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WHAT A FRAUD! GRAMM AND DOLE FAIL TO OPPOSE "START"

GOP Senators Phil Gramm and Bob Dole, competing for the 1996 Republican Presidential nomination, both profess to be "pro-defense" and against the New World Order, but neither one was recorded in the "no" column in an historic January 26 U.S. Senate vote which proves almost conclusively that anti-Communism and conscientious concern for U.S. national security are virtually dead in the U.S. Senate.

87-4 SENATE VOTE RATIFIES DISARMAMENT OF U.S. NUCLEAR FORCES

As reported by the Associated Press (Washington Times, 1/27/96, p. A2), "In an 87-4 vote, the Senate approved the second Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. It has yet to be approved by the State Duma, the lower house of Russia's legislature....The treaty, signed at the end of the Bush administration, bans all land-based nuclear weapons with multiple warheads."

BUSH-CLINTON TREATY GIVES MOSCOW NUCLEAR DOMINANCE

As arms control specialist Dave Sullivan pointed out in a January 5 report to the Board of Trustees of The Conservative Caucus Foundation: "START II explicitly codifies a nuclear blackmail' relationship between the United States and the former Soviet Union, in which the U.S. is to be forced to pay tribute money in order for some worthless former Soviet missile-launch silos to be dismantled...."

RUSSIA (SUBSIDIZED BY U.S.) BUILDS, AS AMERICA DISARMS

"The U.S. has already unilaterally dismantled 4,000 nuclear warheads on our forces counted in START....in contrast, in important unclassified testimony to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress on June 11, 1993, the Defense Intelligence Agency revealed that Russia alone is currently producing: --75 strategic ballistic missiles; --8 strategic submarines; --and 20 bombers...the Ukraine also has two factories which produce strategic ballistic missiles, and another factory which produces bombers. Moreover, many ABM components are produced in the Ukraine. None of the production of strategic weapons from these Ukrainian facilities was even counted by DIA.

"Thus instead of dismantling START forces, as the U.S. is doing, it is clear that the former Soviets are still building up their START forces.

"The former Soviet Union still has over 9,000 strategic nuclear warheads aimed at the United States. But soon the U.S. will have only about 3,500 START warheads. This is not equality. This U.S. unilateral disarmament weakens deterrence."

HELMS, ASHCROFT, INHOFE, AND SMITH OPPOSED NEW WORLD ORDER TREATY

Ironically, Jesse Helms, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and let the treaty get to the Senate floor, was one of only four senators who opposed ratification. The others were John D. Ashcroft (D-Mo.), James M. Inhofe (R-Okla.), and Robert C. Smith (R-N.H.).

START STOPS SDI

In voting for START, the United States Senate was implicitly voting against strategic defense for America (but allowing it for Russia). As pointed out by The Washington Post (1/27/96, p. A17), the debate in the Russian Duma over ratification has been complicated by Russian concerns that the U.S. may eventually deploy SDI. Accordingly, although "Congress has allocated funds for research into missile defenses that would nullify the effectiveness of Russia's remaining nuclear warheads...a decision on U.S. deployment has been postponed until 2003."

START KILLS MX PEACEKEEPER, LIMITS PERMISSIBLE U.S. WARHEADS

According to The New York Times (1/27/96, p. 5), bipartisan approval of START II "means the elimination of the large Peacekeeper, or MX, missile and the reduction of warheads in the Minuteman missile from three to one. It also counts the number of warheads on bombers in an accurate way, which is a benefit to the Russians, since bombers, which the Americans also rely on, were counted as only one warhead, artificially, under Start I."

MOSCOW IS NOW THE NUMBER ONE NUCLEAR POWER

William T. Lee reports in The Washington Times (1/30/96, p. A21) that "The Senate ratified START II last week, even as President Clinton continues to block deployment of U.S. national ballistic missile defense. The result is that the world's preeminent nuclear power with its combination of strategic missiles and national ballistic missile and air defenses is now our old friend Moscow. Paradoxically, Russia has achieved what the former Soviet Union was never able to."

U.S. STRATEGIC TRIAD DISMANTLED DETERRENCE UNDERMINED

"During the Cold War, the U.S. strategic offensive Triad' of intercontinental and submarine-based ballistic missiles (ICBMs and SLBMs) and bombers dominated both Soviet missile and air defenses. START II missile and bomber forces remove the historical U.S. advantage by reducing the surviving Triad, under the most favorable assumptions, to about 2,000 weapons (1,200 to 1,300 on missiles and 700 to 800 on bombers), while Russia has national missile and air defenses but the U.S. does not.

"Instead of relying primarily on dominant offensive forces, the Soviet Triad consisted of both offensive and defensive components: strategic missiles; air, missile and space defenses; and massive shelter for the leadership. National missile defenses were deployed in violation of the ABM Treaty. Thus the Soviet Triad was based on the synergistic interaction between offense and defense pursuant to their doctrine to fight and win' a nuclear war."

SOVIET TARGETING GAINS INCREASE PROSPECT OF NUCLEAR BLACKMAIL

"Under the Soviet regime, the preferred nuclear option was a preemptive counterforce strike on U.S. ICBMs, bomber and submarine bases, and command/ control. However, thanks to the U.S. Triad, some 3,700 to 4,100 missile warheads and 2,000 to 2,800 bomber weapons would have survived. This severely limited the damage potential of a Soviet disarming strike, unless it completely paralyzed U.S. command/control. But that was a chancy scenario.

"Ostensibly, START II would ensure the survivability of the U.S. Triad mainly by eliminating ICBMs with multiple independently targeted (MIRV) warheads on both sides. In fact, as the Russian General Staff has stated publicly, the START II Treaty would enhance Russian counterforce advantage over the U.S. because they can exploit loopholes in the treaty to restore their MIRV capabilities quickly and because the number of U.S. targets is much reduced. (So much for the myth that Russian missiles no longer are targeted on the United States.)"

U.S. POLICY PREMISED ON IGNORING RUSSIAN STOCKPILE

"Furthermore, in addition to the inventories declared under START I and II, the Russians also inherited large reserve stocks of strategic missiles and warheads probably a few thousand missiles and some 15,000 to 30,000 (or more) nuclear weapons. Officially, the U.S. does not acknowledge that these weapons stocks exist.

"Meanwhile, Russia retains all the defensive elements of its Triad. In addition to the anti-ballistic missile defense of Moscow, which is permitted by the ABM Treaty, Russia inherited national ballistic missile defenses with more than 7,000 dual purpose aircraft/missile interceptors (SA-5/10) and a network of battle management radars. A U.S. strike of 1,200 to 1,300 missile warheads is the kind of attack Russia's ballistic missile defenses probably could handle....

"If U.S. target planners were given realistic data on the ABM defenses of Moscow, hundreds of weapons would be required just to exhaust the defenses and to destroy the numerous targets in the area. Subtract that number from the 1,300 (maximum) missile

warheads likely to survive a Russian counterforce strike and the threat to Russian defenses elsewhere is reduced to modest levels."

U.S. STEALTH BOMBERS AND CRUISE MISSILES NEUTRALIZED

"The air defense balance under START II is equally grim. In the 1980s, the Soviets finally began to acquire all the elements for effective low altitude air defenses airborne command-control, advanced fighters, and the SA-10 system, which was designed to combat stealthy bombers and cruise missiles likely to survive a Russian preemptive strike under START II.

"From the late 1960s on, the Soviets allocated 2 percent to 3 percent of their GNP annually to construction of a vast network of bunkers and deep (as much as 900 meters) underground shelters to enable the leaders to conduct and survive a protracted nuclear war....

"....the Strategic Rocket Forces have been well maintained. One or two new ICBMs and one SLBM reportedly are under development. Construction of underground facilities continues; another 25 kilometers are being added to the leadership's 320-kilometer private subway under Moscow....

"Developing and deploying national ballistic missile defense is the most important national security issue facing this country. While a majority in Congress wants to defend the country against missiles, the Senate approved START II blissfully unaware that Russia has national ballistic missile defenses in violation of the ABM Treaty, to say nothing of the synergistic implications of SALT II and the Russian Triad for the strategic nuclear balance."

As the United States destroys its nuclear armaments, our capacity for self-defense is being leveled in the wake of looming threats, not simply from Moscow, but from Red China and assorted terrorist nations. If this isn't bipartisan treason, it is at least bipartisan stupidity.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY, OUR DUTIES OF STEWARDSHIP, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT'S OBLIGATION OF ACCOUNTABILITY ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO RESTORATION OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC

On January 19 I was privileged to keynote the National Affairs Briefing in Memphis, Tennessee attended by several thousand Christian and conservative activists:

"As America's Declaration of Independence affirms, we are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights.

"But let us not ever forget that those who instituted the Federal government intended that it would faithfully safeguard those rights, not usurp, squander, or disregard them.

"To our Creator, who is the author of our liberties, we owe a duty of stewardship, to assure that the civil government which derives its just authority from our consent is held accountable through us to the ultimate sovereign, God Almighty.

GOD'S LAWS CAN'T BE VETOED, AMENDED, OR REPEALED

"It is in acknowledging His law-system that we and the government for which we are responsible manifest our recognition of God as our Lord, as well as our Creator and Saviour.

"The issue in politics today is not Republican versus Democrat, or conservative versus liberal, but rather it is under what authority and by what standard shall we live as individuals, as families, as communities, and as a civil polity. The laws of God are fixed for all generations. His Law-word is unchanging. It cannot be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of Congress, by a Presidential executive order, or even by the unanimous decision of the U.S. Supreme Court.

LEGALIZATION DOES NOT MAKE THE ABOMINABLE ACCEPTABLE

"Abortion is always wrong and no statute, edict, or court ruling which approves the destruction of God's handiwork can licitly contradict the Biblical injunction that the first duty of the law is to prevent the shedding of innocent blood. Homosexual conduct is not merely a threat to public health, it is an abomination in God's sight.

"If America is to be blessed by God, if our nation is to be approved by God, we must not exalt, subsidize, or accept the legalization of that which He declares to be an abomination.

"A crime against the law of God is, after all, more serious than the violation of an arbitrary government regulation. The judgment of God overrides the opinions of men.

TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT, MURDERERS MUST BE EXECUTED

"The Bible instructs that whosoever sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed. That means capital punishment must be the policy. Public opinion may prefer parole, probation, or even building more prisons. But God's Word prescribes execution for murder, and, restitution, not prison terms, for offenses against property.

"The land cries out for retribution. It's time to stop letting those who have killed before kill again. We have capital punishment but, all too often, it's for the victims, not the criminals. We must sentence to death the guilty murderers, not the law-abiding innocents.

GUN CONTROL CONTRADICTS OUR DUTY TO PROTECT OUR LIVES, LIBERTIES, AND PROPERTY

"And, at the same time, we must never let our politicians forget that we have a God-given right and duty to defend ourselves and our families which cannot be delegated and must not be surrendered. The right to keep and bear arms must be preserved.

WE NEED TO BE BETTER STEWARDS OF GOD'S GIFTS

"Today, our civil government is not accountable to the laws of God, because those of us who profess to honor God, and to accept him as the Lord of our lives, have failed, as stewards of God's justice, to hold accountable, through us, to Him, the officials of civil government who use our votes, and our taxes, to implement their anti-Biblical policies.

"Let's take politicians off the pedestal, and recognize that elected officials are supposed to be our servants, not our masters, so that we may better obey our Master in Heaven.

BY WHAT STANDARD?

"The fundamental issue is this: "What is the source of law?"

"There are only three possible answers: either (a) the government itself is the source of authority, or (b) it is our flawed reason, or (c) the Holy Bible.

"The correct answer is (c), the Holy Bible. God's Word is the source of truth and of law. Only the Bible holds a true course; all other options are flawed, false, and imperfect.

CRISIS OF ACCOUNTABILITY THREATENS THE CORE LEGITIMACY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

"For too many decades, Christians, conservatives, and Constitutionlists have failed to responsibly exercise our duties of stewardship in the political arena.

"We have permitted our civil government at the Federal level to break the bonds of accountability to us.

"We have permitted a civil service bureaucracy to grow up which too often serves itself and not the citizens and taxpayers from whom it derives its authority.

"Congress has unconstitutionally permitted that Federal bureaucracy to not merely implement decisions crafted by public officials electorally accountable to the American people, but to make policy on its own.

"Congress has also authorized the establishment of a vast array of regulatory agencies whose very existence contradicts the requirement of Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution that "all legislative powers" shall be exercised by Congress.

"In like manner, Congress has consigned, over the past three decades, many hundreds

of billions of dollars of your hard-earned taxes to the control of private groups accountable only to themselves which have used the resources placed at their disposal to change American civilization to conform to their private predilections, using the courts, the streets, the culture, and the corridors of power to render the very process of elections, by means of which we are to exercise our stewardship, increasingly irrelevant in shaping the course of public policy.

CONGRESS HAS FAILED TO DO ITS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY

"Congress has, moreover, failed to exercise its role as guardian of the Constitution.

"Presidents of the United States seek to transgress the confines of their legitimate authority. Presidential executive orders, which purport to make law, are unconstitutional from start to finish. The Constitution makes the President our Chief Executive, not our Chief Legislator.

"And the President's role as commander-in-chief extends only insofar as he provides leadership in defense of the United States of America.

"Congress was derelict in its duty in failing to oppose President Clinton's unconstitutional Bosnian intervention.

"And Congress, which has the principal responsibility to make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces', has been delinquent in its failure to protect courageous American soldiers such as Michael New from being forced to replace their American I.D. cards with U.N. cards, and in failing to protect American military personnel from visibly transferring their allegiance from the Stars and Stripes, and their oath from the Constitution of the United States, to the blue berets of the United Nations and the arm patch insignia of Boutros Boutros-Ghali. "In Nazi Germany they took an oath to the FÄhrer'; but in America we obey not Bill Clinton, but the Constitution of the United States.

FEDERAL RESERVE EXERCISES POWER UNCONSTITUTIONALLY

"Congress has also in a most fundamental way, one that is not even widely debated or understood surrendered control of our political system and the economic well being of every family to a Federal Reserve System which unconstitutionally exercises power over the value of the dollars we hold and the rates of interest we pay.

"From 1787, when the Constitution was adopted, to the creation of the Federal Reserve in 1913, the total cumulative rate of inflation for those 126 years was less than 20%. But, in the 83 years since 1913, our country has suffered under an inflation rate which has exceeded 1000%.

"America's standard of living is incrementally reduced, year by year, as the Fed collaborates with Congress and the Executive Branch to increase the amount of wealth controlled by government and diminish the resources which remain available to

working American families.

WE MUST IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW FROM THE NEW WORLD ORDER

"Perhaps the greatest challenge to our ability to play a role of Godly stewardship over the affairs of our own government has been the relentless accommodation by leaders of both major political parties to the surrender of American resources and American decision-making authority to institutions of the New World Order including NAFTA, the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the United Nations, and other entities which are in no way premised in the acknowledgement of God as the source of authority and the supreme law-giver.

"The founding premises of America's Declaration of Independence and Constitution were crafted by such men as Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, while the charter of the United Nations was given force and life by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, and his American spy, Alger Hiss.

"Unless we wake up soon, my fellow Americans, it may be too late to extricate America from the yoke of an anti-Christian majority at the United Nations, dominated by the likes of Castro's Cuba, Qaddafi's Libya, the Ayotollah's Iran, Saddam Hussein's Iraq, Communist China, a reborn Soviet empire, and all of those other governments around the world, from Nauru to Namibia, each of which, separately, has a voice in the United Nations General Assembly equal to that of the United States of America, and which, collectively, look forward to the day when the fundamental principles of our nation and the policies of our civil government can easily be overridden and redirected by the edicts of their hand-picked bureaucrats.

TIME TO PUT PRINCIPLE BEFORE PARTY

"My friends, it's time for us to do our duty. It's time for us to put principle ahead of party, to put policy ahead of political personality, to put God and country before political correctness', and for us to recognize that the duty we owe God ought to be of greater concern and priority to us than any stigma we might acquire by reason of our rejection of the conventional political wisdom.

"There was a time in America when it was said, correctly, that ignorance of the law is no excuse'. That was the time when our governing authorities acknowledged that the Bible is the source of law.

"Now that Bible has been replaced, in the highest levels of our government, with scores of thousands of pages and micro chips of regulations, laws, and judicial rulings.

ARTICLE III ENABLES CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE TO REIN IN JUDICIAL ABUSE

"We need also remind the members of our judiciary that their job is to declare the law not to rewrite it.

"Let us take the Constitution at its word when it makes clear that Federal judges do not serve for life, but only during good behavior that one need not be an attorney to be eligible for judicial appointment that Congress can limit the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and that, like every other agency of civil government, the Federal courts are dependent on the power of the purse, which can be withheld when that purse is being expended in furtherance of corrupt, anti-Biblical objectives.

UNCLE SAM HAS BECOME A THIEF

"God instructs us that thou shall not steal'.

"That rule applies to government as well as to individuals. When the Federal government spends even a single penny for a purpose which exceeds the powers delegated to it and enumerated in the Constitution of the United States, it is stealing from you and me.

"If the expenditures of the Federal government were limited to those functions prescribed in the Constitution of the United States, we would have a balanced budget today not seven or ten years from today and the budget could be balanced without a single additional penny being extracted from taxes on individual American citizens or from American businesses.

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IS A BARGAIN

"It's time to insist on a Constitutional budget, coupled with the elimination of the income tax, the corporate tax, the estate tax, and all taxes which unfairly and improperly enable Federal bureaucrats to invade our privacy, regulate our conduct, or steal from us the savings and earnings to which we and our families are entitled, and on which civil government has no legitimate claim.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VICTORY

"My fellow Americans, it is time for us to stop agreeing to lose as slowly as possible'. We must resolve not to be content merely changing drivers on a bipartisan, Big Government, business as usual' train, which, by its present course, will take us all over the cliff.

"Before it is too late to take our families and our nation off an ever steeper and more slippery slope, let us declare our independence of irrelevant partisan loyalties and cloudy political labels and resolve instead that our goal shall be unequivocally to restore this once great nation of ours to its Biblical premises and to, once again, confine our Federal government to its proper Constitutional boundaries.

GET TAX-USERS OUT OF THE POCKETS OF TAX-PAYERS

"Our Federal Constitution is a rule book for effective national government a government which must be limited to the power delegated to it by the states and specifically enumerated in its pages.

"Civil government is never an instrument of salvation, but we can stop it from continuing to be a force for moral, cultural, institutional, and fiscal degradation.

A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

"In the space of a single term, a President who earns the support of tax-payers tired of being enslaved to tax-users, a President who is prepared to govern confrontationally, using all of the power explicitly delegated to him, can get the job done, and win us back many additional decades of liberty, tranquillity, and prosperity.

"By appointing pro-life judges, vetoing funds for Planned Parenthood, and prosecuting abortionists and abortuaries for violations of Federal law, he can end legal abortion in America.

"By proposing a Constitutional budget, and vetoing all expenditures inconsistent with it, he can balance the budget in his first year, while eliminating all direct taxes on American citizens and businesses.

"Article I, Sections 7 and 9 of the Constitution make clear that whenever a President, backed up by as few as one-third plus one of the members of either House of Congress decides to use his veto, not a single penny can be released from the Federal treasury for any purpose whatsoever.

"By rejecting all appropriations with funds for the U.N., NAFTA, the World Bank, and similar entities, he can extricate us from the New World Order.

"By cutting off the money for the Legal Services Corporation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the organized homosexual movement, he can undercut the tax-subsidized assault on America's families.

RESTORE PARENTAL CONTROL OF EDUCATION

"By terminating the Federal role in education, he can restore state, local, and, above all, parental guidance of our children's values, their conduct, their training, and their future.

"We don't need a new Constitution, my friends, we need a President and a Congress with the courage and integrity to use the one we have.

TIME TO END THE EGO TRIPS

"The Bible makes clear that, to seek power for self-aggrandizement or self-realization is not merely unworthy, it is contemptible.

"There is a purpose to power. It is to glorify God. It is to help advance His Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven. It is to implement those principles which we profess, and to practice the policies which arise from them.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PAY THE PRICE FOR A POLITICAL

INSURANCE POLICY

"If we are in any way serious, it would be as recklessly irresponsible for us to fail to provide for our political future after the Democratic and Republican Conventions, as it is for a father to fail to provide for the welfare of his wife and children by obtaining adequate life insurance coverage while he is healthy and strong enough to do so.

"If there were ever a moment in history that required service and sacrifice, not servitude and servility, this is it.

"In order to succeed, each of us must have the courage to risk failure, and each time we fail we must vow with all of the strength which God gives us to rise again until success is obtained.

"Our obligation is not just to ourselves, to our families, to our states and to our nation, but to all the generations which will follow.

"Our weakness and human inadequacies are such that, if we prevail, to God will go all the glory. No one could possibly believe we did it on our own. It will be a profound disappointment if we fail, but it will be a tragedy if we fail to try.

"In taking our stand, let us be mindful of the inspired words of the first and greatest President of this Constitutional republic who, at a similar point of decision more than 200 years ago, admonished his colleagues and co-workers, as I now admonish you, that, If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disbelieve, how may we afterward defend our work? Our task is to raise a standard to which the wise and honest may repair, recognizing that the event is in the hand of God.'

"Let each of us, here and now, resolve to raise anew that standard of Biblical truth and Constitutional liberty and may we never again let it drop from our faithful stewardship."

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