that Parkhurst was specifically not invited to this meeting.

James Baker III: a 'New Age' freak

"Few Americans will want to tighten their belts unless every other American is also tucking in a notch. . . . Massive changes are taking place not only in the nature of our work force, but in the nature of work itself. . . . Women have been streaming into the labor market. . . . We must recognize that a massive transformation is taking place in America from essentially a smokestack economy into an international post-industrial economy." Members of San Francisco's

Commonwealth Club had to look twice to assure themselves that the speaker addressing their luncheon Jan. 13 was not "Aquarian Conspiracy" kook Marilyn Ferguson, but James Baker III, Chief of Staff to the Reagan White House.

Actually, it was not wholly surprising to hear Baker sounding off as a zero-growth "New Age" freak. The former campaign manager for Trilateral Commission presidential candidate George Bush, Baker is the scion of a group of Texas real estate, banking and railroad families interlocked with the very Harriman interests currently striving to turn America into a deindustrialized drug den. Baker is the inside man for the Harriman faction's current drive to make the President a lame duck this month.

Baker proudly announced that the President's new budget will include cuts in defense and social security, as well as a bevy of new taxes, all steps that the President had repeatedly pledged to do his utmost to avoid. After endorsing the policies of Paul Volcker's economy-wrecking Federal Reserve Bank, he said it is urgent that "the sunrise industries find a warm, hospitable environment here in the United States—and we look to you here in California to help lead the way."

CFR: cut entitlements, defense; tax the poor

A group of 500 leaders and supporters of the New York Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) held a press conference Jan. 19 and placed full-page ads in major east coast press today to demand that the Reagan administration implement a program of savage cuts in defense and entitlement programs and tax increases against the poor.

Calling itself "The Bipartisan Budget Appeal," the group is led by a cabal from the Draper Fund/Population Crisis Committee, including C. Douglas Dillon, Henry Fowler, George Ball, Robert S. McNamara, Sol Linowitz, Orville Freeman, and William Ruckelshaus. Also included in the leadership are CFR members W. Michael Blumenthal, Peter Peterson, William Simon, Andrew Brimmer, Harold Brown,

Zbigniew Brzezinski, McGeorge Bundy, Lloyd Cutler, Elliot Richardson, Dean Rusk, Robert Strauss, Cyrus Vance, and David Rockefeller. Alleged anti-eastern establishment John Connally is also a member.

Supposedly concerned about balancing the budget, the group has developed the following recommendations, all of which are direct attacks on the central policy commitments of the Reagan administration and on the welfare of the U.S. population:

- Cut defense spending by \$25 billion per year.
- Impose \$60 billion per year in new taxes "on consumption."
- Cut Social Security, veterans benefits, and other entitlements by \$60 billion per year, including a one-year freeze on the level of such benefits, despite inflation, and a cap on future benefits that will limit future cost of living adjustments regardless of the level of inflation.

Such proposals are clearly designed to undermine the political credibility of the Reagan administration, and replace it with a CFR "blue ribbon" national unity dictatorship.

Supplementing the CFR assault on the administration were Buckleyite "conservatives" Richard Viguerie and Howard Phillips, who held a press conference simultaneous with the CFR's to announce that the Reagan administration had betrayed its promises, and that they could no longer support it, unless it decides to devote itself henceforth to stopping abortions and bus-ing, and passing constitutional amendments for school prayer and a balanced budget.

Doublespeak award to Senator Proxmire

In a statement for which he has been nominated for the Golden Fleece Doublespeak Award, Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.) said Jan. 11 that, "I shall introduce legislation in the new Congress that will give the people of the United States increased First Amendment benefits by abolishing the so-called Fairness Doctrine and equal time rule."

Proxmire's legislation is designed to

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prevent views and candidates the controllers of the electronic media disagree with from having access to radio and television, even in paid advertisements.

The Fairness Doctrine requires radio and television to air only what they consider "responsible" opinion that differs from their expressed editorial policy. The more important equal time rule requires radio and television to provide other candidates for an office with the opportunity to have equal-time coverage (either as "news" or in paid advertisements).

Kemp in after-dinner kickoff for 1984

On Jan. 19, Jack Kemp unofficially kicked off his campaign for the 1984 Presidential nomination in an after-dinner performance before a crowd of 200 appreciative New Rightists assembled for a "Neo-Conservative State of the Union Conference." The washed-up Buffalo Bills quarterback who is now the Republican congressman from Buffalo and a member of the Swiss oligarchy's Mont Pelerin Society (a grouping of the most rabid pro-austerity budget-slashers on the globe), affected a posture of opposition to the genocidal austerity policies of the International Monetary Fund, the "Keynesians," and the neo-Malthusians. Unlike Senator Howard Baker and other "moderate" Republican opponents of Reagan, Kemp prefaced his campaign pitch by claiming to be a loyal supporter of Reagan and attacked those who oppose him, saying, "If conservative government doesn't succeed in 1983 and 1984, it's going to be a long time before conservatives get another chance."

Kemp quipped "With friends like the IMF, the Third World needs no enemies. . . . This must cause the Third World to wonder whether capitalism is a friend or an enemy." Opposition to the IMF's conditionalities has been most closely associated with Democratic Party presidential contender Lyndon LaRouche, Jr., have been studied very carefully by Kemp. Members of Kemp's Mont Pelerin Society have generally criticized the IMF only for being too *lenient* in its demands for genocid-

al levels of austerity.

He also repeated LaRouche's suggestion that the American tradition of industrial nation-building is the premier model for Third World development today. Unlike LaRouche, however, Kemp offered no program for avoiding catastrophic financial collapse this quarter. In fact, he praised Parson Thomas Malthus' associate Adam Smith for allegedly making the industrial revolution possible, while pretending to oppose "neo-Malthusians."

Bailout brainwash under way in Washington

The nation's anglophile establishment pulled out all stops in mid-January to try to brainwash congressmen into increasing U.S. contributions to the IMF, so as to make good the usurious debt claims that international banks are holding against Third World countries.

Leading the way was Sen. Charles Mathias (R-Md.), an advocate of the Global 2000 program for genocide against the Third World, who demanded that an international central bank be set up to manage the world economy. "There is a gap between the IMF and World Bank," Mathias wrote in the *Washington Post* Jan. 19, "and now is the time to fill that gap." Fellow Global 2000 advocate Les Aspin (D-Wis.) was more modest in his backup piece the next day; he simply demanded that "the U.S. contribution to the IMF has to be sharply increased in order to galvanize others." In addition to saving the banks, Aspin said, the IMF serves a useful genocidal function, since "equally important, the fund can and does impose conditions for these loans, conditions that require changes in the way the borrowers run their economies."

Such presentations were given additional backup by constant Capitol Hill seminars by the supposedly non-partisan Congressional Research Service. The CRS blamed the crisis solely on the "mismanaged policies of the developing sector" and stridently demanded support for the IMF, dismaying many who had hoped for a more balanced presentation.

● **EUGENE V. DEBS ROSTOW** and Paul Nitze, the men who destabilized the Reagan administration in mid-January by reaching an unauthorized disarmament agreement with Soviet negotiators, have interesting backgrounds. Rostow was denied State Department and Defense Department security clearances twice during the 1950s because he was suspected of having Soviet intelligence connections. Paul Nitze's uncle was Director of Imperial German sabotage operations in the United States during World War I.

● **RIMMER DE VRIES**, Chief Economist for Morgan Guaranty Trust, refused to cross a National Democratic Policy Committee picket line Jan. 19 to testify on Capitol Hill for an IMF bailout—unless he could have a police escort in doing so. Eventually a 10-man escort was provided and De Vries got out of his car to attend. The sign the NDPC picketers carried which caused De Vries trepidation read: "Drop the debt bomb on the bankers' cartel."

● **LEADING ENTHUSIASTS** of the doctrines of Friedrich von Hayek are assembling in Washington, D.C. Jan. 21 for a gathering at one of their hideouts, the Cato Institute. The subject of discussion for the one-day conference is "Founding a Stable International Monetary Order."

● **SIERRA CLUB** executive director Michael McCloskey, responding to Interior Secretary James G. Watt's observation that environmentalists use the same big lie techniques as used by Nazis, said: "Only James Watt could fail to see the difference between Hermann Goering and John Muir," the founder of Sierra Club.