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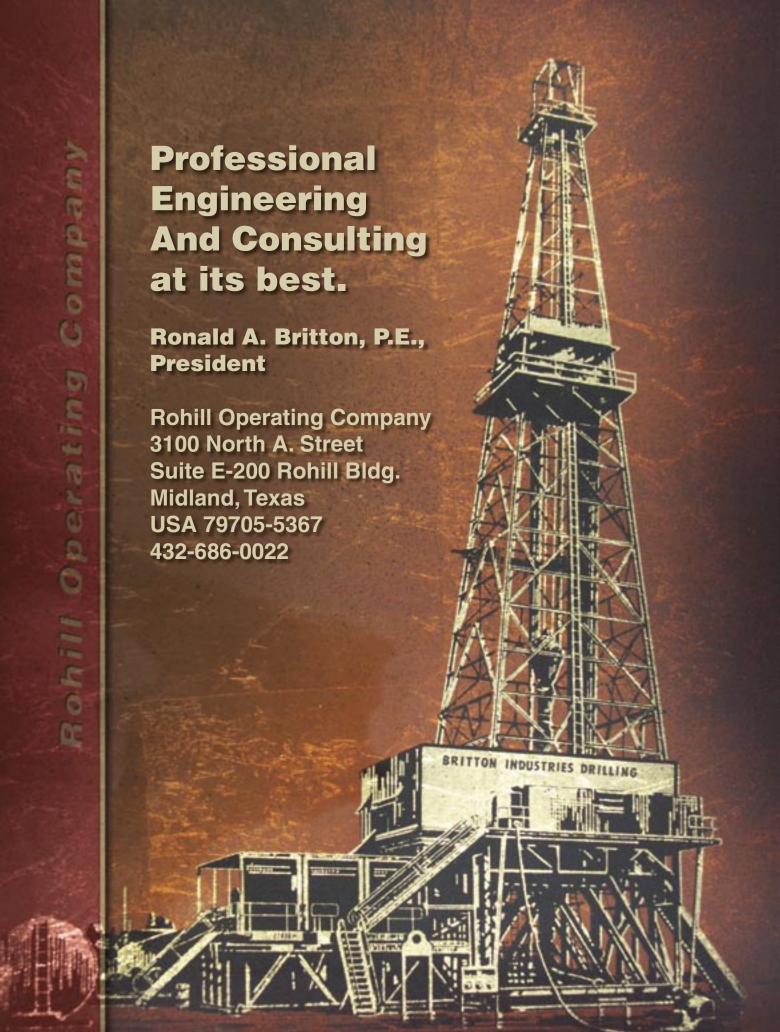
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veryone has heard about the European Union, the collection of countries in Europe that joined in economic union, but fewer know that this "economic union" has evolved over time into a full-fledged European government. As the common citizens of Europe sit aghast, their elected representatives acquiesce to the unelected elites at the EU overturning their countries' laws, against the people's wishes. Furthermore, relatively few people know either that our elected officials in Washington are setting into place the mechanisms to enroll the United States in a similar union, commonly referred to as the North American Union, and that if we allow them to fully implement their plans, we will find ourselves sitting aghast as our country's own laws are overridden.

If our officials are successful, the American flag would still exist, but it would no longer fly over a land in control of its own destiny or even possessing its own national identity. A place called "the United States" and its boundaries would still exist on a map, but our laws would be "harmonized" with the other members of the new regional government and the borders would be opened.

Of course, the architects and promoters of this scheme do not openly call for abolishing the United States. They recognize that doing so would ignite a firestorm of opposition from everyday Americans who would demand an end to this madness.

So instead of trying to convince the American people that we should tear up our Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, and erase our national boundaries, these elitists instead advocate gradually entangling arrangements with other governments that would eventually submerge the United States in a regional government controlled by unelected bureaucrats of the elites' choosing.

This premeditated merger of the United States with her neighbors to the north and south is becoming increasingly obvious.

One area where it is

particularly evident is our federal government's supposed inability to secure our borders, despite the terrorist threat. "The Bush administration's open-borders policy and its decision to ignore the enforcement of this country's immigration laws is part of a broader agenda," writer Dennis Behreandt quotes CNN commentator Lou Dobbs as saying in the "Overview" article beginning on page 8. "President Bush signed a formal agreement that will end the United States as we know it," Dobbs added, "and he took the step without approval from either the U.S. Congress or the people of the United States."

That agreement, Behreandt explains, is called the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP). The establishment of the SPP was jointly announced in March 2005 by President Bush and his counterparts from Mexico and Canada at a summit of the North American leaders in Waco, Texas. Full implementation of the SPP would create the North American Union.

The developing political and economic integration of North America did not begin with the SPP of course. A major preliminary step occurred more than a decade earlier with the adoption of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which has significantly damaged our economy. A fully implemented SPP would be NAFTA on steroids. And there are other arrangements too, including the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), which would create a supernational government of the Americas — including every country in North and South America except Cuba. Though supported by the Bush administration, the FTAA has fortunately been temporarily put on a back burner.

This power grab can be stopped through exposure and organized action. We encourage all readers to carefully consider the evidence assembled herein and to become actively engaged in the fight to preserve our national independence.

— GARY BENOIT



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"Americans must think that our political and academic elites have gone utterly mad at a time when three-and-a-half years, approaching four years after September 11, we still don't have border security. And this group of elites is talking about not defending our borders, finally, but rather creating new ones. It's astonishing."

CNN commentator Lou Dobbs, on his June 9, 2005 "Lou Dobbs Tonight," was

referring to a Council on Foreign Relations panel that wants the United States to "create what effectively would be a common border that includes Mexico and Canada." This objective is now being pursued under the Security and Prosperity Partnership established by President Bush and his Mexican and Canadian counterparts in 2005.

"The ultimate goal of any White House policy ought to be a North American economic and political alliance similar in scope and ambition to the European Union."

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, in a September 7, 2001 editorial, called for North American integration.

"After consultation with our Canadian partners, we will strive to consolidate a North American economic community whose benefits reach the lesser-developed areas of the region and extend to the most vulnerable social groups in our countries."

Meeting at Rancho San Cristobal in Guanajuato, Mexico, President George W. Bush and President Vicente Fox jointly announced their intent for a "North American economic community" on February 16, 2001.



"NAFTA was merely the first draft of an economic constitution for North America."

**Robert Pastor**, one of the key architects of North American integration, made this observation in the January/February 2004 issue of Foreign Affairs, the journal of the Council on Foreign Relations.

"We cannot leap into world government in one quick step....
The precondition for eventual globalization — genuine globalization — is progressive regionalization."

Former National Security Adviser **Zbigniew Brzezinski** expressed his view of regionalism at Mikhail Gorbachev's October 1995 State of the World Forum.



Hemispheric institutions, including the OAS [Organization of American States] and Inter-American Development Bank and now the NAFTA institutions, can be forged into the vital mechanisms of hemispheric governance.

Then-National Security Adviser **Anthony Lake** recommended this course of action in a November 29, 1993 memo to President Bill Clinton.

"For more than a century ideological extremists at either end of the political spectrum have seized upon well-publicized incidents such as my encounter with Castro to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions. Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internation-

alists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure — one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it." This incredible admission against interest was made by David Rockefeller in his own book, Memoirs (2002).



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#### by Dennis Behreandt

n June 21, viewers of CNN's Lou Dobbs Tonight heard the alarming introduction to a segment of the program devoted to the future of the United States of America. "The Bush administration's open-borders policy and its decision to ignore the enforcement of this country's immigration laws is part of a broader agenda," Dobbs intoned. "President Bush signed a formal agreement that will end the United States as we know it, and he took the step without approval from either the U.S. Congress or the people of the United States."

The agreement Dobbs was talking about was crafted a year earlier. On March 23, 2005, then-Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin and Mexican President Vicente Fox met with President Bush in Waco, Texas,

to discuss plans for integrating Canada, the United States, and Mexico. During that meeting, the three heads of state argued that the three nations are "mutually dependent and complementary" and need to work together more closely on a range of issues. "In a rapidly changing world, we must develop new avenues of cooperation that will make our open societies safer and more secure, our businesses more competitive, and our economies more resilient," the three leaders said in a joint statement.

The standard diplomatic language was a prelude to a radical proposal calling for the merger of the three nations in several important ways. Under a so-called Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), the nations will no longer have separate borders, but will "implement common border-security." The three nations will

no longer respond on the national level to emergencies but will have a "common approach to emergency response." And, in a move that has tremendous implications for the growing immigration crisis, the three leaders agreed that the United States' north and south borders would be eliminated. Under the SPP plan, the three nations will "implement a border-facilitation strategy to build capacity and improve the legitimate flow of people and cargo at our shared borders."

This plan is nothing short of revolutionary. As Dobbs put it on his CNN program, it is "an absolute contravention of our law, of our Constitution, every national value." Though the plan sounds like a new innovation, it is not new. It is the next step in a progression of steps that, in a manner very similar to the process used in Europe to supplant individual nations with the Eu-



**Creating North America:** At a March 23, 2005 press conference, President Bush answered a reporter on the question of the North American Union, saying: "As to what kind of union might there be, I see one based upon free trade, that would then entail commitment to markets and democracy, transparency, rule of law."

ropean Union, will ultimately lead to the formation of a new government for the United States, the North American Union. If not stopped, the plan for a North American Union will supplant the former independent states of Canada, Mexico, and the United States. And this is not conjecture. The North American Union is official U.S. policy.

#### **The European Template**

The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) serves as the intellectual incubator for most of the foreign policy direction followed by the executive branch of the federal government. Before the trilateral meeting between the heads of state in Waco on March 23 of last year, the CFR had already undertaken an initiative with its counterparts in Mexico and Canada (Consejo Mexicano de Asuntos Internacionales and the Canadian Council of Chief Executives) to study the possibility of integrating the three nations. Laying the foundation for the Waco meeting, the CFR produced a document entitled Creating a North American Community: Chairmen's Statement Independent Task Force on the Future of North America. The document called for "the

creation by 2010 of a community to enhance security, prosperity, and opportunity for all North Americans."

The CFR is proposing nothing less than a plan to create a North American Union, similar to the European Union. The CFR protests that this is not its intention. "A new North American community will not be modeled on the European Union or the European Commission, nor will it aim at the creation of any sort of vast supranational bureaucracy," the *Chairmen's Statement* said.

But this is exactly the kind of statements that were made about the EU during its earlier phases of development. The EU got

its start in 1950 with the plan for European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). The plan was developed by Robert Schuman, who would become a socialist prime minister in France, and French planning minister Jean Monnet in 1950. The so-called Schuman Plan was adopted via the Treaty of Paris in 1952. The ECSC merged the coal and steel industries of West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Neth-

erlands, and Luxembourg and created a supranational governing organization. According to Georgetown University historian Carol Quigley, "This was a truly revolutionary organization since it had sovereign powers, including the authority to raise funds outside any existing state's power." As Quigley noted, "This 'supranational' body had the right to control prices, channel investment, raise funds, allocate coal and steel during shortages, and fix production in times of surplus." In short, "The ECSC was a rudimentary government," Quigley concluded.

Creating a regional, supranational government was always the aim in Europe. In 1990, the European Commission admitted as much in the publication *Europe — A Fresh Start:* "Monetary union and economic integration are

two long-standing ambitions which the six founding States ... set themselves." The document continued, describing the intent of the EU's founders: "We see, then, that the institutions set up since 1950 on the initiative of Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet are responding well to the aim of their founders: broadening the scope of democratically and efficiently organized collective action to cover the new arenas of interdependence among Europeans." The end result of this gradual planning has been union in Europe.

That union was the goal all along was not readily apparent during the decades of its development. The long-term aim of

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#### **OVERVIEW**

the ECSC was hidden by its purportedly narrow scope. From its name alone, it appeared that the six-nation arrangement had only to do with coal and steel. Later EU precursors followed the same plan. The European Economic Community, at first glance, appeared to be nothing more than a free trade arrangement. It was nevertheless founded on the Monnet doctrine that economic integration must precede political integration.

Such deception, in fact, remained one of the key elements in crafting the EU, right up until recent years, a fact referenced by Villy Bergström, a recent former deputy of the Swedish central bank. "I have never before seen such manipulated, obscure and faked policies as in relation to Swedish relations to the EU," Bergström wrote a few years ago. "Information has been evasive and unclear, giving the impression that membership of the EU would mean much less radical change than what has been the case."

The strategy of building the EU through piecemeal means paid off. Following the creation of the ECSC, European internationalists supported by the U.S. government added additional elements to the emerging European superstate. Though they suffered setbacks—a nascent European Defense Community was rejected by France, and initial plans for a European Political Community were shelved shortly after the creation of the ECSC—those setbacks were temporary. The Treaty of Rome created the European

The Security and Prosperity Partnership also has tremendous implications for immigration. As NAFTA erased most remaining barriers hampering the flow of capital between Canada, Mexico, and the United States, the SPP will eliminate bottlenecks hampering the flow of people.



**For giving up independence:** American University Professor Robert Pastor speaks at the Omar Torrijos Foundation on July 31. A major intellectual contributor to the plan for the SPP, in testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee for the Western Hemisphere, Pastor said, "What we need to do now is forge a North American Community."

Economic Community in 1957. The EEC was the immediate predecessor of today's European Union.

#### **An EEC for North America**

North American integration got its big start with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The arrangement was billed as little more than the creation of a free trade arrangement between Canada, Mexico, and the United States. But

it really was the initial step toward regional integration. According to professor Guy Poitras of San Antonio's Trinity University, one of the factors motivating the creation of NAFTA was the view that it was an important early step toward further integration. In his book *Inventing North America*, Poitras noted that NAFTA's creation of regionalized interdepen-

dence gave "a structural foundation for the task of inventing North America."

In a pro-NAFTA article in the Washington Post in 1993, William Orme, Jr. pointed out that the then-fledgling trade pact was indeed a steppingstone to further integration. "NAFTA," Orme admitted, "lays the foundation for a continental common market, as many of its architects privately acknowledge. Part of this foundation, inevitably, is bureaucratic: The agreement creates a variety of continental institutions - ranging from trade dispute panels to labor and environmental commissions — that are, in aggregate, an embryonic NAFTA government."

That free trade agreements like NAFTA must evolve into political unions is taken for granted among academics that work closely with such issues. In 1998, Glen Atkinson, professor of economics at the University of Nevada in Reno, described this step-by-step process in an article entitled "Regional Integration in the Emerging Global Economy" in the Social Science Journal. In-

tegration "must be an evolutionary process of continuous institutional development," Atkinson wrote. Indeed, the development of supranational governing organs is inevitable, though it will erode national sovereignty, he writes. "The need for shared institutions among the parties is critical for integration, which will lead to a weakening of national sovereignty in some areas of interest. Sovereignty, however, must reside someplace in order to enforce regional working conditions, intellectual and other property rights and other concerns." NAFTA, being a "free trade" arrangement, is only a preliminary step. According to Atkinson:

The lowest level of integration is a free trade area which involves only the removal of tariffs and quotas among the parties. If a common external tariff is added, then a customs union has been created. The next level, or a common market, requires free movement of people and capital as well as goods and services. It is this stage where institutional development becomes critical. The stage of economic union requires a high degree of coordination or even unification of policies. This sets the foundation for political union.

Now, according to those most concerned with creating a North American Union, it's time to move beyond NAFTA. Professor Robert Pastor of American University serves also as vice-chair of the CFR Task Force on North America and is one of the primary intellectual architects of North American regionalism. According to Pastor, even after NAFTA, U.S. policy has been too nationalistic. "Instead of trying to fashion a North American approach to continental problems, we continue to pursue problems on a dual-bilateral basis, taking one issue at a time," Pastor said in testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere on June 9, 2005. "But incremental steps will no longer solve the security problem, or allow us to grasp economic opportunities. What we need to do now is forge a North American Community," Pastor stated.

This, in fact, has been a major goal of the Bush administration and of the Mexican administration of Vicente Fox. In a paper entitled Closing the Development Gap: A Proposal for a North American Investment Fund, Pastor and coauthors Samuel Morley and Sherman Robinson point out that Mexican President Vicente Fox has long advocated a North American common market. "Soon after he won Mexico's presidential election on July 2, 2000, Vicente Fox proposed a Common Market to replace the free-trade area," Pastor, Morley, and Robinson wrote. "He invited President George W. Bush to his home in February 2001 and persuaded him to endorse 'The Guanajuato Proposal." President Bush quickly signed on to the plan. In a joint statement with Fox released by the White House on February 16, 2001, Bush described the outcome of the meeting. "After consultation with our Canadian partners, we will strive to consolidate a North American economic community whose benefits reach the lesser-developed areas of the region and extend to the most vulnerable social groups in our countries," said the Bush/Fox statement announcing a new "partnership for prosperity."

#### **A Deepening Union**

With the announcement on March 23, 2005 of the Security and Prosperity Partnership, the Bush administration, along with the governments of Mexico and Canada, has taken the next step toward a European Union-style superstate in North America. The SPP features a wide range of initiatives on matters related to security and commerce. These include:

- Create a proto-parliament called the North American Competitiveness Council. According to official SPP documents, this body will "address issues of immediate importance" and provide "strategic" advice. It will also "provide input on the compatibility of our security and prosperity agendas."
- Under the purported threat of an avian flu pandemic, the parties to the SPP will harmonize plans for continuity of government in the event of a crisis.
- Begin harmonizing security organs by creating a "common approach to critical

infrastructure protection," and "develop and implement joint plans for cooperation for incident response, as well as conduct coordinated training and exercises in emergency response."

• Create a single energy policy for North America by "improving transparency and regulatory compatibility."

The SPP also has tremendous implications for immigration. As NAFTA erased most remaining barriers hampering the flow of capital between Canada, Mexico, and the United States, the SPP will look for ways to eliminate bottlenecks hampering the flow of people. According to the official SPP agenda, the new international body will work to "identify measures to facilitate further the movement of business persons."

Specific policies likely to be followed by the SPP can be found in the CFR report entitled *Building a North American Community* that was released just after the March 23, 2005 SPP meeting in Waco, Texas. In its recommendations, the CFR report suggests, "The three governments should commit themselves to the long-term goal of dramatically diminishing the need for the current intensity of the gov-



**NAFTA:** President Clinton signs NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement, into law on December 8, 1993. NAFTA was an important early step in creating economic conditions conducive to an eventual union of North America.

It is incredible, but just four years from now — if the CFR template is followed — the United States may cease to exist as an independent political entity. Its laws, rules, and regulations will be subject to review and nullification by the North American Union's governing body.

ernments' physical control of cross-border traffic, travel, and trade within North America. A long-term goal for a North American border action plan should be joint screening of travelers from third countries at their first point of entry into North America and the elimination of most controls over the temporary movement of these travelers within North America." This goes a long way toward explaining the maddening lack of urgency that is apparent in Washington concerning the issue of illegal immigration from Mexico. If the SPP follows the CFR template — a virtual certainty — there will no longer be a border to cross illegally.

#### **Moving Fast**

Perhaps the most important difference between the formation of the European Union and the effort to build a North American Union is the speed at which the North American version is moving ahead. In Europe, union took decades, with efforts starting just after World War II and culminating in the 1990s. In North America, issues related to union first began only in 1965. According to economist Glen Atkinson, "NAFTA has evolved over several stages beginning with the Canadian-U.S. automobile pact of 1965 and the Canadian-U.S. Free Trade Agreement of 1989." Now, little more than a decade after NAFTA comes the SPP.

A measure of the rapidity with which this drive for a North American Union can affect the lives of citizens is the planned super highway linking the U.S.'s northern and southern borders. The plan for this highway is breathtaking. It includes plans to start construction in 2007 on the so-called Trans Texas Corridor, to be built in large part by a Spanish construction company.

According to the magazine International Construction Review, the project "would be part of the 'super-highway' spanning the United States from the Mexican border at Laredo, making its way through Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma and connecting with the Canadian highway system north of Duluth, Minnesota. Because it would provide a connection

all the way between Canada and Mexico, the project is also described as the North American Free Trade Area (NAFTA) super highway."

A further measure of the speed with which a North American Union is likely to develop is found within the CFR's recommendations for the SPP. That organization, which so often drafts the foreign-policy blueprints followed by the federal government, calls for "the creation by 2010 of a North American community.... Its bound-

aries will be defined by a common external tariff and an outer security perimeter within which the movement of people, products, and capital will be legal, orderly, and safe. Its goal will be to guarantee a free, secure, just, and prosperous North America."

It is incredible, but just four years from now — if the CFR template is followed the United States may cease to exist as an independent political entity. Its laws, rules, and regulations - including all freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution — will be subject to review and nullification by the North American Union's governing body. Sure, the United States will still be here in name. American soldiers will still fight, mostly, under the U.S. flag. There will be a U.S. president and both houses of Congress will continue to meet and pass legislation. Nevertheless, in very important ways, the United States will become nothing more than a province — albeit an important one - in the emergent North American superstate.

**European template:** Appointed planning commissioner in France following World War II by Charles De Gaulle, Jean Monnet was the architect of the Schuman Plan creating the European Coal and Steel Community, a revolutionary arrangement that was the first step in the piecemeal process that created the European Union — the same piecemeal strategy that is being used in North America to forge a union between Mexico, Canada, and the United States.





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In their myth-busting attempts, the architects of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) use half-truths and lies to conceal the real intent inherent in their plans: building a North American Union.

by Dennis Behreandt

#### Myth per spp.gov:

"The SPP is a movement to merge the United States, Mexico, and Canada into a North American Union and establish a common currency."

FACT:

The SPP claims, "It does not change our courts or legislative

processes and respects the sovereignty of the United States, Mexico, and Canada. The SPP in no way, shape or form considers the creation of a European Union-like structure or a common currency." Elsewhere, officials stated otherwise. In 2001, Paul Cellucci, the U.S. ambassador to Canada, called for a North American Community. In remarks that are still available from the web page of the U.S. Embassy, Cellucci says, "It is particularly important that these three countries continue to work together to build this North American community." In fact, even President Bush has admitted that the ultimate goal is union. The admission came at a press conference attended by President Bush and his Mexican and Canadian counterparts at Baylor University on March 23, 2005. "Keeping in mind, in front of us, the European Union," a reporter asked, "how much is this partnership a first step towards continental integration?" Bush responded, saying, "The vision that you asked about in your question as to what kind of union might there be, I see one based upon free trade, that would then entail commitment to markets and democracy, transparency, rule of law."

hen President Bush and his counterparts from Canada and Mexico created the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, they took a substantial step toward unifying the three nations in a North American Union. Aware of the potential for controversy, the SPP has sought to dispel "myths" about the arrangement by posting a document entitled *SPP Myths vs Facts* to the official SPP website, spp.gov. The document is intended to debunk assertions that the SPP is a further step toward the North American Union. What it does, instead, is cleverly spin the truth, as an examination of the document reveals.

#### Myth per spp.gov:

"The SPP was an agreement signed by President Bush and his Mexican and Canadian counterparts in Waco, TX, on March 23, 2005."

FACT: According to the SPP, the arrangement

is a "dialogue" only. "The SPP is not an agreement nor is it a treaty. In fact, no agreement was ever signed." Strictly speaking, this is true. This fact, however, does not nullify the real impact of the SPP on furthering North American integration. The arrangement is a sort of "soft law" that lays the foundation for future, legally binding arrangements. Soft law has long been used to build international arrangements that eventually are enforced. This has been a common tactic in creating international environmental arrangements. The Worldwatch study After the Earth Summit: The Future of Environmental Governance described this use of soft law. "Paradoxically, one way to make ... agreements more effective is in some cases to make them less enforceable — and therefore more palatable to the negotiators who may initially feel threatened by any loss of sovereignty," the study observed. "So-called 'soft law' — declarations, resolutions, and action plans that nations do not need to formally ratify and are not legally binding — can help to create an international consensus, mobilize aid, and lay the groundwork for the negotiation of binding treaties later."

#### Myth per spp.gov:

"The SPP infringes on the Sovereignty of the United States."

#### FACT:

In answer to this "myth" the SPP says, "Nothing in the SPP undermines the U.S.

Constitution. In no way does the SPP infringe upon the sovereignty of the United States." This flies in the face of all the evidence to the contrary. Consider the borders alone. The SPP envisions replacing the borders around the United States with borders around North America, a de facto geographical merger of the three formerly sovereign nations. The SPP's weak protestations to the contrary are laughable.

Government denials saying that the SPP will not lead to a North American Union are disingenuous.

#### Myth per spp.gov:

"The SPP is illegal and violates the Constitution."

FACT: The SPP's answer is that it "is legal and in

no way violates the Constitution." This is another "truth" used as a human shield to cover another nest of dangerous lies. It is a fact that no treaty legitimizing the SPP has been signed and that there has been no Senate ratification. Therefore, the SPP has no legal bearing on the United States, and it consequently remains firmly within the realm of soft law, for now. Unfortunately, the Executive Branch is cavalierly pursuing the North American Union through the SPP without congressional assent. This is another neat "end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece," in the words of CFR internationalist scholar Richard Gardner, who described the strategy to build regional governance in a piecemeal fashion in his seminal 1974 article "The Hard Road to World Order."

#### Myth per spp.gov:

"The SPP is meant to deal with immigration reform and trade disputes."

FACT: The SPP points out that "Immigration reform is a legislative matter our continued." reform is a legislative matter currently being debated in Congress and is not

being dealt with in the SPP." Again, true to a point, but this conceals the real effect the SPP and North American Union will have on immigration. SPP documents repeatedly state that the aim is to enforce North American borders rather than national borders. Already, efforts are underway to speed the flow of goods and people across the borders between the three nations. Ultimately, under the progressing plan for the North American Union, the borders between the United States and Mexico and the United States and Canada will fade in importance. If that happens, immigration will cease. We'll all be North Americans.

#### Myth per spp.gov:

"The SPP will cost U.S. taxpayers money."

In response to this "myth," the SPP says: "The SPP is

being implemented with existing budget resources" and that in the long term, "it will save U.S. taxpayers money by cutting through costly red tape and reducing redundant paperwork." First, if the SPP is being paid for within the existing budget, then it is already costing taxpayers money. Second, governments have never been able to cut red tape. Building bigger, regionally integrated governments always creates more red tape, not less. The European Union, for instance, is notorious for the Byzantine twists and turns of its bureaucracy. The real issue, though, is with joint security of the three nations. The United States is far and away the most powerful nation on the planet in terms of law enforcement and military resources and technology. If North America is going to be secured collectively, it is going to be done with U.S. resources. Naturally, U.S. taxpayers would then pay the tab.







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# Your New North American D CARD

One element of the merger of the United States, Canada, and Mexico is an effort to create a common "North American" ID card.

Your life on a computer chip: Biometric identification chips, such as these produced in the authoritarian Asian city-state Singapore, can contain reams of personal information, including thumb prints, iris scans, and personal health and education records.

#### by Steven Yates

B eef cattle come down a loading chute leading into a slaughter-house, mooing as they walk. Each steer has a yellow ear tag containing a radio frequency identification (RFID) device, which is scanned by a tag reader to assure that the proper animals are in the proper place.

The RFID system was promoted as a means to prevent the spread of animal diseases into the food-supply chain and to prevent bio-terrorism. But there were already adequate measures in place to stop diseased cattle from getting into the food chain, and many ways that the deviously minded would be able to circumvent the RFID system. Critics of the system pointed out that there must be some ulterior motive to the government's insistence on requiring such a tagging system, such as increased profits for importers of nontagged foreign beef.

Now, in the name of national security, it's our turn to be "tagged."

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It is true, of course, that America faces a serious terrorist threat. But instead of instituting commonsense, non-intrusive security measures, such as securing our borders so that terrorists cannot come here undetected, we are openly inviting unscreened foreigners across our borders. Any terrorist able to get into Canada or Mexico could then easily come here. Terrorists among us then serve as the rationale for monitoring the American people themselves through the use of a RFID national ID card.

Although having citizens "tagged" by the government won't likely mean wearing yellow plastic-coated appliances attached to our ears like for cattle, the similarity to the animal RFID ID system is striking. To begin with, just like the cattle tracking program, the national ID program is an ineffective "solution" to a problem that can be addressed in less intrusive ways.

#### "Your Papers, Please"

In May 2005, the federal government gave U.S. citizens *de facto* national ID cards. Title II of the Real ID Act calls for new federal standards in drivers' licenses. Unless states comply by May 2008, their citizens will not be able to enter federal

buildings, board planes, collect Social Security payments, or establish accounts with national banks.

Just as the animal RFID program can easily be circumvented, the national ID system can be easily bypassed by criminals. Hackers have already demonstrated that they can strip information from RFID cards up to 160 feet away from the victims and that encrypted codes on the cards can be broken.

And because information on biometric chips could be stolen and changed, the ID system will, in essence, be tracking the ID cards themselves, not the people. Criminals will be able to move about at will on fraudulent cards. For honest people, the cards will likely be used to track them throughout the day — when their card is scanned at supermarkets and gas stations to verify ID for credit card use, at banks when depositing and withdrawing money, and at airports, car rentals, and workplaces again to verify ID.

And as with the animal ID system, there seems to be an ulterior motive behind the national ID initiative — to enable the implementation of a merger between Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

A book-length document called Build-



**Insecure ID:** Among the estimated \$3 million worth of phony IDs and forgery materials seized by federal officials in a March 2003 raid were stamps, seals, silk-screens, and items necessary to produce bogus documents. Government assurances notwithstanding, criminals will be able to counterfeit "secure" biometric IDs as well.

ing a North American Community, published by the Council on Foreign Relations, explains how a unified ID would facilitate the combining of the three countries: "The three countries should develop a secure North American Border Pass with biometric identifiers. This document would allow its bearers expedited passage through customs, immigration, and airport security throughout the region."

#### A North American ID

The key question is: will adoption of Real ID be a precursor to an internationalized North American ID? There are good reasons for thinking so.

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), which grew out of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, is a cluster of programs that would require those entering the United States to present a passport, another verifiable and secure document, or some combination of documents to prove the bearer's identity and citizenship. Not a bad idea. And the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), overseeing the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, has suggested a driver's license-like document for international travel called the PASS Card, which would have to be used both for leaving and entering the United States.

But the PASS Card, if implemented,

would likely be only an intermediate step before the implementation of a national ID card that is unified between Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

The reason given for unifying the ID amongst the three countries would likely be that a PASS Card-style ID, focusing exclusively on U.S. border security, could hamper border crossings and interfere with increased mobility of persons and "free trade" across borders — which is one of the oft-repeated objectives of the NAU/ SPP schemers. A coalition of U.S. and Canadian businesses, Business for Economic Security, Trade & Tourism (comprised of over 60 companies and associations), reviewed the PASS proposal associated with the WHTI and estimated that it would reduce commerce between the United States and Canada, costing the U.S. economy \$785 million and the Canadian economy \$1.7 billion in lost revenue per year due to the decline in tourism alone.

This will be used to create a constituency for internationalizing the REAL ID program, so as not to interfere with "free trade."

The Bush administration's proposed amnesty for illegal aliens creates another rationale for a North American ID. RFIDenhanced ID cards have been suggested as a means of tracking immigrants who are or will soon be working in the United States.

Finally, the Security and Prosperity

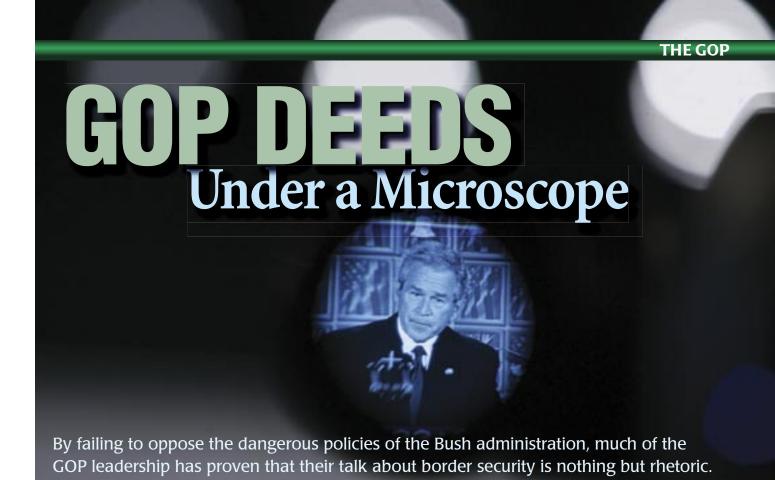
Partnership (SPP) that is being instituted by the governments of Canada, Mexico, and the United States aims to promote "the secure movement of low-risk traffic across our shared borders" through "identify[ing], develop[ing] and deploy[ing] new technologies to advance our shared security." Among its recommendations, the SPP calls for "a secure, North American Border Pass with biometric identifiers."

Very likely, many Americans will see nothing alarming in our government's turning WHTI "into a backdoor tri-national ID system" with "Americans [having] little choice but to be integrated into it," in the words of Liberty Coalition policy director James Plummer. They might even believe that RFID has advantages. For instance, detailed personal medical information stored on the card would help paramedics treat seriously injured or incapacitated patients.

Of course, there are lots of reasons to be wary — expense, for one. In July, the Associated Press reported the results of a study done by the Texas Department of Public Safety concluding that fees for Texans applying for or renewing drivers' licenses could jump from \$24 to more than \$100. This is *before* any actual decision to incorporate RFID technology into Real ID.

Much worse than mere expense, however, are the safety and privacy problems associated with the card. The information encoded into RFID cards could include citizens' entire lives — not just medical records, but education history and skills, work history, job evaluations, etc. — allowing potential access by foreign bureaucrats, hackers, and sundry criminals to one's most personal information. There is no such thing as a completely tamper-proof system, and if hacked, RFID chips could provoke a "boom" in identity theft.

Worst of all, though, is the development of a transnational bureaucracy with total surveillance capabilities. Our government, along with at least Canada and Mexico, would be able to track honest people all day, every day — just as slaughterhouse-bound RFID-tagged cattle are tracked today.



#### by Warren Mass

ince the inception of the Bush administration's post-9/11 "War on Terrorism," both the White House and congressional Republicans have paid generous lip service to the need to improve border security, an important part of controlling terrorism. "The United States must secure its borders," President Bush stated on May 15 of this year when he addressed the nation from the Oval Office on the subject of immigration. "This is a basic responsibility of a sovereign nation. It is also an urgent requirement of our national security."

However, in the same address, the president also stated that, "to secure our border, we must create a temporary worker program," that this program "would create a legal path for foreign workers to enter our country in an orderly way," and that it "would match willing foreign workers with willing American employers." This program — which would provide legal status to millions of illegal immigrants already here and open the floodgates for many millions more to come — does not make sense if the purpose is to secure our

borders. But it does make sense in light of the administration's Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) with the governments of Mexico and Canada that would effectively erase the national borders within North America on the path to forming the North American Union patterned after the European Union.

In moving forward with the SPP/NAU, the president has the support of the GOP leadership. This was evident at the congressional hearing, "Immigration: Responding to a Regional Crisis," chaired by Congressman Dan Burton (R-Ind.), chairman of the House International Relations' Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. The meeting made clear that the United States is aiming to merge functions with Canada and Mexico and is pushing to allow the citizens from Mexico, Canada, and the United States to cross borders at will. In a statement issued in preparation for the hearing, Burton stated: "We have already begun the process of working with our friends by launching the Partnership for Prosperity (P4P) and the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP), but more needs to be done to stem the tide of illegal aliens into the United States in the short-term, as well as to *pave* the way towards a long-term, coordinated and legal immigration plan for our Hemisphere." (Emphasis added.)

Despite the implication in this statement that the administration plans to stop illegal immigration and then only allow limited legal immigration, the reality is that the administration plans to legalize all current illegal immigrants — and facilitate the legal migration of any willing persons across the three countries' borders. Consider what the Senate's "comprehensive immigration bill" (S. 2611) supported by the Bush administration says.

S. 2611 represents a classic "bait-and-switch," insofar as providing a vehicle to curb illegal immigration is concerned. The earlier sections of the legislation appear to mandate a crackdown on illegal immigration, by employing subheads such as "Border Enforcement," "National Strategy for Border Security," "Document Fraud Detection," etc. These sections are followed by what we might term the "loophole" provisions. Most of these fall under the heading of Title IV — Nonimmigrant and Immigrant Visa Reform (which establishes a "Temporary Worker Task Force") and

President Bush and his allies in Congress claim that the SPP will secure our borders. But how does enlarging our borders, merging our security functions with one of the most corrupt nations on Earth (Mexico), and giving up sovereignty and constitutional protections make us safer?

Title VI — Work Authorization and Legalization of Undocumented Individuals.

The latter section contains language mandating that the secretary of Homeland Security "adjust" the status of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence. Lawfully? This is evidently Orwellian Newspeak, since some of the requirements for an alien to have his status "adjusted" include provisions that allow the legalization of most every illegal immigrant: the alien "was physically present in the United States on or before the date that is 5 years before April 5, 2006"; "was not legally present [that is, was here illegally] in the United States on April 5, 2006," and "did not depart from the United States during the 5-year period ending on April 5, 2006."

In other words, illegal aliens who have been here for five or more years without leaving are to be granted amnesty! Of course, because the people are here illegally, there is no way to verify whether or not they have been in the United States for five or more years, and so most all illegals would gain citizenship.

The congressional committee chaired by Burton also revealed that plans are well-advanced that would merge the security functions of the United Sates and Mexico. Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Cresencio Arcos spoke of the establishment of the "Border enforcement and security taskforce, which is known as BEST ... which represents an integrated effort to combat border violence. This effort involves DHS components, state and local enforcement agencies, and Mexico's Center for Investigation and National Security, known as CISEN."

Add to the BEST efforts what we glean from a news release issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 3, 2006 — "In accordance with the Security and Prosperity Partnership [SPP], the

Secretary of Governance of Mexico, Carlos Abascal, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Michael Chertoff met in Brownsville, Texas, to sign an Action Plan to combat border violence and improve public safety" — and we see beginnings of a framework of *international* law enforcement.

While no reasonable person would object to cooperation between law enforcement officials on both sides of the border, the "action plan" being created between Homeland Security and the Mexican Secretariat of Governance employs language that points to something much more extensive than U.S. and Mexican police officials sending e-mails and faxes to each other. For example: "The Presidents of Mexico and the United States have pledged our respective Governments to a new vision of our shared border and our larger North American community ... affirmed in the Security and Prosperity Partnership for North America." (Emphasis added.)

The combined references to the "North American Community" and the SPP in a plan for policing borders provide a strong indication that this administration is committed to building a North American Community modeled after the EU, where national borders are as insignificant as county lines, and where a central, multinational authority supersedes national sovereignty.

Another Bush administration official, Roger Noriega, a State Department assistant secretary, presented a prepared statement at the Burton hearing: "The SPP ... is based on the principle that security and prosperity are mutually dependent and complementary." (Emphasis added.) He added: "Ongoing bilateral initiatives — such as the 'smart border' programs with both Mexico and Canada — will be incorporated into this broader framework, giving greater cohesion to our overall border security program."

President George Bush and his allies in Congress claim that the SPP will secure our borders, help stop terrorism, and make all of North America more prosperous. But how does enlarging our borders, merging our security functions with one of the most corrupt nations on Earth (Mexico), and giving up sovereignty and constitutional protections make us safer?

**U.S. Rep. Dan Burton**, R-Indiana, right, a key ball carrier for the Bush administration's many sovereignty-destroying agreements, leaves the presidential house in San Jose, Costa Rica, last January. Burton was visiting Costa Rica to lobby for the Free Trade Area of the Americas.



# "SuperSlab" Paves the Way

The NAFTA Super Highway, nicknamed "SuperSlab" by some, is a planned system of roads, rail lines, and more that will speed up the unification of North America.

#### by Kelly Taylor

n 2004, Austin residents heard rumblings of plans for converting local roads, enjoyed by drivers for years as free ones, to toll roads.

Soon we learned that plans for new toll road construction, conversion of existing roads to toll roads, property confiscation for land acquisition, awarding of building contracts to a foreign consortium, shady campaign contributions, and passage of the *largest spending bill in Texas* history had slipped past Texas voters unnoticed. Local polls later revealed over 90 percent of residents oppose the policy, yet officials proceeded with construction despite overwhelming opposition. An investigation into local toll issues led to the discovery that tolls will be the funding mechanism for the larger Trans Texas Corridor (TTC), a segment of the massive NAFTA Super Highway. The Super Highway is important in developing the North American Union.

Perhaps you've heard of the North American Union (NAU) in recent weeks. The NAU is a proposed merger of Canada, Mexico, and the United States into a European Union-style alliance, and the Super Highway is the super-road connecting the dots, with chilling implications for all freedom-loving Americans.

The architects of the European Union (EU) originally designed a coordinated system of roads and highways, called the Trans European Network (TEN). The system was created under the 1993 Maastricht Treaty to help reinforce economic



**The menace:** Their homes threatened by eminent domain seizures, Colorado citizens gather at the capitol in Denver to protest a 210-mile toll road that is just one of many planned NAFTA corridors.

and social ties. The TEN was perceived as critical to properly linking the regions by a modern and efficient infrastructure. According to the TEN website, "For goods and services to circulate quickly and easily between member states, we must build the missing links and remove the bottlenecks in our transportation infrastructure."

The NAFTA Super Highway is our American version of TEN, if one believes the EU model is being copied. A venture unlike any previous highway construction project, it's comprised of dozens of corridors and coordinated construction projects guaranteed to radically reconfigure the physical landscape of the United States, and our political and economic landscapes as well. Like the TEN, the Super Highway will be a complex system of parallel multi-

modal transportation lines accommodating passenger and freight lanes; rail lines and depots; gas, oil, and water pipelines; and cabling for electronic information transmission — running north from Mexico to Canada. These corridors are designed for the purpose of speeding goods and people across our dissolving borders into America's heartland.

The effects of the Super Highway will hit close to home as Americans begin to pay with their jobs. In an August 9, 2006 interview with Houston television station KHOU, Texas' Fayette County Judge Ed Janecka expressed concern about the effects of the "SuperSlab" on his own small Texas town, right in the highway's path. Diversion of traffic from existing roads will dry up critical tourist and traveler rev-

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#### NAFTA SUPER HIGHWAY

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#### **About This Map**

This map is a conceptualization of the Super Highways now underway to connect the United States, Canada, and Mexico to help bring about the creation of a North American Union similar to the European Union.

The map's travel corridors show the desired routes of the new Super Highways as proposed by the North American Forum on Integration (NAFI) — a group of wealthy industrialists, academics, and politicians whose aim it is to break down barriers to the North American Union. The main actors in NAFI are members of the Council on Foreign Relations or related organizations based in Mexico and Canada.

NAFI, whose first objective is to make "the public and decision-makers aware of the challenges of *economic and political integration* between the three NAFTA countries," is following the country-integration plan of the European Union. (Emphasis added.) That plan used the *idea* of "free trade" to make steps toward integration sound appealing to the public. Though the North American Union would devastate the American middle class, the Super Highways are being touted as facilitating free trade and bringing about prosperity in the three countries.

NAFI's vision is being enacted right now. Eighty separate, but interconnected, "high priority corridors" are being initiated in the United States. To find a complete list of the 80 intended Super Highway projects, go to <a href="http://www.aaroads.com/high-priority/table.html">http://www.aaroads.com/high-priority/table.html</a>.

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enue, just as railroad bypasses shriveled bustling towns years ago.

And just as NAFTA trade policies have driven millions of jobs out of the United States, this Super Highway will accelerate the job exodus. Mexico will become irresistible to remaining U.S. manufacturers as a place to reduce production costs and aid their anemic businesses. Not to mention increased opportunities for traffickers of humans, drugs, terrorists, WMDs, and other contraband. As Mexico's government is notorious for corruption, including kidnapping, torturing, and dismembering innocent victims, stopping the guarding of our border — which would be part of the easing of trade and travel, as happened in the EU — will mean the violence will gush into our country.

The Super Highway will have an insatiable appetite for acreage. According to the website of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the present scope of the highway in Texas is 1,200 feet wide and 4,000 miles long. Millions of acres are scheduled for paving, and the right of "eminent domain" will surely be invoked to justify the land-gobble waiting for Americans whose homes, farms, ranches, businesses, and communities are in the way. Conveniently, last year's Kelo v. City of New London Supreme Court decision provides the necessary justification to transfer the property of one private citizen to another who would make better use of it — for the Super Highway is to be constructed and operated by public/private partnerships that smack of fascism.

Interestingly, the TEN in Europe was developed in the same manner. Jacques Barrot, the VP of the European Community with Responsibility for Transport stated (regarding TEN) that "a system of toll collection is being developed, as well as new methods to attract private investment for large-scale public private partnerships (PPPs)" for funding.

Every American can expect to pay in the form of increased taxes as well as tolls. To assist financing the mammoth highway, plans call for converting current roads to toll ways for all motor vehicles. Legislation is already in place for all of this. The Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation

Equity Act of 2005 — A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) allows for the tolling of *existing* interstate highways, and even provides for U.S. taxpayer funds apportioned to a border state to be used to construct highways in Canada or Mexico! In 2004, Texas Senator John Cornyn introduced S. 2941 (reintroduced in 2006 as S. 3622 and currently in committee), a bill to create a North American Investment Fund to make *grants* for road construction *in Mexico* facilitating trade between Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

The Texas project, known as the TTC, is *the* test case for all aspects of this highly

charged issue — from public opinion to how toll roads will work to the mass infusion of capital expected from private investors. The bill for Texans clocks in at \$183 billion, according to TxDOT's website. Jerome Corsi wrote in *Human Events*, June 30, 2006, that investment bankers and those managing capital investment funds "stand to make hundreds of millions, probably even billions, in fees. This alone is enough to drive forward the NAFTA Super Highway movement and to make sure politicians willing to support the movement have ample funds with which to run their campaigns and live their lives comfortably."

In Texas alone, there are four congressionally designated "high priority corridors," but nationwide, 80 have "high priority" designation.

If the Super Highway proceeds, and all that goes with it, American government will no longer provide its time-tested protections against tyranny and socialism. American law will be null and void, replaced by an incomprehensible mess of "trade" law.



SOURCE: Texas Transportation Commission, 2001

AP

As part of the NAFTA Super Highway system, a Mexican customs inspection facility is planned to be constructed on U.S. soil in Kansas City, Missouri, far away from the border.

#### by Joyce Mucci

lthough not as attention grabbing as the Dubai port story, the current pilot project to establish a Mexican government customs inspection facility in Kansas City, Missouri, is just as shocking. As a resident of Kansas City, I have watched the politics of this project play out, and have reviewed the internal documents, obtained under the Missouri Sunshine law. The Mexican customs inspection facility will be the first one of its kind on U.S. soil. The project has the approval of U.S. Customs and is currently being reviewed by the U.S. State Department for final approval.

Initially, the facility will inspect U.S. goods headed to our neighbor to the south. Both K.C. SmartPort, Inc. and city officials have strenuously denied that the new joint customs facility will handle northbound traffic. However, Kansas City Councilwoman Bonnie Sue Cooper (K.C. SmartPort board member) told Dos Mundos newspaper in Kansas City, "Shippers can send their freight into the United States and will not be held at the Laredo border." A June 2006 Logistics Today article, entitled "It's what's inside that counts," explained: "Rail plays a key part in SmartPort offerings and the evolving trade corridor between Mexico's Port of Lazaro Cardenas and Kansas City promises to bring increasing amounts of Asian shipments to the U.S. from that Latin American port."

Currently, freight from Asia makes its way into Kansas City through the Long Beach and Seattle ports. One of the stated reasons for the Mexican customs facility is to alleviate congestion at our ports and long

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# Green Light From the Border to K.C.

Chris Gutierrez is president of K.C. SmartPort, a planned Mexican customs facility in Kansas City that would be the first of its kind to be established by a foreign government on U.S. soil. Gutierrez has stated that the customs facility "would need to be designated as Mexican sovereign territory."

lines at the border. For all practical purposes, the congestion — at least at the Laredo border — will be moved to Kansas City.

A review of the documents obtained from the city indicates that the Mexican government would not have moved on this project without assurances that it would not have to pony up the cash for either the building or the equipment. The Kansas City Council, which rarely turns down an opportunity to dip into the taxpayers' pockets, created a \$3.1 million "loan" package for K.C. SmartPort, Inc. for the construction of the facility on city property. SmartPort, Inc. has also applied for a \$1.5 million federal grant from the U.S. Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA).

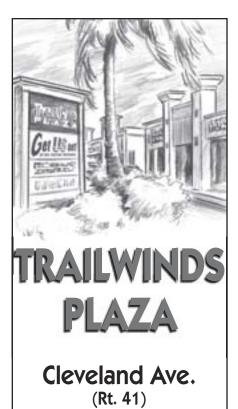
Inexplicably, the land that the city so generously leased to K.C. SmartPort for 50 years is already leased to another company, the American Royal Foundation, until 2045. To buy out the lease from the American Royal Foundation may cost the city an estimated \$6 million more of taxpayer money.

Another thorny issue is sovereignty. Again, K.C. SmartPort, Inc. and city officials have denied that the facility will be sovereign territory of Mexico. However, the documents reveal otherwise. An email record from Chris Gutierrez, president of K.C. SmartPort, dated June 21, 2004, noted, "This space [for the customs facility] would need to be designated as Mexican sovereign territory and meet certain requirements."

A 2004 Logistics Today article, "Going for Broke," also highlighted the sovereignty issue: "One holdup now is that the U.S. Department of State wants to know the exact location of the building which will house the Mexican Customs Project, which SmartPort will ultimately provide. State is involved because the facility will be sovereign Mexican territory." The Southern Growth Policy Board, a public policy think tank, mentions the sovereignty angle on its website: "Meanwhile, Smart-Port negotiated with the Mexican Customs service to locate a facility in Kansas City

— on Mexican sovereign territory."





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The designers of the Security and Prosperity Partnership plan to transform North America into a regional government modeled after the European Union.

#### by William F. Jasper

Eventually our long-range objective is to establish with the United States, but also with Canada, our other regional partner, an ensemble of connections and institutions similar to those created by the European Union.

— Mexican President Vicente Fox's "new global agenda" speech to Club XXI in Madrid, Spain, May 16, 2002

eturning to Mexico from George W. Bush's Texas ranch in March 2005, President Vicente Fox told reporters aboard the presidential plane: "I would like you to understand the magnitude of what this means. It is transcendent, it's something that goes well beyond the relationship we have had up to now." The

transcendental "it" to which Mr. Fox was referring, of course, is the new Security and Prosperity Partnership for North America (SPP) that he, President Bush, and then-Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin had just launched at their Texas meeting.

President Fox's comment evokes an important question: just what is it that the Security and Prosperity Partnership is transcending? The SPP has signaled the launching of an ongoing political "process" that envisions transcending a great many things, including our borders, our national independence, and our U.S. Constitution. Even a cursory examination of the available SPP reports and the statements of its leading proponents leads to the rational conclusion that the SPP definitely is part of the "long-range objective" mentioned above in the 2002 quote by President Fox, to establish a North American version of the European Union, or EU.

President Fox has been quite voluble on the subject, making repeated calls for and references to EU-style "integration," "convergence," "community," and "union" for North America. In February 2001, President Bush joined President Fox in pledging to "strive to consolidate a North American economic community."

Now, however, the Bush administration and the growing tri-national SPP bureaucracy have become somewhat touchy on this issue, claiming that there is no intention for the SPP to move in an EU-type direction.

But the facts on the ground, together with a plain reading of SPP documents and public admissions by the SPP's leading lights, render these denials less than believable. In fact, even before the introduction of the SPP, NAFTA was morphing into something far beyond the simple "trade agreement" that President Clinton

More and more Americans are beginning to realize that, as in the EU, integration can only progress with the simultaneous disintegration of America's independence and constitutional protections.

said it was when he signed it in 1993.

Rulings by NAFTA tribunals already have begun mimicking the European Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights, the judicial bodies of the European Union that have been leading the attack on the national sovereignty of EU member states. In 2004, many U.S. politicians, including those who had voted for NAFTA, expressed shock when a panel of NAFTA judges overturned a ruling of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts in a case brought by a Canadian company. The company had gone to the NAFTA court because the U.S. Supreme Court had denied the company's appeal. And the NAFTA court, asserting its power under Chapter 11 of the agreement, decided to trump both the Massachusetts court and the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This is the biggest threat to United States judicial independence that [few people have] heard of and even fewer people understand," John D. Echeverria, a law professor at Georgetown University, told the New York Times following the ruling. "It's basically been under the radar screen," Peter Spiro, a law professor at Hofstra University, said in the same Times article. "But it points to a fundamental reorientation of our constitutional system. You have an international tribunal essentially reviewing American court judgments." (Emphasis added.)

Using the EU as precedent, we can surmise that the rule of law in the United States will increasingly be dictated to us by unelected "trade" officials. The following is a short list of abuses visited upon Europeans by the EU:

• British grocers have been thrown in jail for selling banan-

as and other produce by the pound, as requested by their customers, rather than by metric weight, as dictated by EU officials in Brussels.

• EU regulators conduct "dawn raids" on businesses without any court warrant, ransacking offices and computers and interrogating own-

ers and employees without allowing them benefit of legal counsel.

- The European Court of Human Rights ruled that Britain must allow homosexuals into its military, while the European Court of Justice ordered Germany to end its ban on women bearing arms in the military.
- EU bureaucrats from Brussels now dictate to parents how and under what conditions they may spank their children.

Incredibly, instead of repairing the constitutional breach by repealing the NAFTA threat, President Bush and the Congress greatly expanded the threat in 2005 by passing the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) and initiating the SPP. CAFTA extends a NAFTA-type relationship to Central America.

In "eurospeak," the jargon of the archi-

tects of the European Union, CAFTA and SPP are examples of the processes known as "broadening" — by which more members are added to the arrangement — and "deepening" — by which more powers are gradually transferred from the member nation-states to the EU's supranational institutions.

The big push for broadening NAFTA came with the Bush administration's multi-year effort to expand NAFTA to every country in the Western Hemisphere under an agreement to create a Free Trade Area of the Americas, or FTAA. Thanks to increased resistance to the plan in both the United States and Latin America, however, the FTAA failed to secure approval in 2005 and has been, temporarily, put on a back burner. In the meantime, CAFTA and SPP are being used to ratchet up the broadening and deepening processes in preparation for a future reintroduction of the FTAA.

U.S. officials have adopted the eurospeak terminology to describe and promote the transformation of NAFTA into an EU-style supranational arrangement. Hence, for instance, U.S. Treasury Secretary John Snow and Mexico's Treasury Secretary Gil Diaz issued a joint statement



**Imposing its will:** European Union Commissioner for Competition Neelie Kroes announces a \$357 million fine against Microsoft for ignoring an EU directive to share its program code with its European competitors.

on December 15, 2005 declaring: "Our ongoing work on financial market linkages ... is a key part of the SPP's comprehensive agenda for deepening North American integration."

More and more Americans, however, are beginning to realize that, as in the EU, integration can only progress with the simultaneous disintegration of America's independence and constitutional protections. The peoples of Europe learned this lesson too late and have been fighting a desperate rearguard action for the past decade to stanch an avalanche of oppressive EU legislation and court decisions and prevent swarms of Brussels-based bureaucrats from riding roughshod over their local and

national laws and cherished traditions. In a 1991 op-ed, Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, a columnist for Britain's *Sunday Telegraph*, expressed the anger of many over the repeated lies, deception, and betrayal employed to advance EU integration. "Twenty years ago, when the process began, there was no question of losing sovereignty," he wrote. "That was a lie, or at any rate, a dishonest obfuscation."

The foundation for what we now know as the EU was laid in 1952 when the treaty creating the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) took effect. This was sold as the way to create security and prosperity in post-World War II Europe. The public was not told that this was just the first step in a process that would lead to a single currency, a European central bank, a continental perimeter replacing national borders, and unaccountable governing institutions that would override their national sovereignty.

The ECSC was gradually broadened and deepened with additional treaties and agreements, becoming the European Economic Community (EEC or Common Market), which later morphed again into the EC, or European Community, before



**Military bloc:** German troops, including a female soldier, muster for service in an EU "peacekeeping" force in the Balkans. Designed to follow the EU model, the North American Union would eventually meld together the military forces of the United States, Mexico, and Canada for similar UN-assigned missions abroad.

transforming into the European Union. What is most disturbing in all of this evolution is that admissions by EU architects and decades-old documents that only recently have been released clearly show that from the very beginning of the ECSC, the founders *planned* for their creation to morph into the leviathan it has become, even as they were telling the peoples of Europe not to listen to those "crackpots" who were warning about this danger.

The EU now has fully-functioning legislative, executive, and judicial institutions — equipped with enormous budgets and bureaucracies — that are rapidly stripping member states of all vestiges of sovereignty. Even former Soviet dictator Mikhail Gorbachev has commented that the EU's leaders are "constructing a European soviet."

This EU-Western Hemisphere collaboration is applauded and assisted in the United States by top-echelon Democrats and Republicans, corporate globalists, and the policy elites of influential institutions such as Harvard University's David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, the Institute for International Economics, and the Council on Foreign Relations.

In a 2004 article for the CFR's journal *Foreign Affairs* entitled, "North America's Second Decade," Robert Pastor, a director at the CFR, repeatedly calls on the "North American Community" to emulate the EU model by:

- Merging "immigration and refugee policies";
- Establishing a continental "security perimeter";
- Transferring at least \$100 billion to Mexico over the next 10 years for "infrastructure development";
- Creating institutions necessary for the SPP to effectively exercise executive, legislative, and judicial powers; and
- Developing a North American passport.

Pastor calls sovereignty, as presently defined, "obsolete," and contends that North American governments should be reeducating their citizens "to think of themselves as North Americans."

If Americans allow the SPP to go forward, we will find a great many treasured things declared obsolete and defined out of existence — things like independence, sovereignty, the Constitution, and freedom.

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# EXPERT Analysis OF THE NAU

Dr. Jerome Corsi shares his in-depth knowledge of the effort to create one political entity out of the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

#### Interview of Dr. Jerome Corsi by John F. McManus

r. Jerome Corsi earned his Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Political Science from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He then earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from Harvard University. He has taught at the University of New Mexico and the University of Denver.

A journalist, Dr. Corsi coauthored *Unfit* for Command: Swift Boat Veterans Speak Out Against John Kerry and Minutemen: The Battle to Secure America's Borders. By himself, he has also authored Atomic Iran: How the Terrorist Regime Bought the Bomb and American Politicians. The vice president for a financial marketing firm, he and his family reside in New Jersey.

**THE NEW AMERICAN:** What got you started looking into the topics of terrorism and immigration?

Jerome Corsi: My interest in political science led me to study the topics of violence and terrorism. Then, after the takeover of Iran by militant Islamists in 1979, my interest intensified. Iran, of course, became the force behind Hezbollah, and I recently discovered that some Hezbollah members and supporters in Dearborn, Michigan, had entered the United States through Mexico. This led me to wonder why our southern border was not being guarded more closely.

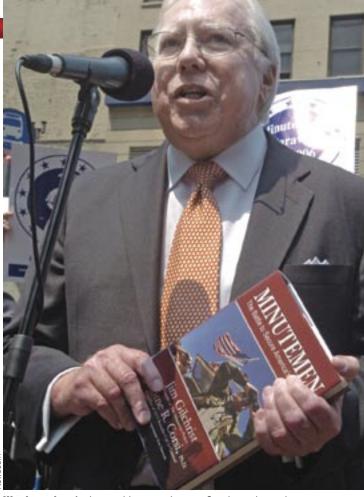
TNA: You have coauthored a book about our porous borders with Minutemen founder Jim Gilchrist. How did you and he get together?

**Corsi:** From afar, I admired the work the Minutemen organization was doing in

aiding the Border Patrol. So I contacted Jim Gilchrist and suggested that we work together. I'm very pleased with our joint effort. The Minutemen are simply unarmed observers at the border who report to the Border Patrol what they see. They are not "vigilantes" as Mr. Bush derisively claimed. Their very presence at the border has reduced crossings to almost none in areas where they have set up their observation posts. Jim and I then coauthored the book *Minutemen: The Battle to Secure America's Borders*.

TNA: What have you concluded about the current administration's attitude regarding the border with Mexico?

Corsi: It became perfectly obvious to me that the Bush administration has no intention of securing the border. Instead, its leaders are planning to erase it. Government officials, right up to and including President Bush, are implementing plans to create one political entity out of the three nations of North America: Canada, the United States, and Mexico. In addi-



**Word warrior:** Author and lecturer Jerome Corsi speaks to the press at a New York event marking publication of his book *Minutemen*.

tion to a great many other harmful consequences, this would mean there will be no borders, and anyone will be able to move from one of the three countries to another at will.

**TNA:** What brought you to such a frightening conclusion?

Corsi: I discovered the formal launching of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), a March 2005 agreement entered into by President Bush, Mexico's President Fox, and Canada's Prime Minister Martin. Anyone can verify the reality of this agreement by going to spp.gov on the Internet. It will confirm the SPP's existence even though the website is designed to deny the ultimate goal. It's quite clear that the SPP calls for open borders and an eventual political union of the three nations. Exactly a year after the SPP's birth, Mr. Bush, President Fox, and the new Canadian Prime Minister Harper met again in Cancun, Mexico, under the auspices of the SPP to continue implementation of this sovereignty-compromising proposal.



**Treasonous agreement:** President Bush meets with his Mexican and Canadian counterparts, Vicente Fox and Prime Minister Stephen Harper, during a March summit in Cancun to advance the program to form a North American Union.

"Our nation is being treated like the frog who was placed in appealingly low-temperature water before the heat got turned up and he was cooked."

— Jerome Corsi

**TNA:** What, if anything, have these plans to do with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?

Corsi: When the SPP was launched in 2005, its creators acknowledged that NAFTA hadn't accomplished all of the goals expected of it. So they created SPP, sometimes referred to by opponents of this scheme as "NAFTA Plus." The White House then established SPP working groups housed in the NAFTA office at the Department of Commerce.

TNA: Are you suggesting that all of NAFTA's expectations were unrealized? Corsi: No, not at all, because some of them were realized. For instance, under its Chapter 11, NAFTA established a judicial tribunal whose rulings have already superseded national, state, and local jurisdictions.

Unless the plans culminating in a North American Union are derailed, this NAFTA precedent will be applied to similar tribunals in the planned NAU. **TNA:** Didn't NAFTA cost thousands of Americans their jobs? **Corsi:** Yes, many firms closed down operations in the United States and moved their plants to

Mexico. But these same profitdriven firms have now gone to China where slave labor is widely available and less expensive. The next move in the planned over-

all merger of the three nations is to have goods shipped from Asia (mostly from China) into Mexican ports such as Lazaro Cardenas on Mexico's west coast. The goods would then be sent by rail and truck to the U.S. border and into our nation and Canada. This arrangement will bypass the expense of using ports at Long Beach and Los Angeles, California, where the costs of employing U.S. longshoremen and American trucking firms are much higher.

**TNA:** Is the plan to use Mexican ports why the NAFTA Superhighway will be constructed?

**Corsi:** Precisely. Plans are already drawn to build this new road, four football fields wide, through the heart of our country from Laredo, Texas, to the Canadian border.

**TNA:** Does this plan to merge our three nations even include a new currency? **Corsi:** Yes, Robert Pastor has also called for the creation of the "Amero" that would replace the U.S. dollar, the Canadian dol-

lar, and the Mexican peso. This follows in virtual lock step with what the European Union has accomplished for the once-totally independent nations across the Atlantic. Most of them have discarded their own currencies in favor of the Euro. And we know that Mexico's Vicente Fox has openly stated that he wants to duplicate for the Western Hemisphere what the European Union has done in Europe.

**TNA:** So you see a parallel between the European Union and what is planned for our hemisphere?

Corsi: Yes indeed. The EU was foisted on the people of Europe incrementally with promises of greater trade and no loss of independence. The ultimate plans for a North American Union and beyond are similarly below the public's

radar screen. This enables the scheme's promoters to deny their intentions. Our nation is being treated like the frog who was placed in appealingly low-temperature water before the heat got turned up and he was cooked.

**TNA:** When President Bush addressed the nation via television on May 15, 2006, he pledged to undertake numerous steps to secure the border. What did you think of the speech?

Corsi: I hate to say this but I concluded that the speech was nothing more than public relations posturing and window dressing. In a bit of a panic after the speech, Mexico's President Fox called President Bush and was speedily reassured that placing some National Guard troops on the border was only a temporary measure until the public forgets about the situation.

**TNA:** What then do you recommend to put a stop to this?

Corsi: The American people have to be alerted, and they have to contact their members of Congress to put a stop to this. The congressmen and senators are largely unaware of what I have described. And I am quite certain that an aroused and deeply concerned electorate would have little trouble in gaining support to block what is planned and to retain our nation's hardwon independence.



The proposed North American Union is a major building bloc in a plan to merge the entire world into a UN-supervised, centrally planned economy.

#### by William Norman Grigg

ith Wyoming's mighty Teton Mountain Range providing a suitably Olympian background, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke eagerly preached the gospel of global economic integration.

"One of the defining characteristics of the world in which we now live is that, by most economically relevant measures, distances are shrinking rapidly," Bernanke informed his fellow titans — central bankers from around the globe, gathered at the annual Jackson Hole Economic Forum. "The shrinking globe has been a major source of the powerful wave of worldwide economic integration and increased economic interdependence that we are currently experiencing."

Bernanke praised the "critical role of government policy in supporting, or at least permitting, global economic integration" by creating "the institutional framework supporting global trade, most importantly the World Trade Organization," but also "regional frameworks and agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement and the European Union's 'single market.'"

A few days after communing with the global banking elite on Mount Olympus, Bernanke paid a visit to his old hometown — Dillon, South Carolina, a community of about 6,800. The 1971 Dillon High School Valedictorian, Bernanke was on hand to celebrate "Ben Bernanke Day" and receive the Order of Palmetto, the highest civilian honor the state can bestow.

For most locals, Bernanke was a case of "local boy makes good." Those attuned to the ways of the power elite, however, treated him like a divine emissary. The "local power structure turned out in reverent multitudes" to pay tribute to Bernanke, reported columnist James Pinkerton from the scene. Chosen to offer a benediction at the event, state Senator Kent Williams

asked God to confer his blessing on Bernanke, "your chosen vessel." At least some members of Bernanke's audience hoped that he would be able to work a miracle to resurrect the community's moribund economy.

#### **Globalization's Impact**

As a bright and energetic teenager growing up in Dillon, Bernanke worked in construction, waited tables, and worked other summer jobs in the small community's vibrant economy. Once largely dependent on tobacco farming, Dillon had branched out decades before into textile production. But largely because of the globalist economic policies Bernanke extolled at Jackson Hole, his old hometown has all but disappeared.

Over the past two decades, tobacco price supports, an unconstitutional subsidy that had attracted many farmers into that industry, were phased out — not because the federal government has become more

The so-called North American Union would join the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) as another steppingstone toward amalgamating the entire Western Hemisphere into one political and economic entity called the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

scrupulous about its constitutional duties, but because of trade agreements requiring that such subsidies be discontinued. More recently, the town's troubles have been thanks to decisions by the World Trade Organization (WTO) opening up huge markets for textiles produced in China for what amounts to slave-labor wages.

According to Labor Department figures, unemployment in Dillon is nearly 10 percent, and many families in a community that once boasted a thriving middle class now live on an annual household income of less than \$20,000. "We've got a lot of poor people in this area," Mayor Todd Davis reports. "Some families are on their second and third generation of welfare. They don't know anything else."

"The only major new facility to locate

[to Dillon] in recent years is a distribution center for Harbor Freight Tools, a catalog retailer of tools — many of which are imported — employing about 250 people," notes a Reuters report. The only other significant local business is South of the Border, "a tourist-trap collection of souvenir shops, fireworks stands, carnival rides and restaurants at the North Carolina border along a major

interstate highway."

It's doubtful that so many as a handful of Dillon's residents were aware that decisions made by a group of unelected foreign bureaucrats in Geneva could have such devastating effects on their community — or that the man they honored on September 1 is among the elite that is busy building a global system that would wreak similar devastation on the rest of our country.

At the apex of that system is the WTO, a kind of economic United Nations that claims the authority to set trade and economic policy for its 149 member nations. The WTO enforces its rulings through the use of fines and targeted retaliatory tariffs; it was through the threatened use of such measures that the WTO induced the Bush

administration to remove protective tariffs on American steel.

On November 26, 2004, the WTO issued a ruling authorizing the European Union — a multinational trade bloc designed to be a regional enforcement arm of the globalized trade system — to impose "punitive taxes" against the United States unless the steel tariffs were lifted. "While quite small initially," noted *Newsday*, "the level of punitive duties will be reviewed each year and could rise sharply. The value of the sanctions, on everything from sweet corn to metals and textiles, hasn't been determined, but trade officials estimated them at more than \$150 million a year."

Consider what this means, in practical terms.

A body in Geneva took issue with a tariff law that — whatever its merits — was passed by our elected representatives and signed by the president. Without constitutional authority, accountability to the American people, or any interest in our national prosperity, that body gave permission to kindred bureaucrats presiding over the European Union to impose punitive taxes on U.S. imports, thereby inflicting severe and escalating economic damage on millions of Americans who work in agriculture, textiles, steel production, and other fields.

**Protesting "downward harmonization":** Demonstrators at an April rally outside Michigan's state capitol in Lansing protest the engineered reduction in the American standard of living that accompanies efforts to "integrate" our nation into a global managed economy.



#### **An Economic UN**

Like the European Union and other proposed regional trade blocs, the so-called North American Union, officially known as the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), is intended to be an enforcement and implementation arm of the WTO-headed global economic system. It would build on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), "broadening" its regulatory and enforcement powers while "deepening" the economic and political relationships among the three signatory nations. And it would join the Central

American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) as another steppingstone toward amalgamating the entire Western Hemisphere into one political and economic entity called the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) — which, once again, would be supervised by the WTO.

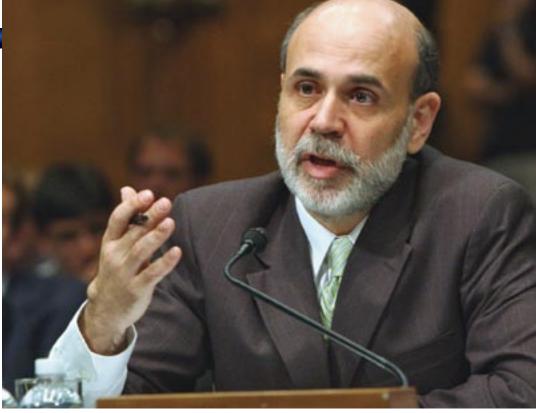
Multinational bodies like NAFTA, CAFTA, and the proposed FTAA "have far less to do with the free movement of goods and services than they do with government coordination and management of international trade," points out Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas), who enthusiastically supports genuine free trade (that is, mutually beneficial transactions between producers and consumers without government intervention). Noting that an announced objective of those working to create the SPP/North American Union is "to strengthen regulatory cooperation" and to "have our central regulatory

agencies complete a trilateral regulatory framework by 2007," Rep. Paul points out that this "adds up to not only more and bigger government, but to the establishment of an unelected mega-government."

And that "unelected mega-government" would be just the regional arm of an even greater version with global jurisdiction.

As originally proposed after World War II. the WTO was to be called the International Trade Organization, or ITO. The trade body was intended to join the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund as another multilateral economic appendage of the UN system. As with the United Nations itself, the ITO's chief architect was Alger Hiss, a key State Department adviser to FDR who was later exposed as a Soviet spy. Hiss had co-written the UN Charter alongside Soviet official V.M. Molotov, and been the secretary-general of the UN's founding conference in San Francisco. He played a very similar role in the effort to create the ITO.

With Hiss acting as chairman for the U.S. delegation, a conference was convened in Havana in 1947 for the purpose of creating a framework agreement for the ITO. Although only two years had passed since the Senate's near-unanimous approval of U.S. membership in the UN, public



**Federal Reserve Chief Ben Bernanke**, fresh from communing with the global banking elite, visited his hometown of Dillon, South Carolina, to receive his state's highest honor. Once a thriving middle-class community, Dillon has been wiped out by the globalist economic policies Bernanke champions.

opinion regarding the wisdom of continued entanglement in the world body and its affiliates had changed dramatically; it was clear to Congress that the American public had no interest in turning over its economic future to a global bureaucracy.

Congressman Bertrand Gearhart (R-Calif.) captured that mood when he described the Hiss-led delegation at Havana as "boatloads of smug diplomats, all-wise economists ... experts, theorists, specialists and whatnots, sailing gaily from our shores to barter away ... the little factory in Wichita, the little shop in Keokuk."

In that era before business associations had been broken to the saddle of the central government, business groups freely denounced the ITO. "The entire document reflects an excessive acceptance of economic planning," protested the U.S. Chamber of Commerce when the final draft of the ITO agreement was made public in March 1948. The National Foreign Trade Council warned that "if the United States subscribes to the charter it will be abandoning traditional American principles and espousing, instead, planned economy and full-scale political control of production, trade, and monetary exchange. The charter does not reflect faith in the principles of free, private, competitive enterprise."

Similar reactions were heard from both sides of the aisle in Congress.

Although described as "a charter to 'free world trade," the ITO agreement was actually "a charter for trade control," noted Senator George W. Malone (R-Nev.). "The result of its adoption would have been socialism, on a global plane." Congressman Samuel B. Pettingill (Ind.), a Democrat who had spoken out critically against FDR's economic policies, agreed with Malone's assessment of the pact, denouncing it as "part and parcel of international socialism, one-worldism, and the slow surrender of American sovereignty."

Writing in 1958, ten years after Congress rejected the ITO, Senator Malone pointed out that the global trade body and the United Nations were designed as two arms of "a pincers movement ... both on the domestic and on the international scene." The political arm consisted of incremental entanglement of the United States in UN-centered international alliances and multilateral bodies. The economic arm was created by the Trade Agreements Act of 1934, in which Congress ceded to the Executive Branch the power to control our nation's trade policy.

Because of the 1934 act, wrote Malone

#### **BIG PICTURE**



**North American solidarity:** Canadian Robert Wright, Mexican Carlos de Icaza, and former U.S. Senator Howard Baker, "NAFTA ambassadors" for their respective countries, spread the gospel of economic integration at a 2002 conference in Tokyo.

in his remarkably prescient book *Mainline*, "the business and the enterprise of individuals now were considered in close connection to the policies of the State. The State would assist them in the expansion of their markets. Government would negotiate the channels of trade." Put succinctly, "the State would determine trade," rather than the free market, and that power was to be exercised by the president, not the Congress.

In December 1994, decades after Congress initially rejected the ITO and just weeks after the Republicans took control of the Congress for the first time in decades, a special "lame-duck" session was called to ratify U.S. membership in the body, now renamed the World Trade Organization. This was done with the active involvement of incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Majority Leader Bob Dole, who understood that the newly elected Republican legislators would almost certainly have opposed the WTO.

To his credit, Gingrich admitted in testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee that approval of the WTO would amount to nothing less than a fundamental change in our system of government, by "transferring from the United States at a practical level significant authority to a new organization."

"This is not just another trade agreement," Gingrich continued. "This is adopting something which twice, once in the 1940s and once in the 1950s, the U.S. Congress rejected. I am not even saying that we should reject it; I, in fact, lean toward it. But I think we have to be very careful, because it is a very big transfer of power."

Creation of the SPP/North American Union would likewise be what Gingrich calls a "transformational movement," the creation of a powerful regional mechanism for the WTO to implement its designs and impose its will directly on the citizens of the United States, as well as Canadians and Mexicans — all of whom, incidentally, would be expected to repudiate their present national identities.

### "Fast Track" and FTAs

All of these sovereignty-sapping trade agreements have been negotiated under "fast track" or "trade promotion authority" (TPA), under which a president is permitted to negotiate not just a particular trade agreement, but also to craft the implementing legislation needed to "harmonize" U.S. law to conform with the agreement.

An obvious violation of the constitutional separation of powers, TPA com-

pletely eliminates the congressional power to "regulate commerce with foreign nations," replacing that constitutional duty with a simple "take it or leave it" proposition permitting only an up or down vote on presidentially crafted agreements. The first president Bush was granted "fast track" authority to conclude NAFTA; Bill Clinton used the same power to finalize negotiations on the WTO; George W. Bush followed their lead in finishing CAFTA.

In addition to major multilateral initiatives like CAFTA and the SPP/North American Union, the current Bush administration has completed numerous bilateral Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with countries ranging from Chile to Singapore. Each of these agreements opens our vast consumer market to small, low-wage nations that can't afford to buy what we produce. In effect, FTAs are agreements to export part of our manufacturing base abroad, in addition to helping lay the groundwork for larger multilateral agreements. The most recently enacted FTA with Oman — a Middle Eastern emirate — passed the House by a 221-205 vote on July 20.

FTAs with Latin American nations such as Chile and Colombia are seen as precursors for the FTAA. The U.S.-Oman FTA is one of several bilateral agreements with Middle Eastern nations — Israel, Jordan, Morocco, and Bahrain — that are either active or scheduled to go into force soon. And all of these FTAs anticipate creation of yet another WTO-supervised regional bloc — the Middle East Free Trade Area (MEFTA), scheduled for completion in 2013.

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## China: Manufacturer for the World?

With vast amounts of slave labor to employ and the help of Western corporate leaders to build manufacturing plants, China is fast becoming the manufacturer for the world.

#### by John F. McManus

n a gambit few could have predicted, China is becoming a foil in the game to create a North American Union. Since the liberalization of China's economy after the Tiananmen Square massacre, China's manufacturing sector has shifted into high gear.

According to some, the upsurge in China's economy is the reason why the Mexican economy has not performed better since the signing of NAFTA. "The 'giant sucking sound' Ross Perot used to talk about is back, only this time it is not Mexico sucking away American jobs. It is China sucking away Mexico's jobs," William Greider, the national affairs correspondent for The Nation, wrote in that magazine in 2001. This, Greider argued, & could provide an impetus to integrate Mexico and the United States. "This is an opportunity to change the politics in both countries," he wrote. "The relationship would borrow a lot from the European Union's economic integration of rich and poor nations ranging from wealthy Germany to low-wage Portugal and Spain. The European Union delivers substantial aid conditioned on democratic standards and labor rights, implicitly encouraging rising wages in the poorer countries.... A North American union, in addition to North/South development aid, would require concrete legal obligations: If U.S. taxpayers are asked to invest in Mexico's future, U.S. commerce cannot be allowed to enjoy NAFTA benefits, then pick up and leave whenever it sees fit." Greider has not been alone in seeing Mexican competition with the Chinese as a rationale for forming a North American Union (NAU).

This has been noted as well by Robert Pastor, the chief intellectual architect of the current scheme to create the NAU. Discussing the options for deepening the integration of the North American nations in the article "North America's Second Decade," in the January/February 2004



**China convergence:** Senator Mark Dayton (D-Minn.) shakes hands with Chinese President Hu Jintao while his colleagues (left to right) Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) and Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) look on. The U.S. legislators were in Beijing for an "interparliamentary exchange."

issue of *Foreign Affairs*, Pastor alleged that several types of "reform" in U.S. policy would be needed. "The reforms," he said, "would also make Mexico more competitive with China."

China has had a devastating effect not only on the Mexican economy but, more importantly, on the American economy. Twenty-five years ago, our nation could point to 19 million manufacturing jobs. The number today has shrunk to less than 14 million. Jobs are going overseas at an increasingly rapid rate, mostly to China. A look at what has occurred in the textile industry alone is instructive. According to the National Council of Textile Organizations, China now controls half of the U.S. apparel market in product areas where quotas have been removed.

It's reasonable to wonder how a communist-led nation could become an economic power. The answer is that, by itself, it could never have accomplished what it has done. China has become a significant producer because U.S.-based corporate

interests have infused it with money, infrastructure, technology, and business savvy. They have even moved their plants to China. They have done so, in large part, because they have been actively encouraged to do so by the U.S. Commerce Department; because their China ventures are bankrolled by U.S. taxpayer-subsidized entities such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank; because their loans are guaranteed by the Export-Import Bank, a U.S. government agency; and because heavy U.S. taxes and regulations add significantly to the cost of manufacturing goods in the United States.

U.S. government officials not only encourage the export of American jobs and industry to China, they even ignore existing U.S. law. Last month, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) brushed off the AFL-CIO's call for an investigation into labor practices in China. Pointing to a 1974 law that restricts trade with countries who enslave their workers, the labor giant tried to have restrictions

## **CHINA**

placed on Chinese imports. They received a rebuff by the USTR. The USTR's spokesman, Sean Spicer, was forced to admit the existence of "serious concerns with labor rights and working conditions in China," but he refused to initiate any action.

A "Background" paper issued by USTR claims that "data compiled by China's National Bureau of Statistics suggests that real wages, adjusted for inflation, rose 10-11 percent per year between 1996 and 2004." But the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that manufacturing workers in China receive the equivalent of 57 cents per hour. Manufacturing and Technology News calculated that increasing a wage of 57 cents per hour by 11 percent per year would take until 2037 to bring a Chinese laborer to the \$16.08 U.S. pay level for manufacturing workers. By then, sad to say, there wouldn't be many manufacturing workers left in the United States. And the AFL-CIO even claims that China's 57cent per hour wage rate is for urban workers only, not for the lower-paid migrant workers who comprise the vast majority of China's labor force.

In addition, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) distributed deceptive indications that no real problem exists as to the loss of American jobs. Columnist Paul Craig Roberts noted that a July report from BLS listed 113,000 new jobs. The administration exulted over the new jobs. But, wrote Roberts, "all are in services" such as waitresses, bartenders, educators, health workers, and business service personnel. During the same month, manufacturing lost 15,000 jobs.

Meanwhile, China is awash in dollars earned via its manufacturing and exports to our nation. This enormous flood of profits has been used to purchase U.S. businesses and infrastructure. More and more of our country is being sold to Beijing, a nation that has never renounced its long-standing threat to conquer America. Where the threat formerly consisted of military saber rattling, it is now largely economic in nature.

The American dream is fading. The long tradition of wealth being created here is disappearing and, even worse, what is still here is being transferred overseas. The leaders we elect to keep America vibrantly alive are either asleep or contributing to the downturn. Americans who want to preserve that dream must rein in their leaders.



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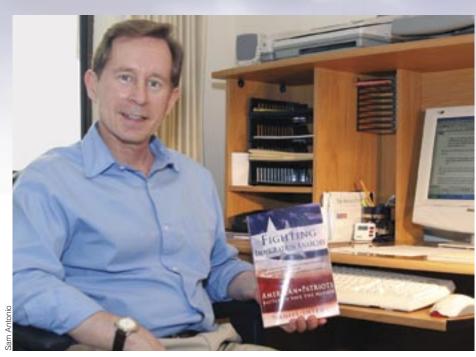
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# FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT



In *Fighting Immigration Anarchy*, author Daniel Sheehy recounts the stories of everyday American patriots who are battling to save our nation.

by Sam Antonio

Fighting Immigration Anarchy: American Patriots Battle to Save the Nation, by Daniel Sheehy, Bloomington, Indiana: Rooftop Publishing, 2006, 344 pages, paperback, \$19.95. (To order through AOBS, use the order form or contact information in the ad on the inside front cover.)

he best way to make history is to write it," Winston Churchill observed. Author Dan Sheehy is definitely writing history with his new book, *Fighting Immigration Anarchy*. It is a unique book that chronicles the courage, passion, struggle, and dedication of the leaders in the immigration battle in which America is now engaged. What sets this book apart is its in-depth look at leaders

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who are changing the course of history. Furthermore, since the book is written from the perspective of a personal narrative, the passion of these leaders, but more importantly Sheehy's passion, for this topic is at play on every page. As a result, the reader will come away after reading this important book with the realization that the love for America still burns brightly.

It has been said that three components characterize great leaders: a great individual, a great country, and a great issue. All three characteristics are evident in the eight leaders profiled by Mr. Sheehy.

Sheehy shows that the human side of the leaders in the immigration fight runs contrary to the demonized characterizations that the media usually show of them. Sheehy's patriots, for that's what they are, aren't what the media would typically portray as "American patriots." They're not paragons of political correctness; they are run-of-the-mill, concerned Americans who have gone to extraordinary lengths to protect America and Americans, despite much vilification in the press. For example, here you will meet a computer programmer, a grandmother, a school teacher, an auto mechanic, a CPA, and a journalist.

Glenn Spencer began as an expert in statistical analysis, and he morphed into a lone citizen-activist writing letters to his local paper on his road to waking up thousands of concerned Americans through eye-opening videos on his organization's website.

Terry Anderson, from South Central Los Angeles, went from fixing cars as an auto mechanic to fixing our nation by becoming a popular talk-radio host and warning the nation about the dangers of the illegal immigration invasion.

Roy Beck, an environmental journalist, saw the connection between unrestrained immigration and the dangers it posed to our local communities. The organization he founded, NumbersUSA, educates the American public about how Congress votes on federal immigration policies.

Barbara Coe, who collected and collated crime statistics for a police department, was forced to resign for doing her duty to report crimes committed by illegal aliens. But she opened another door for herself. She organized concerned citizens into a group, the California Coalition for Immigration Reform (CCIR). As a result, she changed the California political landscape forever with her pivotal role in working to pass Proposition 187, which would have stemmed the tide of illegal immigration in California had not an activist liberal judge nullified it.

Joe Guzzardi went from teaching English as a Second Language classes to immigrants in Lodi, California, to learning about the hard facts on the detrimental effects of mass immigration as immigrants took gross advantage of federal and state services. That gave him the impetus to run for governor of California and gain a platform from which he could warn his fellow citizens of the impending immigration crisis.

While Fighting Immigration Anarchy may frighten some with its startling stories and shocking statistics, its profiles of courageous leaders should serve as an inspiration to many and, as the book title so states, should encourage Americans to fight immigration anarchy.

Congressman Tom Tancredo, a one-time school teacher turned immigration reform leader on Capitol Hill, has shaken up the beltway and the Bush White House enough for Karl Rove to tell him, "Don't ever darken the door of the White House."

Jim Gilchrist and Chris Simcox, an unlikely duo, a retired CPA and former school teacher, launched the Minuteman Project to catapult the immigration crisis to the media forefront and to the halls of Congress.

With diverse backgrounds, these American Patriot leaders have a common desire that led each of them down a similar path — standing up for what is right to save America from the negative effects of illegal immigration.

Because Sheehy lives in Southern California (ground zero of the immigration crisis) and knows most of these leaders personally, he was able to wonderfully chronicle these patriots' personal transformations from the perspective of an individual looking from the insideout, rather than from the outside in as most books on immigration are written. Each profile demonstrates that one person can make a difference in his or her respective sphere of influence, regardless of background. Finally, because the book is written from a personal narrative perspective rather than an academic one, Sheehy is able to convey the complexities of the immigration debate in a clear, concise manner for all to understand.

Interesting to note is that the activists profiled have approached solving the immigration crisis by seeking different paths.

Joe Guzzardi became a one-man educational army with his writing pen while Barbara Coe founded an organization, CCIR, to enlist good Americans in a grassroots effort to save America.

Terry Anderson utilizes the power of talk radio while Congressman Tom Tancredo echos his message from the halls of Congress, and Roy Beck of NumbersUSA uses the Internet to expose the voting records of our elected representatives.

Glenn Spencer and his organization, American Border Patrol, use modern technology,

such as unmanned aerial vehicles, to patrol the southern border, while the Minutemen call upon everyday citizens to stand watch over porous borders in Arizona and California.

There are eight personal stories, but a common thread weaves its way through it all: the love of America and the hope that the common American will answer the call to duty when the need arises.

In this book, Sheehy has made history by bringing to light the struggles of ordinary Americans who have performed valiantly in extraordinary times and chronicling it by putting pen to paper. In addition, these activists are now writing history with their historic, bold moves — from the passage of California Proposition 187

in 1994, to the successful recall of pro-amnesty California Governor Gray Davis in 2003 to the launching of the Minuteman Project.

The last chapter of the book is perhaps the most powerful one. In it, Sheehy clearly connects all the dots on why our own government refuses to secure borders. our Sheehy states, "Open borders and illegal immigration are part of a larger scheme to discard American sovereignty in favor of a regional government."

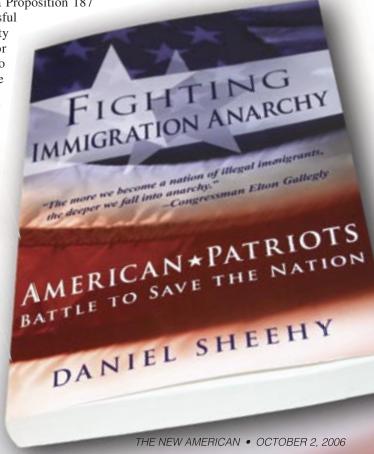
President Bush and the leaders of

Mexico and Canada met in Waco, Texas, on March 23, 2005 to form the "Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America." Thus, the merging of the economies and political systems of the three countries in North America. As a result, there will be no more illegal immigration since there will be legal migration!

As Sheehy so aptly states, President Bush "was quietly agreeing with the leaders of Mexico and Canada to erase U.S. Borders and end American sovereignty after 230 years of independence."

Sheehy gives warning to Americans: "Our government's immigration and trade policies are being used to bring down America's middle class, lower wages, and integrate the hemisphere." "These policies are designed to serve the economic interests of the globalists and the multinational corporations and to centralize government power."

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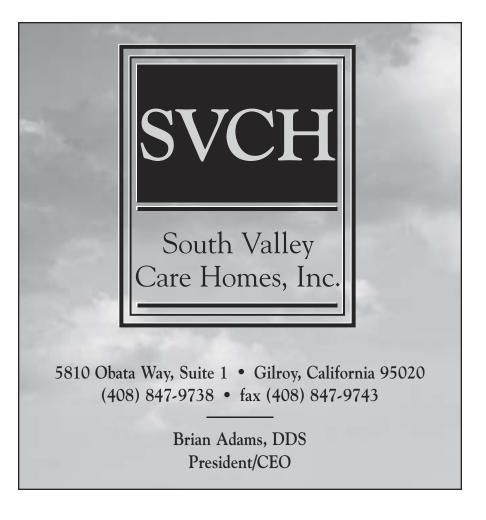
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## THE LAST WORD

# Even Groucho Would Join This Club!

ome problems and issues facing our world are so enormous that they appear insurmountable. When we read about them, or talk about them with friends, the issue of "But what can *I* do about it?" seems unanswerable. That's why we humans form organizations and groups. In numbers, Americans believe we can achieve anything.

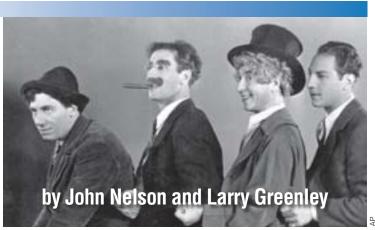
Sometimes we even form groups that don't really exist except in our minds. For example, the nice thing about the Internet is that it allows us to become part of a virtual group without really joining anything. When we "Google," there are always thousands of hits on just about every topic under the sun, so we just know that there are vast numbers of people out there who must agree with us on our issue: it's just impossible that many others have not also "seen the light."

And so it is with the North American Union (NAU), to which this special issue of The New American is dedicated. Many have seen the light and know that our own government is working behind the scenes with the governments of Canada and Mexico to create a single bureaucratic entity called the NAU — like the European Union — and they know it's a bad idea. For instance, most of Mexico would be allowed to move here if they wanted and bleed our government dry through their reliance on social welfare programs, and the costs associated with high crime rates.

So, what to do? One answer: join a unified virtual group called ANAUSPPA (the Anti-North American Union/Security and Prosperity Partnership Association, of course). Our first meeting is today. Your list of tasks as a "newbie" ANAUSPPA member follows. We may never meet, but I know you're out there...

What You Can Do to Help Halt the Progress of the North American Union and the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP):

- 1. Become informed. Google the three terms "North American Union," "Security and Prosperity Partnership," and "SPP." You'll be amazed at the number of well-informed articles, websites, backgrounders, white papers, position statements, government news releases, and press conference transcripts that pop up. There's a lot of information out there pro and con. Also check out The John Birch Society website, which has a deep section on the issue at JBS.org/nau.
- 2. Find ways to spread the word about NAU/SPP in your local community, among professionals, city workers, executives everybody. Joining local organizations and service clubs are good ways to begin. The environmental lobby has a



point when they say, "Think globally, act locally." It works!

3. Begin contacting your state legislators. It is your state senators and representatives who have the clout to create grass-roots opposition to an issue. They should be asked to support the resolution available at JBS.org/nau. By persuading your state legislators to pass this resolution against the NAU/SPP and the planned NAFTA Super Highway, the pressure will swell upward and reach U.S. senators and representatives, where real change can begin to take place.

There are many ways to find out the names of your state senator and state representative, with their official e-mail addresses, mailing addresses, and fax/phone numbers — and even their home addresses and phone numbers — so there's no excuse for not obtaining this information and being able to use it.

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- 4. After you've created some activity with your state senators and representatives, go national and contact your U.S. senators and representative. An excellent resource for sending letters online is capwiz.com/jbs/home. This site includes prepared messages on the North American Union and other issues as the basis for your faxing, e-mailing, or phoning.
- 5. Go to JBS.org and find the "Lightning Round" link. The link goes to a video that is a truly creative means to get people talking about the NAU, and to get them to visit JBS.org/nau, which is a storehouse of NAU info and links. Copy the link to the video and send it to all of your friends and acquaintances with a brief note.
- 6. Use this issue of THE NEW AMERICAN as a handy tool for educating your friends and acquaintances. To order copies in quantity, see the card between pages 38 and 39 of this issue, or go to JBS.org/nau.

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