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Mr. BOLTON vs THE UN

He's Fighting UN Taxes and loss of US Sovereignty

The interaction with the UN is so important to our future we really need someone like Mr. Bolton to represent us. The U.S. should get out of the United Nations and then kick them out of New York City. We worry about BRAC and local taxes but if we don't do something about the UN we won't have to worry about local issues anymore. The next big fight we have is to defeat the FTAA. We lost the fight on CAFTA by two votes but if we lose on FTAA it will be the final nail in our coffin before we are sucked into and under the UN. Please people learn what is going on and do something. Editor.

Like John Wayne in a classic Hollywood western, John Bolton has ridden to the rescue at the United Nations with scarcely a moment to spare. As a result, he may just be able to spare America and George Bush the mugging -- let's call it the U.N. AmBush -- that the denizens of the East River have in mind for us next month.

It turns out that, during the months Mr. Bolton was being denied a Senate confirmation vote as the U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations, Kofi Annan's folks and those from other countries who tend to dominate U.N. deliberations (generally, undemocratic and unfriendly sorts) were organizing what might be described as a surprise party for President Bush. The idea was, when he turned up for a special summit meeting from September 14-16, to oblige him to sign on to the most far-reaching -- and outrageous -- U.N. agenda in years. He wouldn't be able to refuse at the last minute, lest he reinforce the rap that he is a "unilateralist cowboy."

That agenda is laid out in a 40-page paper dated Aug. 5 with the self-important title "Draft Outcome Document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly of September 2005." It reads like a wish-list assembled by advocates of world-government and foes of American sovereignty and power.

Then there are the disarmament provisions. Signatories would agree to "maintain a moratorium on nuclear test explosions pending the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and call upon all States to sign and ratify" that treaty -- something a majority of the United States Senate refused to do a few years back, judging the treaty to be inconsistent with America's national security interests.

Most egregious of all, perhaps, is the bold grab the Draft Outcome Document makes for "globotaxes" -- the authority to raise revenues for U.N. functions by levying taxes on various international transactions. Obviously aware of the radioactive nature of such an idea with most tax-averse Americans, the drafters have come up with a variety of euphemisms to obscure

what they are about: "innovative and additional sources of financing for development on a public, private, domestic or external basis;" "solidarity contributions on plane tickets to finance development projects;" and "other solidarity contributions that would be nationally applied and internationally coordinated."

If ever there were proof that President Bush was right to insist on having a U.S. ambassador to the United Nations who represented him and the American people, this document is it.

Now that John Bolton is on the job, he is demanding that changes be made to the Outcome Document. The howls can be heard from Turtle Bay to Foggy Bottom. On Aug. 17, Reuters ran as a news article what sounded like a press release issued by the U.N. Association, suggesting that Mr. Bolton is vindicating his critics' complaints about his inability to work-and-play-well-with-others at the U.N. It quoted diplomats as upset that the United States is trying to "return to square one and launch line-by-line negotiations on the document."

No less to his credit is the U.N. crockery Mr. Bolton broke last week by decrying the direct role played by the organization's Development Program (UNDP) in inciting further Palestinian aggression against Israel. UNDP logos were actually placed on everything from banners to bumper-stickers to T-shirts distributed in the Gaza Strip that declared: "Today Gaza, Tomorrow the West Bank and Jerusalem." As the man most responsible for getting the U.N. to repeal its odious resolution equating Zionism with racism, Mr. Bolton is all-too-familiar with the so-called world body's virulent anti-Israel bias and absolutely right to denounce this use, in part, of U.S. taxpayer funds as "inappropriate and unacceptable."

If the U.N.'s planned September AmBush is to be wholly avoided, however, John Bolton will require reinforcements. The House Majority Whip Roy Blunt helped when he secured unanimous agreement in that chamber last month to oppose any U.N. taxes. This legislative prohibition should be enacted as a first order of business when the Senate returns after Labor Day. And, if there is to be an Outcome Document, it had better reflect the sorts of real reforms called for in a House-approved bill sponsored by Rep. Henry Hyde -- and leave out new commitments to development, disarmament and environmental initiatives contrary to this country's interests and, properly, unacceptable to its president

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We've Been BRAC'd

No matter how you cut it, Oceana is destined to close. The BRAC Commission was very clear in the testimony Wednesday on the effect of unfettered encroachment in Virginia Beach. At

White House, 456-1111. Sen. Warner, 441-3079 and Senator Allen at 518-1674.
Cong. Drake - 497-6859. Cong. Randy Forbes 382-0080. Cong. Robert "Bobby" Scott - 380-1000

least 7 members of the City Council who have been in office the longest have to bear the brunt of the blame, they should NOT be re-elected this fall. The conditions (for keeping Oceana) for Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and the state of Virginia were clear, (1) Pass laws allowing control over development, (2) condemn and buy out hundreds of homes and businesses in the crash zone, (3) designate lanes from Oceana to Fentress for the 70 dbm noise zone and restrict development and (4) finalize a joint land use study with the Navy. This has to be in place by March 2006.

I've seen cost estimates for number (2) that run from \$300 Million to over \$1.2 Billion, and that has to be paid by the taxpayer, you and me. Virginia Beach has a Billion dollar budget now so this is like taking all we make for one year to repair the damage and keep Oceana. Can we afford the 'fix' when the navy has stated that they plan to move Oceana anyway in 10 years or so? I don't think so.

Thanks to City Council we have lost big time. At this point we should accept that Oceana will be closed/moved and make plans to diversify and maximize our city's potential. It may not be so bad after all. The navy may close Oceana but not give it up, keeping it for emergencies. Editor.

PAT ROBERTSON's So Called GAFF

Don't be hard on Pat Robertson, he called a spade a spade. It is good that he called attention to this because our leaders have ignored it. You should be mad at AP and the liberal media for misrepresenting him to the world. His segment on Venezuela was right on the money. An accurate depiction of the dictators rigid control and the terror that he is already inflicting on his own citizens. Pat is dead right to suggest that someone should "take him out." We could jail him in Florida. If someone had taken Hitler out in the early 1930's we would have saved 20 million in WWII. This is one more instance of the PC correct crowd trying their best to discredit anyone with influence, especially Christians and conservatives. Ed.

The RIFLE - 7th

NEW YORK - Forbes.com readers, editors and a panel of experts rank the rifle as the 7th most important tool of all time, in terms of its impact on human civilization

For as long as humans have created tools, they've made projectile weapons. Our ancestors made spears, slings and bows and mastered their use in hunting and warfare. But the rifle put all those tools to shame, boasting unprecedented accuracy, power, reliability, and range. Rifles have won wars, tamed continents and overturned empires.

The history of firearms stretches back more than a millennium. Gunpowder may date back as far as the 4th century, when it was invented in China--perhaps by someone trying to mix sulfur, charcoal and saltpeter into medicine. The Chinese first used the stuff in weapons--including rockets and cannon--about 600 years later. In 1267, legendary English scientist **Roger Bacon** published a recipe for gunpowder, and by the late 1300s, handheld, muzzle-loading pistols were common in Europe. Long-barreled muskets started appearing in the 1400s.

Users of these early firearms had to deal with soot clogging their barrels, and may have eventually discovered that if they cut curved grooves in the gunk while cleaning, it would impart a

spin on the projectile, making it more accurate. By 1498, craftsmen were cutting grooves directly into the metal of a weapon's barrel. But it wasn't until 1747, when an English physicist named **Benjamin Robins** proved that "rifled" barrels performed better, that the practice really took off. By the mid 19th-century, rifled barrels were common.

Comment: The most important rifle, historically, in the US is the "Henry Rifle" of the Civil War, which became the lever action Winchester after the war. It was the gun cowboys carried in their saddlebags in the west. The most enduring Winchester is the Winchester '94' designed in 1894 when the company named the models after the year. Most gun manufactures counted a gun as a success if it had a run of 20,000. The Winchester 94 has to date almost 6,000,000 rifles produced and sold. I have one, a 30-30, made in about 1936, serial 3,942,094. It IS A great gun, light weight and easy to use. Ed.

ARMED CITIZEN

A female employee at the Tobacco Rack was in the back of the store when she heard someone enter about 7:15 a.m. The woman looked toward the entrance and saw a man holding a shotgun, pointing it down toward the floor, and possibly loading it. The employee drew a revolver and demanded the intruder leave the store. The gunman pulled his jacket hood down to cover his face, saying, "I'm going, I'm going," and left the premises. Police were looking for the suspect, who was wearing a baby blue, hooded jacket. (*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock, AR, 05/15/04)

Do Pre-borns feel pain?

World-renowned scientists have joined hands with pro-family groups to call into question a study on fetal pain published in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

"The lead author of the study, Susan Lee, is a medical student previously employed by the National Abortion Rights Action League," Johnson told CitizenLink. "One of the four physician authors of the study, Dr. Elizabeth Drey, runs an abortion clinic in San Francisco."

Indeed, Drey is medical director of the abortion clinic at San Francisco General Hospital.

What's more, Johnson said many of the study's authors were also associated with the Center for Reproductive Health Research and Policy at the University of California-San Francisco -- a pro-abortion advocacy center which boasts of its effectiveness in expanding access to abortion and training physicians how to perform late-term abortions. From *CITIZEN LINK Aug 24*.

Comment: Another big lie promulgated by JAMA. Can we trust them, I don't think so. The study made news this week in the pro-abortion camp and was reported widely in the media. Now the truth is coming out, it was not a valid study, just a political piece. Why would JAMA publish it, they are of course pro-abortion. Ed.

LEARN ABOUT FTAA

Come to the talk on Fri. Sept. 9, 2005 about FTAA and it's long term bad affect on our country. The speaker is John McManus, author and lecturer. Call Vernon, 495-1541.

Get US Out of the United Nations.