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There will be NO FBA for the next two weeks. Ed.

THE WAY TERRORISTS THINK

"President Bush should stop saying the terrorists hate freedom. They do not think that way. They believe their twisted religion and evil application of it are true freedom - for them and for all who worship their angry and hard-to-appease god. They see us as living in decadent bondage.

". While we argue about the place of God in U.S. society, our enemies are not so conflicted. They believe their god wants us dead. No amount of munitions, money and Marines is going to stay these fanatics from their ordained rounds. To them, death is victory. To us, it is tragedy. They are counting on us not wanting to die. They welcome death as a promotion. They believe we will cut and run if they can spill enough of our blood. We regard our blood as precious. They see theirs as the currency of martyrdom."

- Columnist Cal Thomas

Comment: We need to continually call/write Pres. Bush and our electeds to let them know what we think. They need to obey the Constitution and listen to us. Ed.

The following article hits the nail on the head. We have two parties that are taking us to Socialism. It is almost like a (horrors) conspiracy. Ed.

Republican Socialism

Almost all major policy aims and legislative proposals put forward by Republicans these days are unabashedly socialist. In fact, the socialist nature of Republican efforts can be detected in nearly any Bush administration proposal.

For instance, consider the Bush plan on marriage. The administration is proposing a greater involvement for both state-level intervention and federal funding for marriage and family improvement. The Bush budget includes \$240 million in federal funding of grants to states to promote marriage. An additional \$120 million would fund research programs on marriage promotion. Apart from the absurdity of the runaway bureaucracy of the federal government attempting, through such programs, to be the nation's marriage counselor, programs like this are fundamentally socialist. Like all socialist programs, these proposals work by taking money from those who earned it and redistributing it to those who did not. It is theft, plain and simple, and no part of a conservative platform.

Republicans once dreamt of removing the federal government from the classroom, and President Reagan even gave lip service to the notion of abolishing the Federal Department of Education. Though the Constitution nowhere authorizes the federal government to appropriate dollars for federal education programs, the current crop of Republicans, led by President Bush, has made expanded federal education policy a central part of their platform. Indeed, Bush, referring to his administration's socialist No Child Left

Behind Act, praised an expanded federal role for education, saying that "the new education reforms we have passed in Washington give the federal government a new role in public education."

Critics can almost randomly throw darts at the administration and hit areas where big government has run amok. One of the biggest spending boondoggles put forward by the Bush administration and passed by Congress was the bloated farm bill of 2002. This bill provided astronomically large entitlements to farmers. In fact, in a speech on August 15, 2002, Bush boasted that the measure "increases direct farm program spending \$73.5 billion over 10 years" and that it "contains \$243 billion for food stamps." Such measures are touted by the president's supporters as compassionate. But compassion for whom? Certainly not for the taxpayers footing the bill.

Indeed, on budgetary matters overall, the president is a big spender. During Clinton's tenure in the White House, the budget climbed to the almost incomprehensible sum of \$1.9 trillion in fiscal 2001. With Mr. Bush in the White House and a Republican majority in both houses of Congress, the federal budget has continued to grow each year. For fiscal 2005, the president proposes to spend some \$2.4 trillion.

These days, the Republicans are big spenders abroad and are committed internationalists in foreign affairs. Although the Bush administration has been aggressively interventionist, many harbor the misperception that President Bush is a unilateralist. He is not! Like both his father before him and Bill Clinton, his predecessor in office, George W. Bush favors a world effectively controlled by the United Nations.

Contrary to the prevailing view in the media, Mr. Bush is an ardent supporter of the UN. Welcoming UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to the Oval Office on February 3, the president enthused: "The world is changing for the better and the United Nations is playing a vital role in that change." In fact, under Bush, the U.S. has paid its supposed "back dues" to the world body and signed the UN's Persistent Organic Pollutants Convention. Anonymous

Comment: Now that you are fully aware of where we are going, with both major parties, we must do our part to save the Republic. Write/fax/call and let your views be heard. We must keep the pressure on. The House of Representatives is our best bet to save US. Ed.

THE U.N. SHRUGGED

By JONATHAN FOREMAN

April 7, 2004 -- TEN years ago today the Rwanda massacres began in earnest. It was the worst genocide since the Holocaust. And it will forever be a stain on the record of the Clinton administration, the United Nations and the whole so-called "international community."

Nothing the Clintonites ever did or were accused of doing comes close to the grotesque immorality of their failure to act to stop the Rwanda slaughter.

And no matter how intimately U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan turns out to have been involved with the U.N./Iraq Oil-for-Food scandal, with its billion-dollar scams and disgusting

collaboration with the Saddam regime, the real measure of his failure as international diplomat is Rwanda.

Nothing the outside world has learned in the intervening decade dilutes the guilt of those who stood by and allowed the killing to go on, when (as Canadian Gen. Romeo Dallaire pointed out) 2,000 Western troops could probably have stopped it in its tracks.

Indeed, the two big things we *have* learned are:

* The Rwanda genocide was no spontaneous outburst of traditional tribal hatred, but a carefully planned mass murder operation. And,

* France played a key role in enabling that operation.

In the wake of the shooting down of President Juvenal Habyarimana's plane on April 6, 1994, at least 800,000 men women and children were butchered over 100 days.

Most were members of the Tutsi minority; some were some moderates from the Hutu majority.

The weapons were primitive: machetes and garden hoes. But the means by which the killing was organized were modern enough: Government radio stations and newspapers encouraged and coordinated the extermination efforts of the Hutu militia.

A small contingent of U.N. peacekeeping troops was in the country when the violence started. There as part of a peace process between the Rwandan government and a predominantly Tutsi rebel force, they refused to intervene when the slaughter began because it wasn't in their mandate.

On April 7, 10 of them, Belgian paratroopers, were ordered to disarm in order not to "provoke" a Hutu crowd. When they did so, they were mutilated and murdered. The U.N. Security Council, with the full blessing of the U.S. representative, then ordered the remaining peacekeepers to withdraw.

When it became obvious that the outside world would not intervene, the killing intensified.

The Clinton administration - still badly rattled by the debacle in Somalia, where it pulled out U.S. troops after the loss of 18 soldiers (in a battle that was in fact a triumph against extraordinary odds) - steadfastly opposed any kind of intervention by the United States or its allies. U.S. diplomats refused to use the word "genocide" in connection with Rwanda in order to avoid triggering American treaty obligations (in particular the 1948 Genocide Convention) to prevent such occurrences.

Incidentally, Richard Clarke, then a top National Security Council aide, was the loudest voice against intervention - at one point complaining to Madeline Albright that the evacuation of U.N. troops was proceeding *too slowly*.

Kofi Annan was then the head of U.N. peacekeeping forces. His failure to push for action from member states soon after his organization's gross failure to prevent the horrors of Bosnia's war of "ethnic cleansing" is harder to understand - except to the extent that Annan's career has been marked by a Third Worldist hostility to interference in the internal affairs of post-colonial states and by an engrossing obsession with the Middle East.

What eventually brought the massacres to an end was the victory of the mainly Tutsi Rwandan Patriotic Front. But the killing continued even after the RPF took control of the capital Kigali - thanks to a belated, U.N.-authorized intervention by French troops. One of the most cynical and immoral acts of the 20th century, this French intervention ("Operation Turquoise") was actually on *behalf* of the Hutu murderers in the "Interhamwe" militia and the (French trained and equipped) Rwandan army.

The French troops created a "safe area" where the old Hutu government retained control - and there the slaughter of Tutsis continued under the noses of the so-called peacekeepers until July.

Which makes it all the more sickening that the American Left and much of European opinion now hold France up as the bulwark of international law, multilateralism and morality in international politics.

America, though rightly blamed for the genocides it fails to prevent, is rarely if ever praised for the ones it does prevent or avenge. And at least the United States seems to have learned something from Rwanda. The failure there may have spurred Clinton to act in Kosovo, and helped create the intellectual climate in which many liberals supported George W. Bush's liberation of Iraq.

On the other hand, even now the Arab rulers of Sudan are engaged in a war of racial extermination against the country's black tribes, while the United Nations, the United States and the European states - despite their moral posturing - do nothing. *E-mail: jforeman@nypost.com*

Comment: I put this article in to highlight a tragedy that most liberals would like to forget. Kofi Anan was there and could have done something to stop the killing. Some say he is the terrorist of the century. Ed.

THE ARMED CITIZEN

Four men broke into an Indianapolis, Indiana, home and confronted the homeowner who fired at the intruders with a shotgun. One of the suspects was shot, and his accomplices took him to a local hospital where he later died. The remaining three men were arrested and charged with burglary and felony murder, according to Indianapolis Police Department spokesman Lt. Paul Ciesielski. (*The Indianapolis Star*, Indianapolis, IN, 01/29/04)

ROAD TO DISASTER –

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

Vital information concerning a high risk to United States sovereignty, will be presented by Mr. Arthur D. Crino of Portland, Oregon. He has personally experienced the disastrous effects on the electrical manufacturing industry of a plan to transfer authority from our government to a new and higher level of government. With his firsthand experience, he is well qualified to discuss the methods and results of the plan, and most importantly, he KNOWS what MUST BE DONE to stop it. The SAME PLAN has progressed in Europe to a point where the countries have been almost completely absorbed into the European Union, the farthest advanced and most well known example of this worldwide plan.

Mr. Crino's speech will leave YOU speechless when you learn where our country is headed - - - if enough Americans don't take action to reverse the downward spiral.

Hear Mr. Crino on Thursday, October 21, 2004:

**Radio: Interview by Tony Macrini
WNIS, 790 on the AM dial
9:05 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**Speech: The Philippine Cultural Center
4857 Baxter Road
Virginia Beach, VA
7:00 p.m.**

COMMENT: Attention ACTIVISTS. You need to hear Mr. Crino. The FTAA and other so-called trade agreements will be the death of us. All of you must come out and hear. Ed.