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## Amnesty Proposal threat to our national security

By Rich Lowry

So much for once bitten twice shy. The Bush White House floated an amnesty proposal for illegal immigrants in the summer of 2001, roiling its political base among conservatives and getting nowhere before the September 11, 2001, attacks buried the idea.

Now, the White House is back, considering another amnesty proposal likely only to produce the same results. There has never been popular backing for the current, historically high, immigration to the United States. But the high immigration policy has rolled on, with support of a political establishment eager to pander to pro-immigration special interests. Democratic presidential candidates have played for the Hispanic vote with various amnesty proposals, and the White House now wants a piece of the action. On this issue, apparently, as does Dick Gephardt, so goes President Bush. Mr. Bush reportedly is considering broadly endorsing a plan that would:

(1) Allow guest workers into the United States to take jobs advertised by the Labor Department

(2) Create a new visa for illegal workers already here to allow them to live in the United States legally for three years before starting the process of getting a green card. The guest worker program will inevitably be abused and create more permanent immigration, while the three-year proposal is just a slow-motion amnesty for illegals. Congressional conservatives will resist the changes, likely handing Mr. Bush a defeat and a black eye with his political base in an election year. Good.

"Every guest-worker program in history has failed," says Mark Krikorian of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Immigration Studies. "It always results in permanent immigration." This one would be no different. According to Mr. Krikorian, even under a small, tightly controlled Mexican guest-worker program in Canada, roughly half the workers ended up staying permanently. So a guest-worker program is a sneaky way of increasing immigration that are extremely high.

As for the economic effect, importing unskilled Mexican workers here only serves to subsidize low-wage, old-fashioned ways of doing business. Our system of Mexican-worker peonage has an effect roughly similar to sharecropping in the South, which discouraged mechanization of the cotton harvest.

Proponents of the guest-worker program argue it is the only way to fill certain jobs in the United States. Nonsense. Without cheap Mexican labor, employers will offer better wages and more health insurance to try to attract workers

(something liberals usually favor, by the way). Failing that, they will turn to new technologies and--- in the case of agriculture---adjust their crops to deemphasize labor-intensive handpicking.

An amnesty will inevitably present a security problem. The U.S. immigration system is already overwhelmed. Putting aside the reliability of Mexican documentation, who is going to do the background checks on hundreds of thousands of new immigrants coming here? During the last amnesty in 1986, there were thousands upon thousands of cases of fraud. One plotter in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing gained amnesty under the 1986 law as a farm worker. "There is no way that a new amnesty program won't give green cards to terrorists," says Mr. Krikorian. "I can guarantee it"

So what should we be doing with an illegal population that numbers at least 8 million? First, stop adding to it, which means no guest-worker program or amnesty to reward people for coming here illegally. Then, we should squeeze the illegal population which will reduce through attrition- mostly from voluntary returns - if it is made harder to be an illegal alien here. Employers should be required to make better checks of the legal status of new hires, documentation should be made more fraud-proof, and agencies of the federal government should cooperate more in identifying illegal workers.

All this is very achievable. But the political establishment, in the form of the Democratic Party and George W. Bush both, wants to go in the opposite direction. May Mr. Bush be twice bitten, and the harder the better.

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**ACTION: Please call or write to Cong. Schrock or Forbes and ask them to oppose this ill advised action. You can also call or write Senators Warner and Allen, might help. Ed.**

## Ground Hog Day Joke

The best political joke of the season (so far) comes from Mark Russell, who observed that Saddam Hussein emerged from his hole and saw his shadow, which means we will have four more years of George Bush.

## FBA's POSTED ON WEB

There is a locally managed website "Christian Community News" that provides area news and information on issues that may be of importance to you. The **Family Bulletin Alert's** are posted here as references or if you missed your copy. This website provides many links to various Christian websites that provide family related news at the state and national level. Coming soon is polling, giving you an opportunity to vote and express your views on issues. Visit

<http://hrcc.exis.net/> from Al Wallace, member KPC.

COMMENT: Now you can go to the Internet and read the FBA, plus a lot of other good stuff. Ed.

## FTAA Falters on Road to 2005

**The recent negotiation impasse at the Free Trade Area of the Americas summit in Miami shows that the globalist plan to merge the hemisphere can still be stopped.**

by William F. Jasper, *New American* 12/15/03

Plans to merge 34 countries of North and South America and the Caribbean into a supra-national government modeled after the European Union hit some snags at the hemispheric summit in Miami. However, the Bush administration is continuing the Clinton administration's commitment to complete a formal agreement on the merger by 2005. To this end it has announced a stepped-up schedule to negotiate a series of bilateral, multi-lateral and regional trade agreements aimed at achieving the hemispheric merger piecemeal and applying pressure to countries that are resisting economic and political convergence.

The week long Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) summit in Miami ended abruptly on Thursday, November 20, a day earlier than scheduled. U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick and many of his foreign counterparts attending the conference termed the gathering a success, it was clear that they were putting a happy face on a negotiated framework agreement that had become mired in trade disputes and had fallen far short of expectations.

At a surprise press conference hurriedly called Thursday night, Mr. Zoellick announced that the trade and finance ministers had completed their work earlier than expected. "We got our work done a few hours early," he announced. "We are moving the FTAA ... into a new phase. We are negotiating it, not just seeking it." Brazil's Celso Amorim, who co-chaired the summit with Zoellick, contrasted the event's conclusions with the collapse of the World Trade Organization (WTO) talks in Cancun Mexico, in September. The Cancun ended in deadlock, as several countries walked out over disputes concerning agricultural tariffs and subsidies, intellectual property rights and other hotly contested issues. "The great difference [at Cancun] is that everyone was dancing to the beat of their own drum," said Amorim. "Today we have reached a result that was all common."

The inaugural session of the eighth Free Trade Area of the Americas ministerial meeting begins (above) on November 20, 2003, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Miami. Economic ministers and negotiators for 34 nations met at the conference to craft an accord to create a

Common Market for the Western Hemisphere,

But the image of sweet unity and harmony projected by Zoellick and Amorim was an attempt to cover over contentious issues that had threatened to turn Miami into another Cancun donnybrook. The Miami declaration provides the framework for the next round of FTAA negotiations, which will begin early next year. The document reaffirms the commitment signed by President George W. Bush and other hemispheric leaders at the Quebec Summit of the Americas in 2001 to achieve a final agreement by January 2005, with the FTAA going into effect by the end of that year. The declaration gives a deadline of September 30, 2004 for final tariff negotiations but sets no dates for other matters, such as environmental regulation, labor codes, immigration and health care - all of which have been proposed for FTAA jurisdiction.

To avoid an impasse, the U.S. agreed to a weaker treaty draft that would allow countries to opt out of FTAA regulations they don't like. The agreement, for example, allows Brazil to opt out of the FTAA on intellectual property rights, opening services markets, and new laws protecting foreign investors. Zoellick pointedly contested critics' characterizations of the Miami agreement as "FTAA Lite" or "ALCA Lite" - ALCA being the Spanish acronym for FTAA. "I don't accept your presumption that what we negotiated was an ALCA Lite," Zoellick told Latin American critics during a Thursday afternoon session.

**Comment:**...This article is 4 pages long and I have shown just one. I included it in an effort to warn you about what is happening to us in the trade and political area. In this case they are the same. We do not want to go the way of the European Union. The EU is socialist and controlled by communists. When the communists could not win Europe with war they have succeeded by stealth. Now the same people that lied to us about NAFTA are the same lying to us now. This is the same tactic used to convert the European nations into the EU. If we go this route we will end up just like the EU, we lose our sovereignty and perhaps become a socialist nation under communist control.

***Again, and it is important, write to Senators Warner and Allen and tell them to vote NO to this treaty. Editor.***

### LETS GO TO RICHMOND!

We have a great opportunity to observe our state government in action. The Powers and I will drive to Richmond Wed. morning the 14<sup>th</sup> and spend the day there, returning about 5 PM. We will see the opening day and learn about how bills are passed. Call Vernon 495-1541 if you are interested in going.

### CITIZEN/PASTOR DAY

Family Foundation will host a Citizen/Pastor Day in Richmond Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Any one interested can call the FF at 804-343-0010 or me for more information. Ed.