

# National News

## N.Y. soup kitchens unable to meet demand

The demand for free food at soup kitchens in New York City is exceeding available resources, according to the *New York Times* Dec. 31. If the budgets proposed in Albany and in Washington go through, the *Times* claims, local food agencies can expect to lose a quarter of their federal money, and 40% of state money. Many programs would be forced to cut back, while smaller ones would simply be shut down. Judith Walker, executive director of the New York City Coalition Against Hunger, warns that, "bottom line, it means that people are going to go hungry, and there's a tremendous indifference to this."

Between 1993 and 1994, New York City experienced a 42% increase in emergency meal requests, the largest in the nation—and it continues to grow. In 1995, New York's agencies served about 90,000 meals a day, of which 30,000 were for children. Last year, the state budget allocated \$10.8 million to state food programs; this year, Gov. George Pataki's budget allocates \$6.3 million. On the federal level, Congress slashed \$30 million from last year's \$130 million for food programs.

## London rag cries over Newt's New Year's party

"December was a cruel month" for Newt Gingrich and his gang, the London *Independent* moaned Jan. 3, claiming that the New Year's "Dark Ages" weekend bash for Conservative Revolutionaries lost much of its zest as a result.

More than 300 nation-wrecking congressmen, businessmen, and "thinkers" checked into Miami's Doral Golf Resort and Spa, for an event designed as a counter to the annual "Renaissance Weekend" attended by President and Mrs. Clinton and their friends. The Gingrichites were treated to a "Charlemagne tennis tournament," a "William the Conqueror golf competition," a "Canterbury Tales banquet," and a New

Year's Eve "masked ball."

The *Independent* characterized the mood at the gathering as a "nostalgic recollection of an era when the business of government was accomplished by royal fiat," rather than by the "democratic" modalities of today. The main purpose was to "turn the Gingrich revolution into reality," but its leading figure had been hit hard by "the vagaries of public opinion" characteristic of a democracy. The Miami weekend was an "opportunity to regroup," and to "take stock" of where they all stand.

Their commitment to destroying the "liberal welfare state" remains firm, according to the *Independent*; but the problem now has become one of "packaging," since Gingrich himself "might turn out to be his revolution's greatest liability." He is "better as a professor than as a leader," and his popularity ratings in the United States are plummeting, reaching a 60% negative rating in the polls.

The Dec. 29 *Washington Times* claimed that the "Dark Ages" tag was dropped from official advertisements for this year's event, because Gingrich had decided that it "lacked that futuristic zip."

## Whitewater partner hits D'Amato's ties to mafia

Jim McDougal, a former partner in the Whitewater Development Corp. with Bill and Hillary Clinton, says he would like Sen. Al D'Amato (R-N.Y.) to come to Arkansas, "because nobody in Arkansas has seen a member of the mafia." According to the Dec. 29 *New York Post*, McDougal, who had attempted to subpoena D'Amato to his trial in Little Rock, called D'Amato a "crook" and accused him of hypocrisy for investigating Whitewater while "keeping secret his mafia ties." He challenged D'Amato to take a lie-detector test on his links to the mob.

D'Amato had earlier announced that the Senate Whitewater committee had subpoenaed documents related to Whitewater from 16 individuals and institutions in Arkansas, including Gov. Jim Guy Tucker. Tucker's attorney called it "harassing," and said it "looks like old and stale stuff that we've

seen in the press and heard on the television hearings for a long time." Subpoenas were also issued for Jim and Susan McDougal, who were staff members for Clinton's 1992 Presidential campaign.

## Former Rep. defends 'General Welfare' clause

Former Congressman Byron L. Johnson (D-Colo.), a longtime public servant, released a statement Dec. 8 reminding public officeholders who have taken an oath to support the Constitution, that the Preamble requires them to "promote the general Welfare." Article I, Section 8 also charges Congress with providing "for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States."

"From time to time legislators have sharply criticized the U.S. as a 'Welfare State.' The debate is again hot," Johnson notes. "Providing for the General Welfare is *not* an un-American idea," however; "it is the essence of being an American officeholder," Johnson declared.

"It is startling to find among the harshest critics officers who have taken the statutory oath 'that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.'"

"Given the assault on the general welfare we have seen a majority of the House of Representatives launch this past year, it is time to alert the voting citizens as to what the Constitution has actually provided, since the birth of our Republic. Let every voter test candidates in the forthcoming election as to their stand in light of the language quoted above. Do not be bashful. Ask each candidate how he or she stands in terms of the government's involvement in promoting the General Welfare, and in levying the taxes necessary to provide for it.

"When specific programs come under attack, find out what were the reasons for such legislation, find out why this was considered to Promote the General Welfare.

Don't let them try to throw the baby out with the bath water. Support and defend the U.S. Constitution. As a citizen of the United States, you are one of the nation's sovereigns. Use your power, the ballot. Throw the revolutionaries who violate their oath of office, back into the private life for which they are so obviously suited."

Johnson was one of the political leaders who drafted the ad which appeared in the Dec. 12 *Washington Post*, under the title "Defeat Newt Gingrich! Defend the U.S. Constitution!"

## Post: Genghis Khan is 'Man of the Millennium'

Katharine Meyer Graham's *Washington Post* was attired in cynical Satanic "chic" for New Year's Eve. The Dec. 31 "Style" section featured its premature choices for the outstanding men and events of the waning millennium—led by barbarian Genghis Khan.

The *Post* claims Genghis Khan exemplifies modern man's success in exerting his will over nature and across the planet—while acknowledging that Christopher Columbus "might be a defensible, if somewhat boring, choice" for the honor. But Genghis Khan "and his descendants created a vast free-trade zone across Eurasia and greatly enhanced the linkage between the civilizations of the East and West—a medieval GATT [General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade]." By bringing on the Black Death and wiping out a third of Europe's people, he was actually "increasing the value of any one person's labor. . . . An important rule of history is, what is bad is good. . . . Indeed it is true that he was a thug. But history is often made by thugs; history is not just a tale of saints and geniuses and emancipators."

As the greatest time and place of the millennium, the *Post* chooses Venice in the 1500s—when that center of evil launched an all-out effort to destroy Christianity, the Renaissance, and the nation-state. The *Post* says Venice "could boast of a fairly stable government, a dazzling cultural life. . . . Freedom of expression was almost absolute. . . . You could even call Venice . . . the

birthplace of multiculturalism."

The greatest irony of the last thousand years, says the *Post*, is the "rehabilitation of intuition, faith and emotion as powers of equal or greater import than reason, which had risen to a supreme position over the latter half of the millennium."

## Global genocide backer paints doomsday scenario

Werner Fornos, president of the World Population Institute, told a Dec. 27 press conference in Washington that overpopulation, global deforestation, global warming, and ozone depletion are the "four horsemen of the apocalypse."

Virtually stamping his hoofs, Fornos charged that "failure" to implement the population-reduction measures, of the 1994 Cairo Conference on Population and Development, could mean the difference between "the poorest countries of the world achieving their aspirations for a vastly improved quality of life, and environmental Armageddon."

Americans have difficulty understanding the world population problem, according to Fornos, since the world is "demographically divided." Drawing a supposed comparison between Iowa and Bangladesh, he conveniently omitted any prospects for modern industrial and technological growth in the "developing" sector: "It would take the very best of economic development efforts," he said, "if Iowans were to double their population in the next 100 years; whereas Bangladesh, given its current growth rates, will double to 240 million in less than 30 years."

On a radio program in 1994, previewing the U.N. Cairo conference on population, Fornos debated a spokesman from the Schiller Institute, which had rallied opposition internationally against the promoters' schemes for destroying the sovereign nation-state. Fornos brayed at the time that the Schiller Institute was "an extremist group controlled by the Vatican," and that Lyndon LaRouche had been imprisoned "for giving out this kind of information" against Malthusian policy.

## Briefly

● **SELF-STYLED** "moderates" presented their agenda for a "new political center," at a conference in Minneapolis Dec. 18-19. To their usual demands for gouging welfare assistance, Social Security, and aid to the poor, they added support for homosexuality and environmentalism. Paul Tsongas, Gary Hart, John Anderson, and Tim Penny were on stage—along with Colorado ex-Gov. Richard Lamm, best known for urging old people to die quickly to make way for the young. Newt Gingrich was beamed in by satellite.

● **NAFTA**, the North American Free Trade Agreement, has worsened the health conditions of workers in the slave-labor *maquiladora* industries along the U.S.-Mexican border—despite official promises to the contrary. Public Citizen, Ralph Nader's advocacy group, reported Jan. 2 that the *maquiladoras* have expanded by 20% under NAFTA, and that infectious diseases and birth defects have markedly increased as well.

● **THE HANTAVIRUS**, spread by mice, has killed at least 13 people in California. Previously believed confined to the Southwest, the virus is fatal 52% of the time and has no known cure. The mouse population has exploded in recent years, due to environmentalist prohibitions against traditional control measures.

● **VIRGINIA PRISONERS** will be forced, during the New Year, to surrender many of the personal items which make their lives minimally tolerable. The administration of Gov. George Allen has decided to ban the possession of typewriters, tape recorders, and musical instruments, and to limit each inmate to 12 books.

● **NEWT GINGRICH** is the most "creative politician in America since Richard Nixon," Henry Kissinger reportedly told a recent meeting of the Trilateral Commission. Last year, Newt slobbered on about Kissinger's great "intellectual" powers, at a conference at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library.