

National News

Toffler attacks Clinton in Brazil

British-run fascist Alvin Toffler, who personally recruited U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) as one of his "Future Shock" troops, denounced President William Clinton during a recent junket to Brazil. In an interview on April 7 with the daily *O Globo*, Toffler raved, "I believe that Clinton is immature, is surrounded by too-young people, doesn't know how to govern, and is corrupt."

Toffler advocates the shift from a "Second Wave" society, in which agriculture and manufacturing predominate, to a "Third Wave" or "information age" society in which agriculture and industry are superseded by communications technologies. Ironically, Toffler was in Rio de Janeiro for a conference of the Executive Forum of Manufacturing Organizations, sponsored by IBM's Brazil affiliate.

"The Republicans face a curious political dilemma," Toffler claimed. "If they investigate the corrupt past of Clinton, they can destroy him. In that case, they would have to confront [Vice President] Al Gore. Gore is clean, smart, better than Clinton, meaning a big threat to the Republicans."

Contract with America blasted on R&D cuts

Rep. George Brown (D-Calif.), the ranking Democrat on the House Science Committee, is "extremely unhappy" with the Republican majority's proposed 30% cut in federal spending on research and development over the next five years. "My own party does not put a very high priority on R&D" either, Brown said at a press roundtable on April 4, but "the Republicans consider applied research the work of the devil."

Concerning the Republicans' claim that private industry will pick up the tab, Brown said, "American private corporations will continue spending less and less" on science, and focus only on product research.

Asked if the Contract with America's proposed tax break will free up private money for research and development, Brown responded, "It never has before." He described the various tax cut proposals as "political gimmicks," and said he would not vote for any of them.

Brown began his meeting with the press by stating that he was surprised that reporters even showed up, because he has "little ability to create news anymore"—expressing the frustration of many mainstream Democrats at the bipartisan insanity gripping the current Congress. Brown stressed the necessity of a vision for the future of science and the nation, adding that he "never felt more of an urgency of expressing it than today."

New scandal washes over Whitewater prosecutor

Whitewater special prosecutor Kenneth Starr is moonlighting as an appellate lawyer for the British-owned Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co., according to an item reported on April 5 in the *Washington Post*.

The *Washington Post* said that "a legal eyebrow or two was raised recently" when it was learned that Starr will be arguing a case before Judge David Sentelle in May.

It was Judge Sentelle himself who headed the panel which dumped former Whitewater special prosecutor Robert Fiske last August and replaced him with Starr. Fiske's removal followed Sentelle's luncheon meeting with North Carolina Republican senators Jesse Helms and Lauch Faircloth, both rabid Clinton-haters.

Despite supervising dozens of lawyers and over 100 FBI agents investigating alleged leads to cooked-up allegations against President Clinton, Starr has managed to keep time free to further represent British interests. The *Washington Post* reported that Starr has entered an appearance to argue an appeal filed in the D.C. Court of Appeals by Brown and Williamson, a subsidiary of British-American Tobacco.

Headquartered in London and now known as BAT Industries, BAT's board of directors includes Lord Cairns (also of S.G.

Warburg), Lord Armstrong, and Clayton Yeutter, secretary of agriculture in George Bush's administration.

U.S. anti-nuclear plotter used British psywar plan

The leading figure in developing the 1970s campaign to destroy the U.S. nuclear industry credits Britain's chief of psychological warfare during World War II for his inspiration, according to a recent issue of the *World Rainforest Report*.

The journal, published by the Rainforest Action Center in Lismore, Australia, is one of the most widely circulated propaganda publications for Prince Philip's eco-terrorist apparatus.

The cover feature reprints the entirety of a speech given in the 1970s by U.S. psychological-warfare specialist David Comey, paying tribute to R.H.S. Crossman for the black propaganda strategy against nuclear power in the United States. According to Comey, Crossman "was the senior British officer in charge of Allied psychological warfare in Europe during the Second World War. Almost universally, he is regarded as the leading propagandist of that period."

Comey, who said he studied psychological warfare under Crossman, cited a British leader saying, "I would say that most, if not all, of what the Americans learned about psychological warfare they learned from Dick Crossman."

Comey's speech was originally printed by Friends of the Earth in 1980.

FBI official censured in Weaver massacre

The Department of Justice has censured Larry Potts, recently named to the number-two post at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for his role in the August 1992 Randy Weaver shootout in Idaho, which left Weaver's wife and son and one federal agent dead, and a Weaver family associate injured. Potts was censured on April 5 in a

letter from Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick.

Gorelick also issued letters of censure to the FBI, to the U.S. Marshal's Service, and to the U.S. Attorney in Idaho, all of whom were criticized for their handling of the 11-day siege and for the shootings. Gorelick issued her censure letter to Potts on the basis of a 542-page Department of Justice report on the incident.

Potts was censured for issuing "rules of engagement" to agents on the scene, saying that FBI sharpshooters "could and should" use deadly force against anyone at the scene carrying a weapon.

Potts denied that he ever issued the order, which Gorelick described as possibly unconstitutional. Two senior FBI agents at the scene, however, including the head of the Bureau's hostage rescue team, said they spoke with Potts an hour before the Vicky Weaver murder and received the explicit new rules of engagement.

FBI agents are only allowed to use deadly force when there is an immediate threat to their lives.

Gerry Spence, Randy Weaver's attorney, sharply criticized the Gorelick letter in an interview on April 5 with Associated Press: "She finds everybody did everything wrong under the supervision of Potts, who is going to be the number two man in the FBI, but the result is nobody is prosecuted and nobody goes to jail. It is very frightening if the FBI can get away with killing by decree, and that's what's being glossed over here."

Anti-Islamic propagandist puffs terrorist threat

Steve Emerson, producer of the recent Public Broadcasting System propaganda documentary "Jihad in America," recently used the U.S. Congress as yet another forum to demonize Muslims and Arabs in the United States and abroad. Emerson appeared as the lead witness at a hearing on April 5 of the House International Relations Committee on "The Threat of Islamic Extremism In Africa."

Emerson, a former correspondent for

U.S. News and World Report who also worked for Cable News Network (CNN), is connected with the Israeli Mossad, and is also believed to have ties to the U.S. military.

Emerson started off by claiming that he and his colleagues have collected "more than 150,000 documents, records, videos, tapes, manuscripts, and publications, and reports" which solely deal with the issue of "radical Islamic fundamentalism."

Emerson attacked nearly all Islamic institutions operating in the United States for "sponsoring terrorist activities abroad," and did not even spare the charity organizations which send money to the orphans and the needy in Palestine.

One-third of U.S. schools need extensive repair

In the first national survey of the physical condition of schools in the United States conducted since 1965, the General Accounting Office has found that one-third of them require "extensive repair or replacement of one or more buildings." The total cost of upgrading the facilities to a satisfactory condition is estimated at \$112 billion.

Almost 60% of U.S. schools have one major building in disrepair, which needs "to be extensively repaired, overhauled, or replaced." About half of U.S. schools report having at least one unsatisfactory environmental condition, such as poor ventilation, heating, or lighting, or inadequate physical security.

Many school officials told General Accounting Office surveyors that their districts have been forced to defer "vital maintenance or repair expenditures from year to year due to lack of funds."

On top of \$101.2 billion to repair and upgrade school facilities, an additional \$10.7 billion is projected to meet federal mandates, such as providing or improving access for handicapped individuals. This includes \$2.4 billion for removal of asbestos insulation, a supposed health threat wildly exaggerated in the U.S. news media generally.

Briefly

● **THE IRS** has now joined the "Get Clinton" task force, according to *New York Post* columnist John Crudele. Crudele claimed on April 3 that the IRS is investigating whether Arkansas businessmen were given loans from the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, in return for kickbacks to then-Gov. Bill Clinton's election campaigns.

● **WALL STREET** austerity-monger Peter Peterson declared, in a *New York Times* commentary on April 9, "Fiscal control requires cost-cutting reforms across all major entitlement programs," and "it simply can't be done" without cutting Social Security, which he claims is "frighteningly unsustainable."

● **ROBERT MCNAMARA** now claims he regrets the Vietnam War. In his memoir *In Retrospect: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam*, McNamara writes that he and his colleagues "were wrong, terribly wrong," about the war. McNamara claims he wrote the book because "I have grown sick at heart witnessing the cynicism and even contempt with which so many people view our political institutions and leaders."

● **GEORGE BUSH** will address Citibank-sponsored conferences in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in September 1995. He would be the first U.S. President to visit Vietnam since Lyndon Johnson in 1966. His press agent claimed that Bush "doesn't really have a political agenda in going there."

● **AT&T** has been granted permission to offer long-distance service between the United States and North Korea. The Federal Communications Commission recently approved the proposal, following the Clinton administration's January decision to ease sanctions on Pyongyang.

● **JACK KEMP** has been named by House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan.) to head a study of the "flat tax" and "economic growth."