

# 'Gorsuchgate' to pave the way for a Global 2000 coup in the administration?

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The networks that produced the Carter administration's *Global 2000 Report* blueprint for vast population reduction are planning to take over the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and use it to wreck both the Reagan administration and remaining U.S. industrial commitments.

When White House chief of staff James Baker III and Vice-President George Bush succeeded in ousting EPA chief Anne Gorsuch Burford, Bush and Baker were acting for a group of prominent environmentalists, otherwise known as "GOP moderates," including:

- Russell Train, the head of the World Wildlife Fund/USA, and a personal U.S. representative of World Wildlife Fund spokesman Prince Philip of England. Train, the former head of Nixon's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), worked to establish the U.S. environmentalist apparatus during the Nixon-Ford era.

- Russell Peterson, head of the Audubon Society and organizer of the Global Tomorrow Coalition, the private-sector lobby for Global 2000 which is headed by a former Club of Rome director and aide to Henry Kissinger, Donald Lesh.

- William Ruckelshaus, the former Nixon EPA commissioner who is responsible for banning of the pesticide DDT, a policy which has led to the deaths of tens of millions in the underdeveloped sector.

The three are members of one of Prince Philip's organizations in the United States, the Year 2000 Committee. The group also includes former Attorney General Elliot Richardson, Aspen Institute chairman Robert O. Anderson, former Carter administration Secretary of State and *Global 2000 Report* initiator Cyrus Vance, and former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara. This "bipartisan" network is running the next phase of the EPA-gate scandals; their plan is to consolidate a "power base" within the Reagan administration which will carry out their programs. In interviews last year, spokesmen for the Year 2000 Committee bragged that they would first paralyze the administration and then take it over. Next, they expect to install an "environmentalist-peace" govern-

ment in the 1984 elections.

Train, Ruckelshaus, and Peterson are all being considered to head the EPA. Also in line for the post are:

- James Buckley, the former top aide to Secretary of State Alexander Haig who has been identified by Year 2000 Committee spokesmen as the top environmentalist inside the State Department bureaucracy. Buckley, who has family connections to the European oligarchy, is a patrician anti-industrial "conservationist." He has met frequently with Train and other Year 2000 Committee members to discuss projects, including an administration reworking of the discredited Global 2000 document.

- Henry L. Diamond, a former aide to Nelson Rockefeller and currently a Washington lawyer. Diamond is known in environmental circles as a clone of William Ruckelshaus. In late 1980, with the backing of George Bush, Diamond attempted to take control of the Reagan transition team on environmental policy, only to be thwarted by Reagan loyalists.

Unless there is a sudden about face from the President, one of these individuals or a person like former New York State CEQ head and Global 2000 supporter John Quarles will be named to replace Burford and "clean up the EPA's image." Once installed, the new EPA chief will try to revive both the domestic and global environmental policies of the discredited Carter administration. These would include drastic measures curbing the export of pesticides and fertilizers to the underdeveloped sector, helping to create pestilence and famine that would reduce populations. In the United States, Train, Peterson, et al. have already planned to use the "acid rain" issue to make sure that closed heavy industrial plants in the Midwest stay shut and to force further closings.

Such policies are not in the interest of the Reagan administration, a source close to Reagan loyalists in the White House agreed on March 16. But because of the scandal-mongering about the EPA, he said, the White House will not risk interfering until it is too late to block the policy initiatives.

"The EPA will become a rogue agency," the source stated. "It will be in control of forces who want to destroy the

administration. Russ Train and his friends will mobilize the entire international environmental lobby behind the new EPA policies. . . .”

### **How EPagate gained momentum**

The Eastern Establishment media, which have been leading the assault on Burford and the administration, speculated that her fate was sealed the weekend of March 12 in meetings of the White House staff. Our sources say that the decisive point in the current phase of the battle came much earlier.

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*Moving to take control over the Environmental Protection Agency are Russell Train, Russell Peterson, William Ruckelshaus, and Henry L. Diamond, who are all in the orbit of the Global 2000 policy of eliminating billions of people worldwide by the turn of the century. The group is backed by James Baker III and the Vice-President of the United States. On the congressional side, Global 2000 operatives in this maneuver include John Dingell of Michigan and James Scheuer of New York, prominent ‘nuclear freeze’ advocates. Within EPA, one of their moles is Hugh Kaufman.*

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Starting in late January, a series of meetings took place among top Reagan supporters to discuss the future of the administration. On the agenda were proposals for an all-out war with the Eastern Establishment saboteurs typified by Train and his Year 2000 Committee. Among the items discussed were plans to fire the entire environmentalist “mole” network embedded inside the EPA. These moles, who include EPA official Hugh Kaufman, were the key sources of various unproven allegations of wrongdoing and political manipulation. Their ouster was to be part of a new program to revive the collapsing industrial economy.

Sources report that this agenda item was tabled. No new policy initiatives were discussed to revive the economy. Instead, top White House officials started mouthing lines about economic recovery.

The failure to take decisive action against the Eastern

Establishment networks running the EPA-gate in Congress and inside the administration opened the way for intensification of EPA-gate throughout the month of February. The saboteurs were aware of the probability that the President would run again in 1984. The strategy of the Global 2000 networks has always been to drive Reagan from office.

Meanwhile, Train, Ruckelshaus and Peterson stood waiting to offer the administration help in overcoming its political difficulties—difficulties that Train’s allies in the media and Congress, like Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.) and James Scheuer (D-N.Y.) were orchestrating. The call for help is reported to have gone out in mid-March.

“Anne Burford was ousted for no reason,” said a source close to Reagan loyalists in the White House. “There has been no proof of any of the various allegations against her. It was political panic in the White House that did her in. This is how a Watergate climate builds. If the panic gets great enough, anyone can be driven out to save the sinking ship, regardless of whether any of the charges are proven.”

Staffers on Dingell and Scheuer’s subcommittees investigating the EPA say they have just begun. They plan to go after other EPA staff, and have their ultimate sights set on White House counselor Edwin Meese III.

Dingell, who chairs the witch-hunting Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, is a longstanding asset of Club of Rome-linked environmental networks in the United States. Working especially with Rep. Ron Dellums (D-Calif.), Dingell was one of the key supporters in Congress of the Carter ban on chemical pesticide and fertilizer exports to the developing sector, and was an outspoken backer of William Ruckelshaus’s banning of DDT. Dingell’s committee staff director, Frank Potter, the man directing the witchhunt, is a member of the U.S. Association for the Club of Rome and a contact of the Year 2000 Committee. He has helped the Year 2000 Committee stage hearings on “global environmental problems” which included testimony from Russell Train.

Dingell and Scheuer are also prominent spokesmen for the nuclear freeze movement. Dingell and Dellums have signed letters circulated by the Sierra Club and Audubon Society calling for a political merger of the “peace” and “environmental” movements for a war against the Reagan administration.

It is unclear exactly what President Reagan knows about the operation deployed against him. At a press conference March 11, the President defended Burford and charged that “environmental extremists” would not be satisfied “until the White House is turned into a bird’s nest.” He further stated that the people attacking the EPA were not interested in environmental matters, but in “attacking the administration and its policies.” But while his anger was genuine, the President stopped short of naming his attackers. More importantly, the White House appears prepared to turn the EPA over to precisely those people who want to turn the White House into a residence for a lame duck.