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Green Scissors eco-fascist alliance out to destroy U.S.

The conservative National Taxpayers Union is in cahoots with radical ecologist Friends of the Earth? Yes, and the species they're protecting are oligarchical and British. Rogelio A. Maduro reports.

On Jan. 31, the "conservative" National Taxpayers Union joined with the "radical" green group Friends of the Earth for a press conference to announce the release of "The Green Scissors Report: Cutting Wasteful and Environmentally Harmful Spending and Subsidies," and to announce that they had formed the Green Scissors Coalition to enforce the findings of their report. The coalition report, written by groups that are, by conventional wisdom, on opposite ends of the political spectrum, calls for terminating crucial government programs on the leading edge of infrastructure building and scientific and technological development. The proposed cuts, in the name of saving taxpayers' money and protecting the environment, would have a devastating impact on the physical economy and future of the United States.

The conservatives and the greens in bed together? This should not shock anyone. Since the Nov. 8, 1994 elections, the Conservative Revolutionaries have been unveiling their ideological agenda, which is no different from that of the greens: They share the British Empire's commitment to destroying the United States' national sovereignty, including the federal Constitution, and to implementing malthusian policies in opposition to scientific and technological progress.

This drive is being led in Congress by House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), who is pushing the radical anti-science, "post-industrial" ideology typified by Alvin Toffler's "Third Wave" thesis, and by free-trade fanatic Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.).

By June of this year, the odd marriage of conservatives and greens shocked some anti-environmentalists and members of the Wise Use movement into recognizing how they have been used by the Conservative Revolution. Over June 10-14, more than 300 citizens, including loggers, ranchers,

and commercial fishermen, came to Washington, D.C. to attend the annual "Fly-In for Freedom," and to lobby Congress during the following days.

Sponsored by the Alliance for America, an umbrella group representing over 500 grassroots organizations, the fifth annual Fly-In for Freedom was supposed to focus participants on the most effective ways to fight environmental radicals, and to overturn insane environmental regulations. Attendees, mostly members of the Wise Use movement, came in response to appeals on fighting environmentalism, especially the Endangered Species Act. Instead, the conference agenda had been perverted and the bewildered participants found themselves addressed by leading advocates of environmental lunacy and by so-called "conservatives" who demonstrated that they have a nearly identical ideological perspective with the greenies who oppose all government support for technological progress.

The new theme of the conference, presented by Ike Suggs and R.J. Smith of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, among other speakers, was that the enemy is the United States government and President Clinton—not environmentalism. Instead of opposing the oligarchy which put through the anti-industrial policy and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in the 1960s and 1970s, the speakers called for a convergence with the greens.

These conservatives told the participants to accept the ESA and instead work to reform it to make it more green, yet more friendly to private property interests. The argument was that landowners should not be penalized by restrictions, but instead rewarded when they help protect purportedly endangered species. They hammered home the idea that the defense of private property must be the driving principle of society, not a global fight for growth and progress.



The green radicals at Friends of the Earth and the "fiscal conservative" National Taxpayers Union issued a report in January which says it all: "Cut Wasteful Spending with Green Scissors." They're no friends of the United States or the American taxpayer.

Conference participants were further astounded to find that the morning panel on June 11 had been turned over to leaders of the National Audubon Society, the National Wildlife Federation, the terrorist group Earth First!, and the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI). The environmentalist leaders used the panel to insult the majority of the participants, while laying out plans for a convergence of the Wise Use and environmentalist movements. This was all the more outrageous, since many of the conference participants have been the victims of Earth First!'s terrorist activities, while others had been driven out of their homes or businesses by the policies of the Audubon Society or NWF. The conference itself was dedicated to the memory of Gil Murray, head of the California Forestry Association who was murdered in April by an eco-terrorist bomber.

What transpired at the Alliance for America conference and the policies promoted by the Green Scissors Coalition could not possibly be further from the kind of policy advocated by former Washington state Gov. Dixy Lee Ray, the best known fighter against green fascism among conservatives and "wise-users." Ray, a former member of the Atomic Energy Commission who fought throughout her life for scientific and technological progress, unfortunately passed away in 1993.

The way the Conservative Revolutionaries and the greens have succeeded in fooling these individuals, most of whom consider themselves pro-American, has been to play upon their legitimate grievances against the environmentalist dic-

tatorship that has made policy in Washington for the past two decades, by narrowly focusing them to defend their perceived self-interest and their individual greed. This is the deep flaw among the constituents the greens are trying to destroy. They place their self-interest above the national interest. All along, the efforts of the anti-environmental movement have been to create a movement that is based on self-interest, such as property rights or states rights, and free trade. The underlying concept is a profound hostility to the nation-building imperative of the U.S. Constitution. These efforts, although in most cases well intentioned, have given birth to this poison fruit, leading to the green takeover of this movement.

The most revealing moment of the Alliance for America conference took place when *EIR* correspondent Anton Chaitkin asked the Endangered Species Act panelists where they stood on the Green Scissors report and the fact that it was supported by the National Taxpayers Union. CEI's R.J. Smith responded that, despite their differences, conservatives and greens could work together on such issues as cutting government waste.

Green Scissors to draw blood

During the well-publicized press conference announcing the release of the Green Scissors report, spokesmen for Friends of the Earth and the National Taxpayers Union said that the report aims to entirely eliminate a number of federal government subsidies and funding for projects which they say are wasteful porkbarrel giveaways that endanger the in-

tegrity of the environment. The report singles out 34 programs and claims that cutting them will save taxpayers \$33 billion over a five-year period.

The National Taxpayers Union and Friends of the Earth have worked together since 1993 to implement these goals through a coalition called Citizens United to Terminate Subsidies (CUT\$). This coalition, which brings "fiscal conservatives and environmental progressives together," will be the vehicle to campaign for the implementation of the Green Scissors report.

Members of the coalition (see box) range from the conservative Citizens for a Sound Economy and the Concord Coalition, to green establishment outfits such as the Sierra Club, the National Audubon Society, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and the Wilderness Society. Many more conservative and green groups have joined the coalition since January. Funding for the Green Scissors report came largely from the Rockefeller Family Fund and the W. Alton Jones Foundation, two of the top funders of the multibillion-dollar environmentalist movement.

Green Scissors aims at nothing less than wrecking the ability of the government to build infrastructure, particularly the ability to develop modern energy sources. The list of programs targeted clearly indicates that these groups are acting at the behest of the top levels of the British oligarchy, which is fanatically opposed to the development and spread of scientific and technological progress, especially as that is embodied in the U.S. Constitution.

Green Scissors aims to drain the blood out of several crucial areas of infrastructure, particularly: energy production; irrigation and flood control; agriculture, forestry, and mining; and transportation. While the Green Scissors Coalition claims that the elimination of these programs will save \$33 billion over five years (\$6.6 billion a year), the report is a fraud from the standpoint of economics, science, and social policy. As we shall see, these cuts will exact an enormous toll on the health and well-being of the American people, as well as the economic future of the country. The actual cost of these cuts will amount to trillions of dollars.

If the National Taxpayers Union and Friends of the Earth were truly concerned with reducing the deficit, they could call for a system of national banking to replace the Federal Reserve System, so that the government would not have to pay usurious rates to issue currency, a process which sinks the federal government \$300 billion a year deeper into debt.

They could have called for the elimination of useless environmental mandates (they officially cost the economy over \$200 billion a year, in reality closer to \$1 trillion). The ban on chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), for example, will cost the U.S. economy over \$1 trillion by the year 2000. In fact, as documented in this writer's book, *The Holes in the Ozone Scare, The Scientific Evidence that the Sky Is Not Falling* (Washington, D.C.: 21st Century Associates, 1993), there is no scientific evidence that CFCs are damaging the ozone layer or pose a future danger. If the coalition wanted to save

the taxpayer some more money, Green Scissors could have called for more than \$5 billion in cuts from the research on global warming, solar energy, and renewable resources. Saving the taxpayer money is not the point of the report: eliminating infrastructure and science and technology is.

Protecting diseases from people

One target of the Green Scissors report is spending for health and human welfare. This is best illustrated by the report's call to terminate the Animal Damage Control Program (ADC), administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) with two major aims: to control damage caused by wildlife, especially to livestock; and, to track down and destroy animals carrying dangerous, communicable diseases.

At present, there are outbreaks of the bubonic plague and rabies across the United States, particularly in the Western States. Enormous populations of wildlife are infected with the plague and are transmitting it to each other, as well as to people. More people have died of bubonic plague in the past few years in the United States than at almost any point in the preceding century.

The main line of defense against the further spread of these diseases is the ADC program. Furthermore, ADC is the only real defense against other diseases carried by animal vectors, such as rats, including the deadly hanta virus. The health of millions of Americans depends on the control of these animal vectors. The annual cost of the ADC program is a measly \$36 million. Obviously, the cost of the program is not the reason why the Green Scissors wants to cut it.

In the 14th century, a pandemic of bubonic plague killed between one-third and one-half of the population of Europe, following the collapse of the banking system under conditions of a war-ravaged economy. Given the rapid collapse of the U.S. and world economy, conditions could again be created for the catastrophic spread of disease.

In this context, it is quite interesting to point out that the malthusian Carrying Capacity Network (CCN) supports the Green Scissors report. The June-July 1995 issue of the CCN bulletin had a front-page "Call To Action" requesting all its members to purchase the report and to support the National Taxpayers Union. CCN is one of the leading advocates of population control. One of its directors is Paul Ehrlich, the leading green guru who began predicting environmental doomsday in the 1960s, and who has proposed a radical reduction in the world's population as the only long-term solution to the world's environmental problems.

Extermination of advanced energy programs

The Green Scissors Coalition has also committed itself to the elimination of any research into future energy sources. The report calls for the elimination of virtually the entire nuclear research program as well as any research into fusion energy. Just about all major research and development programs for nuclear energy are slated for the chopping block,

ensuring that society is frozen into a total dependence on fossil fuels. Moreover, while advanced coal research programs are targeted by Green Scissors, oil is not, which may have something to do with the fact that the major multinational oil corporations, led by Royal Dutch Shell and Atlantic Richfield Corp. (Arco), contribute hundreds of millions of dollars to the environmentalist movement either directly or through private family foundations. The Rockefeller family, which contributes over \$50 million a year to the environmentalist movement, for example, made its fortune in oil. As noted earlier, the Rockefeller Family Fund helped pay for the production of the Green Scissors report.

The coalition has a three-pronged attack on nuclear research. The first prong is its attack on research to develop the next generation of nuclear reactors for civilian use, which includes energy generation and medical uses. Its second prong is to dismantle research into nuclear weapons, and its third prong is to prevent the construction of the nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

The attack on nuclear energy is one of the most dishonest aspects of the Green Scissors report. The report explicitly attacks nuclear power, claiming that it "continues to pile up dangerous radioactive waste for which there is no proven method of safe and permanent storage or transportation." The case of France—80% of whose electricity comes from nuclear power—gives the lie to that assertion. France does not have a problem with nuclear waste because they reprocess it. Most important, however, is that the Green Scissors Coalition intends to ensure that its prophecy about nuclear waste is fulfilled, by closing down the construction of the Yucca Mountain repository, leaving the nation with no safe, long-term storage site for nuclear waste. Two of the nuclear research programs that the Green Scissors Coalition wants to terminate would reprocess spent nuclear fuel, including plutonium, and use this former "waste" as an energy source.

While Friends of the Earth's violent opposition to nuclear power is well-known, the National Taxpayers Union's is not, despite the fact that NTU has opposed nuclear power for over two decades. In the 1970s, the NTU led the opposition to the Clinch River Fast Breeder Reactor in Tennessee. This project was finally terminated when the Reagan administration said it could be completed as a private enterprise. As could be expected, no "entrepreneurs" ventured forth to complete the project. Breeder reactors use spent plutonium fuel and actually produce more fuel than they consume.

In the past few years, the NTU has been leading the opposition to the Integral Fast Reactor at Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois. The IFR is designed to use spent nuclear fuel and waste plutonium.

Not content with destroying the nuclear industry, the National Taxpayers Union and Friends of the Earth are also out to destroy research into fusion energy. The Green Scissors Coalition targets those fusion research facilities that have not previously been cut back. The report calls for the termination of any further design or construction of the Tokamak

Physics Experiment (TPX) reactor at Princeton, New Jersey, as well as the National Ignition Facility at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. The Livermore reactor would use lasers to ignite deuterium and tritium fuel to start a self-sustaining fusion reaction. This facility can also be used to study the physics of nuclear weapons and to provide inexpensive tests to examine their effects.

The NTU and Friends of the Earth are also planning the takedown of nuclear research for medical purposes. One of the Green Scissors proposals is to terminate the Advanced Neutron Source at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. As noted by the Green Scissors report itself, the ANS "is a civilian research reactor" that would produce "the greatest number of neutrons per unit area per second." This breakthrough, "would enable certain research to be conducted for the first time and other activities to be significantly expedited." The report further acknowledges that the ANS reactor will be used to "conduct materials research and to produce isotopes for research and medical use." The motto for this cut should perhaps be "let them have cancer."

Green Scissors also targets coal and hydroelectric power. For all its environmentally friendly pretensions, the report calls for terminating the Clean Coal program that has led to the reduction of polluting emissions from coal-burning plants; and the cancellation of various water projects, including dams and hydroelectric projects, not just in the United States, but around the world.

In addition, the Green Scissors Coalition calls for the termination of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) program and the reform of the Power Marketing Administrations. REA was created in 1935 as the Rural Utility Service (RUS), and its job was to finance the development of the electric and phone grid in rural America, to provide universal service to areas that would have been abandoned by private companies because of their unprofitability. REA has done a magnificent job and it continues to play a critical role in providing low-interest loans for the further development of energy infrastructure across the United States. The Green Scissors report complains that the rates offered by REA are not usurious and therefore it should be eliminated. Such a step would prevent any further infrastructural and industrial development in rural areas, particularly in the West.

Target: food production and flood control

Just as the Green Scissors report lays out a strategy to destroy future energy technologies, it also takes aim at agriculture by calling for an end to the construction of new irrigation projects and water control projects. The report calls for \$4.2 billion in cuts to agricultural irrigation projects.

Among the reasons given for these cuts, two stand out: "The Interior Department heavily subsidizes irrigation of crops that the Agriculture Department pays farmers not to grow"; and the falsehood that these farmers are growing "surplus crops." As extensively documented by *EIR*, there are no "surplus crops" anywhere in the world, and, in fact,

the world is now facing severe food shortages, at the same time that food production has collapsed in the United States. The United States is no longer self-sufficient in food production and has almost no food reserves to speak about.

One project that has drawn fire from the report is the Animas-La Plata project in Colorado, to build a major dam in a water-starved area and develop a system of reservoirs and pumps that would lift water 1,000 feet and distribute it through a 240-mile network of canals. If this project is cancelled, the likelihood is that every other major irrigation project left in the West will be as well. With serious shortages of water already existing in the West, which will become acute in the next few years, these cuts would have very serious repercussions.

Flood control programs would also find their way to the Green Scissors cutting room floor. The report calls for a 50% cut in the Army Corps of Engineers Inland Waterways Operations and Management Budget. In addition, the Green Scissors report wants to slash \$1.25 billion from the Corps of Engineers Civil Works program, arguing falsely that "rather than reducing flood losses, federal flood control and relief have encouraged the development of flood-prone areas by eliminating incentives for strong state and local floodplain management." One wonders where these people were two years ago, when the flooding of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers showed that only levee and flood control systems built by the Corps of Engineers stood up to the flood, while almost all the levees and other systems that failed were exactly those built under state and local management! In addition to the reduction or outright elimination of flood control programs, Green Scissors wants to do away with any Coastal Flood Insurance for new developments, and opposes the creation of a Natural Disaster Protection Fund Proposal.

'War on the West'

The National Taxpayers Union and Friends of the Earth particularly target resource producers in the western part of the United States. As such, Green Scissors is an escalation of the "war on the West" launched by President George Bush in collaboration with the environmentalist movement, to prevent any further development of the western states and to turn that part of the country into an empty wasteland. That scenario was laid out in the book *The Nine Nations of North America* and covered in the June 2, 1995 issue of *EIR*.

The two most important changes proposed by the Green Scissors report are a "reform" of the 1872 Mining Act, and the end to any further road building in National Forest lands. Those proposals would destroy what's left of the U.S. mining and timber industries.

In addition, Green Scissors gives free rein to a "free market" approach to the grazing fees paid by ranchers to graze their cattle on public lands. The report fraudulently argues that the western ranchers should pay the same charges to graze on public lands that eastern cattle growers pay to

The Green Scissors Coalition and its principal targets

"Fiscal Conservatives"

National Taxpayers Union
Citizens for a Sound Economy
Concord Coalition
Council of Citizens Against Government Waste
Lead or Leave

Environmentalists

Friends of the Earth
American Oceans Campaign
Center for International Environmental Law
Clean Water Action
Coast Alliance
Defenders of Wildlife
Environmental Action Foundation
National Audubon Society
National Parks and Conservation Association
National Wildlife Federation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
Natural Resources Defense Council
Nuclear Information and Resource Service
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Public Citizen
Safe Energy Communications Council
Sierra Club

raise their cattle in private lots. The report conveniently ignores the fact that the public lands, especially in the West, are largely desert areas with little water and no improvements, while the eastern pastures have plenty of water, forage, and land improvements. Such a change would put most western ranchers out of business.

And, of course, the water-short West will be severely affected by the termination of irrigation and water projects, and elimination of the Rural Electrification Administration.

One of the most ironic aspects of the Green Scissors movement is that western conservatives are among the biggest supporters of the National Taxpayers Union and the Conservative Revolution. They have become so ideologically blind in their pursuit to tear down the U.S. government that they have not even noticed that they are themselves a target of this eco-fascist alliance.

Friends of the oligarchy

On a deeper level, the National Taxpayers Union and Friends of the Earth are two of the most sophisticated outfits

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
20/20 Vision National Project
Taxpayers Assets Project
U.S. Public Interest Research Group
The Wilderness Society

Green Scissors targets

Energy Programs

National Ignition Facility—Terminate program
GT-MHR Gas-Cooled Reactor—Terminate program
Advanced Light Water Reactor—Terminate regulatory assistance and cancel the first-of-a-kind engineering program.
Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository—Stop site construction
Tokamak Fusion Reactor—Cancel any further design or construction
Atomic Vapor Laser Isotope Separation—Terminate program
Advanced Neutron Source—Terminate program
Nuclear Testing Site—Cease testing and reduce operating expenses
Nuclear Waste Fund Fee—Increase fee
Rural Electrification Administration—Eliminate the administration
Coal Research and Development—Cut funding
Agriculture and Mining
1872 Mining Act—Rewrite the law
Forest Service Timber Roads—Cut all funding for construction of new roads

USDA Marketing Promotion Program—Terminate funding
Grazing Fees—Increase fees
Sugar Program—Eliminate import quotas and price supports
Animal Damage Control Program—Eliminate program
Irrigation, Water Control, and Disaster Protection
Animal-La Plata Irrigation Project (Colorado)—Terminate project
Arum Dam III (Nepal)—Cut funding of World Bank's International Development Association by the proportion of the proposed Arum III loan.
Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works—Cut funding for the civil works program and transfer responsibility for flood control to state and local governments.
Passaic River Tunnel (New Jersey)—Deauthorize flood tunnel project
Irrigation Subsidies—Eliminate or restrict subsidies for irrigation projects to grow food crops
Auburn Dam (Sacramento, California)—Deny any funding to the Army Corps of Engineers
Inland Waterways Operations—Reduce operation and maintenance budget by 50%
Proposed Natural Disaster Protection Fund—Reject proposal, allow free market mechanism to handle risks
Coastal Flood Insurance Reform—Prohibit insurance for new developments in coastal zones

run by Prince Philip's Club of the Isles. As noted in the *EIR Special Report* on "The Fall of the House of Windsor" (Oct. 28, 1994) the Club of the Isles created a vast network of organizations criss-crossing the ideological and political landscape, to implement their policies. While these organizations may have cosmetic ideological differences, they share a common commitment to restoring and protecting the British Empire. A full treatment of the pedigree of these organizations was detailed in three *EIR* cover stories (Jan. 13, Feb. 17, and June 2).

The most interesting organization to examine in the context of the Green Scissors report is the National Taxpayers Union. Founded in 1969 by James Dale Davidson, NTU is part of a whole nest of conservative outfits working at the behest of the British Empire, as documented in the Feb. 17 issue of *EIR*. This includes the Mont Pelerin Society, the Heritage Foundation, the Reason Foundation, the Cato Institute, the Progress and Freedom Foundation, and the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Since its inception, NTU has been a leader of the eco-

fascist drive to destroy scientific and technological progress. The most recent annual report of the NTU proudly boasts that, in the early 1970s, it helped lead the charge to strip funding from the U.S. Super Sonic Transport program, which was also one of the major targets of the environmentalist movement. The SST was the next step in the development of the U.S. aerospace program, and its termination nearly destroyed the space program. While Britain and France developed the Concorde, that plane was one-third the size of the planned U.S. SST, and is now 25 years old, with few programs planned to replace it.

It was the National Taxpayers Union that initiated the drive to call a constitutional convention to pass a balanced budget amendment in the early 1980s.

NTU's chairman and founder, James Dale Davidson, collaborates very closely with Britain's Lord William Rees-Mogg, who has played a major role in the most recent efforts to destroy the United States, including his promotion of the militias.

Davidson is a principal of Strategic Advisors Corp. of

Baltimore, Maryland, which he describes in a 1993 tract as “an asset management group for wealthy individuals.” Strategic Advisors publishes *Strategic Investments*, a financial newsletter edited by Davidson and Rees-Mogg. This is the newsletter that has been used to build the anti-government militia movement.

Davidson and Rees-Mogg coauthored the books *Blood In the Streets: Investment Profits In A World Gone Mad* and *The Great Reckoning*, both of which proclaim that a financial apocalypse is imminent; but, they add, those in the know can make a killing by buying investments at panic prices.

On Jan. 5, 1995, Rees-Mogg penned an incredible diatribe against public education in the *London Times*, arguing for a return to an information age version of feudal society: “The information age will require very high skills in non-repetitive work. In international competition, perhaps 5% of the population will produce 80% of the national income, and the employment of the 95% will depend on the success of the few.”

Interestingly, given his views on education, Lord Rees-Mogg is vice chairman of the BBC, and chairman of the Broadcast Standards Board, which sets standards for public broadcasting in Her Majesty’s realm.

Davidson is very open about his connections to the European oligarchy and its functionaries. In a 1993 book, *The Plague of the Black Debt: How To Survive the Coming Depression*, the NTU chairman writes, “Much of our success is based on a key insight into events. It is not legal to profit from inside information about stocks. But there is no such problem with inside political information.

“Let’s face it. Markets do not move totally at random. They move because somebody decides to do something. People move markets. And powerful people move them powerfully. When stocks shoot down or up, it is usually because of actions taken in Washington, or Tokyo, or Bonn. . . . One of our contacts runs one of the biggest investment portfolios in London. Another is a former president of the Rothschild Bank in Zurich. Another is a former president of one of the world’s largest oil companies.”

Concerning his partner, Davidson boasts that “Lord William Rees-Mogg . . . is the former editor-in-chief of the *Times* of London, vice chairman of the BBC, and confidant of powerful British figures like Margaret Thatcher and Lord Rothschild. He is also a director of London’s Private Bank and financial adviser to some of the world’s wealthiest families.”

One of the most interesting questions that has been raised is whether NTU’s opposition to all forms of fission and fusion energy has to do with oil and gas investments by Chairman Davidson? In *The Plague of the Black Debt*, Davidson tells readers that a great investment would be Lakehead Pipeline LP, a limited partnership traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Lakehead “owns the 1,100-mile-long U.S. portion of the oil and gas pipeline which runs 2,300 miles

from western Canada to eastern Canada. . . . *This is the only pipeline that transports crude oil from western to eastern Canada*” (emphasis in original). The next sentence is especially revealing: “Come inflation or depression, the folks in eastern Canada will still need oil. It’s a sure bet.” “This one is so safe,” adds Davidson, “I bought it for my mother.”

NTU’s connections to the Reason Foundation may be another reason for its pro-gas and oil stance. Reason Foundation President Robert Poole is on the advisory board of NTU. There are at least three other connections between NTU and the Reason Foundation. In turn, a major contributor to the Reason Foundation has been Shell Oil Co., the U.S. arm of the Anglo-Dutch international apparatus known as Royal Dutch Shell. According to private accounts from within the industry, the Royal Dutch Shell apparatus possesses the most sophisticated strategic planning capability in the world, owing to the historically close ties between the British Shell Transport and Trading on the one hand, and the British Foreign Office, British intelligence, and the Chatham House apparatus on the other. There have also historically been close ties between Shell and the Bank of England.

Of special note, given the NTU’s recent joint venture with the Friends of the Earth: The present chairman of Shell Transport and Trading, Sir Peter Fenwick Holmes, serves as a trustee of Prince Philip’s World Wide Fund for Nature (formerly the World Wildlife Fund). The late John H. Loudoun, chairman of Shell during the oil hoaxes of the 1970s, was a co-founder of the 1001 Club—the primary funding mechanism for the WWF—and also served as president of the World Wildlife Fund.

Other notables connected with the National Taxpayers Union or the National Taxpayers Union Foundation include:

- Jerry L. Jordan of the NTUF Advisory Board, and president of Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; advisory board of the pro-drug legalization Reason Foundation; and Cato Institute adjunct scholar.
- Prof. Allan H. Meltzer, NTUF Advisory Board, and a trustee of the Sarah Scaife Foundation, a major funding conduit for the Conservative Revolution apparatus; member of the Ann Arbor, Michigan-based Philadelphia Society, the American affiliate of the Mont Pelerin Society; and co-chair of the Shadow Open Market Committee.
- Robert W. Poole Jr., NTUF Advisory Board, and president and trustee of the Reason Foundation.
- Dr. Anna J. Schwartz, NTUF Advisory Board, of the National Bureau for Economic Research, and co-author with Milton Friedman of *A Monetary History of the United States*.
- Prof. Gordon Tullock, of George Mason University, NTUF Advisory Board, member of the Mont Pelerin Society, and adjunct scholar to the Heritage Foundation.
- James M. Buchanan, director of the National Taxpayers Union, and president of the Mont Pelerin Society from 1984 to 1986.