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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, MAY 6

By Nancy Sharman, Virginia Coordinator for the National Day of Prayer:

As American troops continue fighting for liberty in various countries, United States citizens are preparing to celebrate their freedom to gather, worship and pray. Millions will answer the call to prayer on Thursday, May 6, the 53rd annual National Day of Prayer, by flocking to observances held in public venues to intercede for the nation.

One of the most visible gatherings in Virginia will be held in Richmond, at the State Capitol on the South Portico from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Charles Billingsley national Christian recording artist will lead this observance in praise. An ensemble of the West End Assembly of God Bell Choir will also worship in music. Addressing the people of the Commonwealth will be Attorney General Jerry Kilgore and U.S. Senator George Allen. The keynote speaker is Dr. Jerry Falwell, founder and chancellor of Liberty University. Pastors from the Richmond area will lead and join us in prayer for our spiritual and governmental leaders throughout our great Commonwealth and for our United States of America.

As in previous years, President George W. Bush and all 50 governors are expected to sign official proclamations in support of the National Day of Prayer. Governor Mark Warner also has officially proclaimed the first Thursday in May as a day of prayer for this Commonwealth. Over 40,000 coordinators and volunteers are organizing prayer observances in all 50 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Many Churches, firehouses and schools will ring their bells at noon to invite their communities to unite on bended knee.

This year's theme, "Let Freedom Ring," is based on Leviticus 25:10,... "proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants."

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Comment: Check the KPC Bulletin for Church activities on Thursday. Ed.

CANADA Today, U.S. SOON

...Homosexuality has now been added to Canada's hate crimes law. The Globe and Mail newspaper reports the Canadian Senate voted 59-11 on Wednesday to amend the country's criminal code to add the term "sexual orientation" to identifiable groups in "hate propaganda" sections of the code. It means a person can now be brought up on criminal charges for speaking out against homosexuality in a manner that authorities might consider threatening. Those who voted for the change note it does have an exemption for religious-based objection to homosexuality. But many feel that too

will likely be challenged in court. From AGAPE PRESS.

Comment: Hello out there, are we awake? This is already being tried out in numerous localities in the U.S. It could come here at the National level. Do your part, keep in constant contact with your elected representatives and let them know we oppose all laws giving Sodomites extra privileges. Editor.

AMERICA ON CALL

Once again Americans have been called to the Eastern Hemisphere to pull some irons out of the fire.... look at the record since 1900; except for two minor skirmishes, about one week long, in Panama and Granada,

Here is the record:

WW I -Eastern Hemisphere
WWII (Hitler) - Eastern Hemisphere
WWII (Tojo) -Eastern Hemisphere.
Cold War -Eastern Hemisphere- Asian Continent
Korea -Eastern Hemisphere
Vietnam -Eastern Hemisphere
Kosovo, Bosnia, Lebanon - Eastern Hemisphere
Israel/Egyptian war; Palestinians....Eastern Hemisphere
Iran-Iraq war- Eastern Hemisphere
Afghanistan - Eastern Hemisphere
Iraq I and II -Eastern Hemisphere
Eruptions in Africa...Idi Amin and company -Eastern Hemisphere.....

Frankly, I'm sick and tired of Americans going over and pulling their irons out of the fire...give us Western hemisphere folk a 50 year break. Keep your own Dictators under control for a few decades.

Fat chance!

Tom Whiting, Major, USAFR (Retired Nam-vet)

Comment: I know Major Whiting's daughter in Pittsburg. A further comment, count the "Police Actions" listed and note that from Korea onward they are all U.N. sponsored. The United Nations is NOT an organization of peace, but of World domination. This is an incomplete list. Since 1945 (UN) there have been over 90 UN actions. Ed.

SF Churches Make Difference

...Homosexual marriage is being opposed by Chinese-American churches in the San Francisco Bay area. An estimated 7,000 people rallied in San Francisco's Sunset District on Sunday to protest same-sex marriages. Many of the leaders of the protest, and a sizable portion of the crowd were Chinese Americans. Speakers addressed the crowd in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese. Organizers say the rally drew members of more than 150 Bay Area churches. The City of San Francisco issued about 4,000 same-sex marriage licenses in about a month's time before the California

Supreme Court ordered a halt to the marriages. From the AGAPE PRESS.

Comment: We need to get this movement going in all of our Churches, bring on the "Black Robed Brigades of 1776." Ed.

GOLDWATER DOCTRINE

"I have little interest in streamlining government or in making it more efficient, for I mean to reduce its size. I do not undertake to promote welfare, for I propose to extend freedom. My aim is not to pass laws, but to repeal them. It is not to inaugurate new programs, but to cancel old ones that do violence to the Constitution, or that have failed in their purpose, or that impose on the people an unwarranted financial burden. I will not attempt to discover whether legislation is 'needed' before I have first determined whether it is constitutionally permissible. And if I should later be attacked for neglecting my constituents' interests, I shall reply that I was informed their main interest is liberty and that in that cause I am doing the very best I can."

- **Barry Goldwater**, "*The Conscience of a Conservative*"

Comment: In the wake of 17 Virginia Republicans flipping us the bird and raising our taxes I thought a backward look at the Goldwater Doctrine would be a good study. Ed.

While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader. --Samuel Adams

OIL FOR FOOD- UN AID TO AL QUIDA?

It's looking more and more as if one of the best reasons to get rid of Saddam Hussein was that it was probably the only way to get rid of Oil-for-Food. The problem wasn't simply that this huge United Nations relief program for Iraq became a gala of graft, theft, fraud, palace-building and global influence-peddling -- though all that was quite bad enough. The picture now emerging is that under U.N. management the Oil-for-Food program, which ran from 1996-2003, served as a cover not only for Saddam's regime to cheat the Iraqi people, but to set up a vast and intricate global network of illicit finance.

And though much debate has focused on the list published this past January in the Iraqi newspaper Al Mada --cataloguing some 270 individuals and entities worldwide alleged to have received illicit oil vouchers worth millions from Saddam-- the Al Mada list may be the least of it (apart from the last name of the executive director of the Oil-for-Food program himself, Benon Sevan).

Dwarfing the Al Mada list for size, scope and menace was the U.N.-piloted mothership, the entire \$111 billion U.N. Oil-for-Food program. Supplied by Iraq's oil wells, the sums involved in Oil-for-Food's transactions were so enormous that even the routine rounding errors of a few hundred million here or there easily rivaled, for example, the \$300 million or so in family money believed to have

given Osama bin Laden his terrorist start.

In a world beset right now by terrorist threats -- which depend on terrorist financing-- it's time to acknowledge that the U.N.'s Oil-for-Food program was worse than simply a case of grand larceny. Given Saddam's proclivities for deceit and violence, Oil-for-Food was also a menace to US security.

Comment: All the more reason to get the US out of the United Nations. Keep the heat on, write to your Congressman Ed. Schrock or Randy Forbes. They need to hear from us. Ed.

"The world's becoming a museum of socialist failures." --John Dos Passos

Comment: No Socialist nation ever made it on their own, they require massive funding, usually from the US. If we cut off funding/Aid for the Communist nations they would all collapse. Ed.

Don't Tax the Internet

If Congress doesn't act, State and local access fees could add 20-25% to the average Internet consumer's bill.

While taxes may be one of life's certainties, the Internet has, so far, miraculously managed to escape the clutches of revenue-hungry government tax collectors. That may change if Congress doesn't get its act together -- and fast.

After a two-year extension was passed in 2001, the Internet tax moratorium expired last November. This time around, Congress should make the ban on Internet taxes permanent. A bill to do just that raced through the House with broad bipartisan support and won the endorsement of the Bush Administration.

With the Senate in Republican hands, you'd think this would be an easy lay-up. But a small group of Republicans -- yes, Republicans -- ganged up to stop the bill dead in its tracks. Even worse, they have introduced sham legislation known as S. 2084 that masquerades as an extension of the moratorium, but actually hits some broadband users with at least \$1.5 billion in new taxes.

Members of the Senate can give the green light to state and local governments to saddle Internet users with a myriad of new taxes and fees. Or they can lock the taxman away permanently and throw away the key. That should be a pretty easy call.

Comment: This is NO joke, it is not the 602P email scare, this is for real. The fight is on again for more taxes and more money for our bloated government. Write/call/fax your Senators today. Ed.