



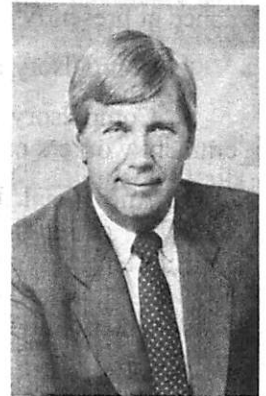
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THE NEW MILLENNIUM: ENTERING THE AGE OF POLITICAL CHAOS

"Good information doesn't cause a panic, it's the lack of such that incites fear. Forewarned people act with reason, but those caged in dark ignorance are most likely to lash out when surprised by unfortunate circumstances." - Y2K Newswire founder Mike Adams

INTRODUCTION

In 1972 an excellent book was published. It arrived with little fanfare, yet somehow it has managed to survive for over 25 years. Most people have never read it. These are the same people who today are asking questions about what went wrong with America. These are the same people who today find that their plans for the future, no matter how hard they have worked to make those plans a reality, have vanished into thin air. These are the same people who are working three jobs to keep what one job secured for them 20 years ago... These people are you and I, the working middle class, the "We the People."

The book is titled *None Dare Call It Conspiracy*, and was authored by Gary Allen with Larry Abraham. It was considered very controversial over 25 years ago. In retrospect, it appears to have been a prophecy for the future of America — the America we are living in today.

If you doubt the possibility of a conspiracy to bring America to its knees and perhaps install a totalitarian

dictatorship through the conversion of our republic into a socialist police state, you need only look to the changes in our laws. Gary Allen provided his readers with 14 signposts on the road to totalitarianism. They were compiled by Dr. Warren Carroll and Mike Djordjevich, a refugee from Yugoslavian Communism. The list is in no particular order. However, nothing on the list existed in American law at the time the list was compiled.

Read it now, and compare it with America today — 2000 A.D. Any one of the listed items would be a clear warning that the totalitarian state is very near, and a significant number of perhaps five or more could possibly suggest that the freedom we have once enjoyed in our Great Republic has been lost.

FOURTEEN SIGNPOSTS TO SLAVERY

1. Restrictions on taking money out of the country and on the establishment or retention of a foreign bank account by an American citizen.

2. Abolition of private ownership of handguns. [ED. NOTE: The political left, the government, and the media are presently moving at mach-10 speed in America to make this a fait accompli.]

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3. Detention of individuals without judicial process. [ED. NOTE: This just happened to thousands in Seattle.]

4. Requirements that private financial transactions be keyed to Social Security numbers or other government identification so that government records of these transactions can be fed into a computer and closely tracked.

5. Use of compulsory education laws to forbid attendance at presently existing private schools.

6. Compulsory non-military service.

7. Compulsory psychological treatment for non-government workers or public school children.

8. An official declaration that anti-Communist, conservative, or religious right organizations are subversive and subsequent legal action taken to suppress them. [ED. NOTE: Such groups are presently being branded by Clinton, Reno, and Freeh as subversive, hate, or terrorist groups.]

9. Laws limiting the number of people allowed to meet in a private home.

10. Any significant change in passport regulations to make passports more difficult to obtain.

11. Wage and price controls, especially in a non-wartime situation.

12. Any kind of compulsory registration with the government of where individuals work. [ED. NOTE: Bill Clinton is presently proposing this.]

13. Any attempt to restrict freedom of movement within the United States.

14. Any attempt to make a new major law by executive order — thus bypassing Congress.

President Nixon invoked numbers 1, 11 and 14. As of January 1, 1972, banks must report to the government any deposit or withdrawal over \$5,000. That number has since been reduced to \$3,000. Any purchase over \$10,000 made in cash must also be reported to the federal government.

Courts have in some instances ordered individuals without bank accounts to open one under threat of incarceration through charges of civil contempt. The government is presently attempting to end private hand gun ownership (#2) in American through federal legislation. Recent destruction of Habeas Corpus has made signpost #3 a reality. Federal banking laws have made signpost #4 the law of the land.

President Clinton's "America in Service" legislation has made signpost #6 an expected part of American behavior. Federal civil rights legislation in regard to helping young children accept alternative lifestyles of adults (i.e., Suzie's two mommies/daddies) has made signpost #7 a part of the new American landscape.

The EPA's trip reduction legislation, which limits an individual's right to travel freely on the highway is a perfect example of signpost #13. Roadblocks or checkpoints set up by either local or state police under the guise of searching for drugs, drunk drivers or firearms, while appearing to be in the service of society are in truth an invasion of our freedom to travel.

The truth speaks for itself — America may have gone too far. We may now be living under totalitarian rule. Some of us will recognize the truth. Most Americans will continue to be in denial of the truth. Too few will fight back to regain the freedoms we have lost. The only thing you can be sure of is that this government will continue in its relentless march over whatever may be left of this once great Republic until we are all slaves in the land our fathers fought to make free.

Winston Churchill, speaking to the English people as they were about to become involved in World War II, proclaimed: *"If you will not fight for right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival."*

Because the American people have ignored warning after warning, we have finally come to that place in time where many of our cherished freedoms are virtually gone. Unless we begin to take action now against unconstitutional acts on the part of our elected public servants, we will face a future choice, also described by Mr. Churchill, who said: *"There may be even a worse fate. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves."* [The above was written by Barefoot Bob & J.R., August, 1997.]

I. POISON FROM THE SKY: THE CONTRAILS CRISIS

"Mystifying respiratory disease outbreaks across the United States are coinciding with sightings of aircraft that criss-cross the sky with lingering contrails." — Nexus Magazine, April-May 1999

Several years ago, as I was speaking at conferences around America, people began to come up to me and tell me about having seen their city, town, or rural area sprayed by government planes. The planes, flying at high altitude, sometimes as many as five or six (or more), would do criss-cross patterns making a series of "X's" in the sky and leaving giant white contrails (or chemtrails), like the "old sky writers," behind them.

These were not just passing airliners or military planes. They would sometimes fly above a given area for several hours until the sky above a city or wide area was completely covered with these patterns. In the aftermath of these sprayings, a whitish or yellowish sub-

stances, sometimes in the form of a mist, sometimes in cobweb-like strings would drift down and settle on fields, fences, buildings, cars, etc. Sometimes there would be no discernible residue.

These contrail sprayings have been reported over cities, small towns, and rural areas all over the country. At first I was skeptical about these stories, until I saw it happen on two separate days over a large area in Western Colorado. It was just as described above — it took several hours for the spraying, and as the winds began to dissipate the large white "X's," a formerly clear day with very blue sky began to turn very hazy.

As this newsletter was being completed in late December, these contrail (or chemtrail) sprayings were occurring over large areas of rural western Colorado (i.e., for two days). This writer watched them turn formerly crystal clear days into hazy, almost-cloudy days.

In the aftermath of these sprayings (all over the country), hospitals and doctors began to report large numbers of people coming in with upper respiratory complaints — symptoms which did not fit cold or flu symptoms. These symptoms, including severe weakness, would last weeks or months. Not everyone in an area would develop symptoms, but a substantial enough increase in this strange illness began to appear around the country, that doctors treating patients became very perplexed.

Hospitals in Phoenix and other cities became overrun with new patients. In my own area, starting within a day or so of the spraying, about 25% of the students in my son's high school became ill with the symptoms described above and remained so for weeks. The government and military, when questioned about these contrails, denied any knowledge of them and the mainline press (as with Y2K, the Clinton scandals, Chinagate, etc.) refused to write about the phenomenon.

[ED NOTE: Unlike UFO sightings, where a few hundred or a few thousand people have claimed to see them, millions of people across the U.S. have seen these highly visible contrail sprayings. They are continuing up through the present.]

Chemical analysis of the residue (in private laboratories) have found it to contain ethylene dibromide — an extremely hazardous pesticide that was banned by the EPA in 1983.

A. ARE U.S. PLANES SPRAYING CHEMICALS — WIDESPREAD ILLNESSES REPORTED IN WAKE OF CONTRAILS

The following story was written by Jon E. Dougherty of WorldNetDaily (2/22/99) regarding the contrails phenomenon:

Some people have respiratory problems. Others have mouth blisters. Still others are chronically tired. Many people are suffering from a combination of these ill-

nesses, coupled with weight loss, burning mouths and noses, hoarseness, dizziness and disorientation. And they say their symptoms can last for days and even weeks.

Reports say hospital emergency rooms in some areas of the country have been flooded with such patients, while talk radio programs have begun to discuss the phenomenon at length. The Internet is abuzz with theories, counter-theories, and any measure of explanation. But no matter what aspect of the story is debated, more and more people are beginning to dismiss the naysayers who insist it is nothing more than an elaborate hoax. It's real, say the infected and affected — and it's getting worse. But what is going on?

Specifically, the focus of this mysterious "sickness" is centered around the observance of contrails — trails of gaseous substances — left in the wake of jet planes flying high above certain areas of the country. Observers on the ground have discovered, after several "patterns" of contrails have been produced by numerous planes making dozens of passes over an area, that a colorless web-like sticky substance falls from the sky, often generating sickness for many who come in contact with it. In other areas no such substance is reported, but scores of people have become ill nonetheless, presumably because the planes forming the contrail patterns are literally spraying some sort of chemical in the air.

Sources who have followed the phenomenon for over a year have claimed that the planes likely belong to the U.S. Air Force because of their type. Those planes — KC-135s and KC-10 aerial tankers — have been spotted "seeding clouds" — a term used by the Air Force in ongoing weather modification research. Officially the Air Force denies it is involved in anything associated with the sightings, but some residents who have seen the contrails have reported changes in the weather (such as heavy rains) after the "seeding" is complete and the planes retire.

No one knows where the planes are coming from or where they land when they're finished. However, one man says he is certain the phenomenon is weather modification related, and is equally sure the Air Force is behind the testing. [ED. NOTE: In the winter of 1999/2000, it is interesting to see the incredible weather changes in many parts of the country, including a lack of snow or cold weather, drought-like conditions, etc. In the summer of '99, when the sprayings were also occurring, incredibly high rainfall occurred in many parts of the U.S. What is happening to our weather?]

Tommy Farmer, a former engineering technician with Raytheon Missile Systems, has been studying the jet contrail phenomenon for over a year, and he recently confirmed the number of reports coming in all over the country to the Environmental News Service. In a recent article, "Farmer said he has collected samples of what he calls 'angel hair' sprayed by the mystery aircraft on six occasions since February 1998. Four samples have been taken since November 1998."

According to one source, who requested anonymity, one sample taken supposedly contained elements of JP-8 — jet fuel — and Ethel Dibromide (EDB), a pesticide which was banned years ago because research showed prolonged exposure caused carcinogenic effects on humans. The source also said that another sample reportedly contained non-specific bacterial groups, but neither of these could be confirmed independently by WorldNetDaily.

Other researchers have speculated that the epicenter of the "sky seeding" phenomenon is linked to an ongoing research project on weather-modification techniques funded by the Air Force. The project focuses on weather modification research and development, and the Air Force says the military can find ways to "own the weather by the year 2025." According to that report, Air Force researchers said that the United States military already retained the ability to control weather patterns "to some degree" with a technique known as "cloud seeding" — the dissipation of chemical elements into the sky in an effort to produce a certain weather effect.

Continued research has shown that there may be a link between that project and the High Altitude Auroral Research Project (HAARP) located in Alaska. The HAARP array, according to the Air Force and the Navy, which is co-developing the project, "is not weather modification" but is designed to influence jet streams and air patterns, and theoretically could be used in conjunction with sky seeding technology to produce a desired weather effect. According to one published report, HAARP "has for the past several years been using phased array antennas to steer powerful beams of tightly-focused radio waves to 'stimulate,' heat and steer sections of the upper atmosphere." [ED. NOTE: In the winter of 1999/2000, the jet stream in the Western U.S. has clearly moved substantially to the north.]

Reports have generated from Texas, New Mexico, Washington, Tennessee, and some other states — all reporting similar contrail patterns in the sky and all reporting near-identical symptoms suffered by a number of people in the area, accompanied by the sticky web-like residue.

One observer who contacted WorldNetDaily by e-mail wrote, "We have been bombarded almost everyday with jets leaving contrails grids in the sky above us. I have never seen the spider web stuff really thick. It is just really constant; it is always around us. In the sky and all over the fences and trees."

Observers mostly report that jets make "X" patterns in the sky, sometimes dozens of them, often causing near zero visibility in the sky and, in one case, "massive fog" on the ground. The planes are almost always described as jets, but one observer said the jets in an area in Texas were followed by "a smaller, thicker plane with propellers, flying at a considerably lower altitude."

Debra Mahon spoke with WorldNetDaily by telephone from her home about 35 miles north of Dallas, Texas. She said she became ill earlier this week with many of the same symptoms reported by others. Though her voice was hoarse and labored — effects of the sudden illness — she said the contrail phenomenon has been occurring in her area "for quite awhile."

She also reported seeing "thousands" of web-like strands falling from the sky after each "seeding." She described them as looking like "spider webs in the spring, but they disintegrate into nothing in your hand. They're not nearly as strong as real spider webs."

On a recent day, she and a friend were watching planes laying contrail patterns when suddenly "one plane we were watching just disappeared. We don't know where it went. I asked (my friend) if she had seen it too, and she told me she had but also couldn't explain it. I was almost afraid to bring it up. It is just so weird."

She said there was speculation among some who are analyzing these incidents that perhaps the government is releasing a certain biotoxin "in the hopes that you can build up an immunity against it, as if they're expecting it to be spread by some other method — like a terrorist attack or something." She freely admitted she had no proof of "any of this," but said she and many others she has been in contact with "sure would like some answers."

She is not alone, but the phenomenon has not been officially acknowledged by any service branch of the military, or by the U.S. government. Calls to the Air Force were not returned. [End of WorldNetDaily article.]

B. POISON FROM THE SKY

The April-May '99 issue of *Nexus Magazine* carried the following, sobering article by William Thomas about this phenomenon:

Two years ago, William Wallace was plowing fields on a ranch in Washington state when someone declared war on him. Without warning, a U.S. Navy *Intruder* swooped low, spraying the fields with a fine mist. "I got real sick for about three weeks," Wallace relates. "My eyes watered. Fluid came out of my nose. And then I got a headache and my eyes watered. I couldn't lift my arm above my head for days and days. It hurt so bad, I couldn't comb my hair." Complaining that he was doing only half of his work, his boss let him go.

Throughout the following summer, Wallace and his wife Ann watched high-flying jets work the skies above the cabin they were building in Washington's remote mountainous country near Kettle Falls. Day after day, pairs of multi-engined craft criss-crossed the sky, forming "X"s and elaborate grid patterns with emissions resembling contrails.

But unlike normal contrails which dissipate soon after swirling ice-crystals off wingtips and engines, these billowing streamers emanating from the tails of the mystery aircraft hung in the clear, blue sky for hours. Refracting an oily purple color in sunlight, the woven rows of "chemtrails" gradually thickened into a solid overcast that wept long, feathery streamers toward the ground.

William and Ann kept getting sick. Every time the jets came over, they tasted something strong and strange. Extremely fatigued, they would end up in bed with severe headaches. *"I must've had 15 nosebleeds last summer,"* Wallace added. *"I'd blow my nose and it would bleed. And I never had that before."*

To the Wallaces' horror and their veterinarian's bewilderment, their cat's face became half-paralysed and started to dissolve. When the cat died, Wallace went to Channel 2 television news with his story. The newsmen refused to believe him, but someone heard Wallace's outcry.

Two days after a pair of fighter jets buzzed their cabin, leaving chemtrails in their wake, a turbo-prop aircraft, painted white with blue wingtips, dived over the house, spraying something that came down and hung over their property, making them both sick. *"That propeller plane,"* William Wallace realized, *"was tellin' me to shut up."*

Wallace grabbed his backpack and headed up into the mountains around Yosemite for some respite. Climbing through an alpine forest at 8,000 feet near Bass Lake, 50 miles north of Fresno, the beleaguered American was startled to see what looked like cobwebs drifting out of the sky. As he watched, long strands draped from the silent trees for hundreds of feet. When a wondering Wallace wadded some of the lightweight substance into a marble-sized ball, it just disintegrated.

On New Year's Day, 1999, William Wallace was outside splitting wood when the fighters returned, making three passes. That evening, another jet came over and Wallace showed Ann the lingering chemtrails woven in a silver tracery against the moon. About six the next morning, Wallace became sick with diarrhea. Along with a neighbor who had also been outside doing chores all day, Wallace suffered from diarrhea — *"all day; the worst I ever had it,"* he said. Both of their wives who remained indoors, suffered no ill-effects from those attacks.

1. SIGHTINGS FROM THE TWILIGHT ZONE — OR THE X-FILES — Wallace didn't know it then, but offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, 23 miles out from Corpus Christi, Texas, a roughneck responsible for maintaining oil platforms had entered the Twilight Zone last Christmas.

Alighting from a helicopter to effect repairs on five different rigs, this technician was stunned to see a *"white web of angel hair-type stuff"* draping each platform. Whatever it was, he had never seen it before. Nor had the pilot of the helicopter, who had been flying to the rigs for years.

"It covered several platforms that were miles apart," the oil worker told me. *"The substance was not sticky but stringy, web-like, white in color and just clinging to the structure flowing in the wind. It really was annoying having to walk through it. However, the next day it was gone! Not a trace anywhere."*

A few weeks later in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, Mary Young turned her attention from late-night TV to listen as a circling aircraft drew closer and closer. Suddenly the prop plane thundered right over the house, so low that the windows rattled. Everything shook. And something that sounded like sand rattled against the windows. Now the 50-year-old Native American says: *"I keep coughing phlegm that tastes bad. My eyes hurt, my joints hurt, I'm not catchin' my breath right. I can't get rid of this cold. I've had this bad headache — it's not just a headache. My eyeballs hurt so bad, way in the back — I just wish they would fall out."*

Pat Edgar lives near Mary Young. He has been watching jets spraying over eastern Oklahoma since a sunny day in October 1997 when as many as 30 contrails gradually occluded a clear blue sky. *"They look like they're playing tic-tac-toe up there,"* he says. *"You know darn well it's not passenger planes."*

Edgar has watched *"cobwebbing stuff coming down"* from the zig-zagging jets flying *"all day long, line after line, back and forth, like furrows in a farm field."* He also comments: *"There is a lot of lupus in the area now. A lot of women have come down with it."*

Edgar's father-in-law is a retired state judge. Today, Bill Edgar runs out of breath after walking 20 feet to the bathroom. Climbing stairs, he says, *"is directly out of the question."* Edgar does not attribute his strange malady to the mystery jets. But neither he nor his doctors can explain his breathing difficulty, which began shortly after spraying began in November 1997 and is getting worse. The 57-year-old former judge was admitted to the Mayo Clinic last January when he thought he was experiencing congenital heart failure. Instead, he was diagnosed with severe inflammation in his right lung, but a team of top surgeons was unable to pump an unidentified "Jello-like" fluid from his lung.

Before Pat Edgar sold his restaurant, customers came in complaining of airplanes *"flyin' around all night"* with *"stuff comin' out of their wings."* Edgar knows 48 people who have *"come down violently ill, coughin' up blood for two weeks, or [with] real bad nosebleeds."* As far as he's concerned, *"it had to be something in that doggone plane that was spillin' out in the middle of the night."*

A California dentist named Greg Hanford has been watching formations of jets lay down zigzag spray patterns over his Bakersfield home since 1996. After counting 40 or 60 jets on some "spray days," Hanford purchased a good camera and a pair of \$1,200 binoculars to

keep an eye on the all-white jets that carried no identifying markings.

"It's really weird," Hanford says. "You think two jets are going to hit each other — and then they make an 'X.'"

The dentist has sometimes seen "furry globular balls" spread downwind in a long feather from the chemtrails left by the high flying aircraft.

"Everybody seems to be getting sick from it," Hanford notes. "Hackin' and coughin'...you really get nailed with this stuff."

The dentist, many of his patients and two receptionists have repeatedly contracted severe respiratory infections. When the angry dentist called the local airport, the tower personnel told him there was nothing going on. The jets "were just commercial," undergoing "international flight training."

"Right," Hanford responded. "Is the FAA going to allow two jets to come at each other?"

Hanford's illness lingered for five months, despite courses of four different antibiotics.

2. A MILITARY WEATHER MODIFICATION WEAPON? — Are aerial tankers creating clouds to modify the weather? Tommy Farmer thinks so. Tracking chemtrails across the USA for more than a year, the former engineering technician with Raytheon Missile Systems has positively identified two of the most common spray aircraft tankers as Boeing KC-135 and Boeing KC-10, used by the U.S. Air Force for in-air refueling. The chemical sprayers are not engaged in any refueling operations.

The only official Air Force explanation has been that "routine fuel-dumping" was making people sick in Las Vegas. But there is nothing "routine" about formations of Boeing tankers spraying fuel for hours.

Jet pilots say that their aircraft burn fuel so prodigiously, the only time it's vented is during an in-flight emergency shortly after take-off, when heavy aircraft must quickly reduce weight for landing.

Farmer notes that all the aircraft are painted either solid white or solid black, with the exception of two KC-135s which are in training colors (orange and white). No identifying markings are visible.

According to Farmer, the silvery strands resembling spider webs "usually fall in clumps or wads, ranging from pencil-eraser size to the size of a balled-up fist." Winds often whip the cobweb-like material into filaments as long as 50 feet. Farmer says the sticky substance "melts in your hands" and "adheres to whatever it touches."

Forrest McClure concurs. While patrolling the Denver Airport last November, this police officer spotted "fine filaments floating through the air...thousands of them, and some were 30 to 40 feet long."

Earlier that month, third-shift police officer Michael Cloutier "noticed the web-like stuff hanging from the power lines" in the main street of Anthony, a small cattle town in Kansas. "They came during the night, but couldn't last in the sunlight," Officer Cloutier reported.

After becoming ill from his first contact with "angel hair," Tommy Farmer urges caution to collectors. Like Dr. Greg Hanford and others exposed to the spraying, Farmer's ensuing sore throat and sinus infection lasted several months.

Farmer is "fairly certain the contrail phenomenon is one part of a military weather-modification weapons system." Unlike commercial cloud-seeding operations currently injecting silver iodide into rain clouds throughout the United States, the huge Xs being traced by formations of tanker jets in clear skies can be tracked by satellite and perhaps coordinated with the crossed beams of "ionospheric heaters" to heat the upper atmosphere, changing its temperature and density to enhance or mitigate storm effects.

Based in Gakona, Alaska, the joint U.S. Navy and Air Force project known as the High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) has in the past several years been using phased array antennas to steer powerful beams of tightly focused radio waves to heat and 'steer' sections of the upper atmosphere.

HAARP's commercial patent, awarded in 1985 to MIT physicist Bernard Eastlund, claims that directed-energy beams of more than one billion watts can be used for "altering the upper atmosphere wind patterns using plumes of atmospheric particles as a lens or focusing device" to disturb weather thousands of miles away.

In an interview with this reporter, Eastlund admitted: "I had looked at using this intense beam, which can be angled, to do some experiments in terms of guiding the jet stream, moving it from one spot to another. I presume it is possible, which might lend credence to these other things."

Despite the Environmental Modification Convention — which prohibits the U.S. and other signatories from the military use of environmental modifications techniques — altering the weather remains a top U.S. military priority.

A paper, "2025: Weather as a Force Multiplier," was presented by seven U.S. military officers in August 1996. This U.S. Air Force study outlines how, by using airborne tankers to seed the atmosphere and "by adding small amounts of energy at just the right time and space." U.S. aerospace forces could "own the weather" by the year 2025. Among the desired objectives stated are "Storm Enhancement," "Storm Modification" and "Induced Drought."

The characteristic east-west aerial grid patterns are reminiscent of clouds that "line up" with pulsed radio-frequency beams from ionospheric heaters such as HAARP. U.S. Patent #4,253,190 demonstrates how a

polyester resin "mirror" sprayed behind high-flying aircraft could be held aloft by the pressure exerted by HAARP-type transmissions. According to a researcher who desires anonymity, *"the resulting electron-cyclotron resonance could form a mirror in mid-air by polymerization of the sprayed precursors."*

Could cobweb-like polymer strands, spun behind tanker aircraft — perhaps contaminated with a bio-agent to discourage handling or tracking of its dispersion — be formed in the cold reaches of the stratosphere, only to sublimate and disappear quickly in sea-level warmth?

HAARP's inventor Bernard Eastlund told this reporter that a paper presented to NATO in late May 1990 discussed the *"Modification of Tropospheric Propagation Conditions"* to thwart an enemy. According to Eastlund, the research study *"went into details on how you could modify the atmosphere to absorb electromagnetic radiation,"* although he said his *"original patents suggested the same thing."* HAARP's original patent-holder added that *"recent work on polymeric additives for microwave absorption has been done for commercial curing applications, so the polymer fibres are available."*

Joe "Six-Pack" Burton still wonders how hot-weather tornadoes formed over hilly country in Arkansas in the middle of January. Using a recently purchased video camcorder with 72-power zoom lens, the chemtrail-tracking Tennessean captured close-ups of spray planes just days before 38 winter tornadoes struck Arkansas on a single day. All told, some 90 twisters tore up Tennessee and three adjacent states.

The U.S. Air Force says that other "routine" weather-modification missions seek to deploy "cirrus shields" formed by the chemical contrails of high-flying aircraft *"to deny enemy visual and infrared surveillance."* But this official 30-year forecast may be a smokescreen for operational cloud-forming capabilities.

Some investigators speculate that the enormously complex and costly spraying currently taking place over much of the USA, as well as parts of England and Australia, is an attempt to "mask" unsuspecting populations from intense solar flares or other upper-atmospheric activity. But intense gamma rays and X-rays striking Earth from massive solar flares are unaffected by cloud cover.

Another problem with these theories is that as aerial spraying intensifies across the USA, HAARP has been shut down and its February research program moved to March after a smaller companion ionospheric heater in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, suffered hurricane damage.

3. BIOCHEMICAL WARFARE OVER AMERICA? — Pat Edgar and many other Americans are uneasy over the ongoing aerial experiments and the intense secrecy surrounding them. Mindful of the words of former National Security Council head Henry Kissinger and CNN mogul Ted Turner, who along with other statesmen have called for an immediate reduction in world

population to 500 million or fewer, Edgar believes that *"they're gettin' ready, practicing"* for some kind of mass population cull.

Edgar joins Americans who worry that whoever's behind the mystery spraying just has to *"come up with something a little stronger later on."* *"It's just a guess,"* he says, *"but it sure seems weird. They have a mission. They go back and forth all day. Hey, man, I'm talkin' hundreds of contrails in a day! It's unbelievable. Like furrows in a farm field."*

Unofficial confirmation of "spooky" activities came soon after my first two *"Contrails over America"* stories were sent to news agencies worldwide by the Environment News Service. Managing Editor Jim Crabtree called from Lake Havasu, California, to inform me that ENS subscriber sign-ups had nearly doubled.

"Some of the newbies," Crabtree confided, *"include creepy-crawlies from the FAA, Air Force in the Pentagon, National Security Agency, Centers for Disease Control...and suspicious 'oops'-type addresses with 'gov' and 'mil' subdomain names."*

Then — as formations of unmarked tanker aircraft continued to criss-cross American skies on a mission authorities refuse to disclose — an independent laboratory identified one component of the spray drifting over cities and the countryside.

Chemical investigator Elora Gabriel learned that samples of oily fallout collected by farmers, truck drivers and pilots in Maryland and Pennsylvania were tested by Aqua-Tech Environmental of Marion, Ohio, in September 1997 and found to contain ethylene dibromide (EDB). This extremely hazardous pesticide was banned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1983.

But, in 1991, the composition of jet fuel used by commercial and military jet aircraft in the U.S. was changed from JP4 to the somewhat less flammable JP8. A Department of Defense source says the move "has saved some lives" in air crashes. Ethylene dibromide happens to be a key component of JP8.

The 1991 edition of *Chemical Hazards of the Workplace* warned that repeated exposure to low levels of ethylene dibromide results in *"general weakness, vomiting, diarrhea, chest pains, coughing and shortness of breath, upper respiratory tract irritation"* and respiratory failure caused by swelling of the lymph glands in the lungs. *"Deterioration of the heart, liver and kidneys, and hemorrhages in the respiratory tract"* can also result from prolonged contact with JP8.

According to the EPA's hazardous materials list: *"Ethylene dibromide is a carcinogen and must be handled with extreme caution."* A seven-page summary of this pesticide's extreme toxicity warns that EDB may also damage the reproductive system. The EPA also cautions: *"Exposure can irritate the lungs; repeated exposure may cause bronchitis, development of cough, and shortness of breath. It will damage the liver and kidneys."*

Mark Witten, a respiratory physiologist at the University of Arizona in Tucson where an official U.S. Air Force study on JP8 was carried out, told *Scientist* in March 1998 that crew chiefs "seem to have more colds, more bronchitis, more chronic coughs than the people not exposed to jet fuel."

EDB is 6.5 times heavier than air. Unlike normal contrails, the thick, white streamers being sprayed from downward-pointing tailbooms over at least 40 states do not dissipate, but spread into an overcast that refracts a purple color in sunlight and appears suddenly as an oily film in puddles and ponds.

4. RESPIRATORY & AUTO-IMMUNE EMERGENCIES — Hundreds of photographs and videotapes made by ground observers show pairs or larger formations of aircraft spreading a white mist that thickens and drifts toward the ground. More than 200 eyewitnesses, including police officers, pilots, military and public health personnel, have provided detailed accounts of aerial spraying in characteristic Xs and east-to-west grid patterns, followed by occluded skies — and acute auto-immune reactions and respiratory infections throughout affected regions.

Severe headaches, nosebleeds, shortness of breath, joint pain and dry, hacking coughs that "never leave" are being reported by countless Americans jamming hospital emergency rooms from coast to coast. While December and January are traditionally bad months for asthma sufferers, patients, doctors and nurses across the U.S. report hospital wards filled to overflowing with bronchitis, pneumonia and acute asthma admissions at up to twice the normal winter rates.

Early last January, the *News and Observer* of Raleigh, North Carolina, reported that respiratory admissions to Durham Regional Hospital jumped from the usual 184 patients a day to 247.

In New York City, doctors have been calling a flood of respiratory cases "an epidemic." "We have people double- and triple-parked in the ER on stretchers." Dr. Elliot Friedman, Associate Director of Emergency Medicine at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Queens, told the *New York Times* on 31 January. "And there have been times when upwards of 40 people have been admitted but are waiting for someone to be discharged," Friedman added.

"This high fever is not typical of other flus," Dr. Sigurd Ackerman, President of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center told the *Times* shortly after a TV cameraman panned up to frame lingering X-shaped contrails over Times Square.

Dr. Robert Saken, a partner in the Soho Pediatrics Group, told that newspaper: "It was surprising to me how sick they got and how quickly it happened."

Dr. Ilya Spigland, Montefiore Hospital's Director of Virology, doesn't know the reason for the sudden epidemic of respiratory cases. Spigland told the *New York*

Times that it is "very possible that the increase in respiratory infections may not be due to the flu."

That same day in Lake Havasu, California, headlines in *Today's News Herald* announced: "Victims curse unnamed bug, but can't call it the 'flu.'" M.D. Mary Lou Cailername told the *Herald* that a nameless virus is bringing at least 10 patients a day into her office and driving some into the hospital, but that "laboratory tests show only a few are suffering from Type A or other identifiable strains of influenza."

The previous weekend, after San Francisco resident Curtis Schumann noticed "sky grids in the making" and Melanie Zuker watched nine contrails being woven over Berkeley, local TV stations reported Bay Area emergency rooms inundated with flu-like cases.

In Seattle, one resident reported: "I've lived here for 26 years, never seeing this number of contrails at once." And pneumonia patient Lowell Barger told ENS that in the hospital where he was admitted in late January, "their respiratory ward was overflowing with people, and they were having to put respiratory patients in other wards."

At that time, a resident of Spokane listening to a police radio scanner told ENS that he'd heard "many rescue calls for people with breathing difficulties." In Palmyra, New Jersey, shortly after Lucrecia Moon watched unusual lingering contrails outside a McDonald's restaurant, a nurse reported "many people ill."

Similar chemtrails sightings have been reported over Phoenix, Arizona. According to the 28 January 1999 edition of *Arizona Republic*: "The incidence of bronchial problems in Phoenix this month is 237 hospitalizations versus last year at 160 or so."

At the same time, hospitals in Portland, Oregon; Marietta, Georgia; Chandler, Arizona; Bakersfield, Santa Cruz, Redding and Salinas, California — and other cities across America — were jammed with bronchitis, pneumonia and other acute respiratory cases after repeated spraying. Cobweb-like fallout was also reported in those regions.

"We're getting sprayed real heavily with the contrails," a south Pennsylvania resident told me. "It's just total saturation."

As overfilled Pennsylvania hospitals were forced to divert respiratory emergencies to other facilities with bed space, another south-central Pennsylvania resident, Deborah Kammerer, looked out her window and watched aircraft that were "flying and dispersing over the city." She commented: "It was supposed to be a clear, sunny day. It became more overcast as the day progressed. I observed how the white trails widened out and settled down, crating a haze over everything."

South Florida resident Karen Okenica has watched on several occasions as contrails "...criss-crossed or ran parallel to each other. They did not dissipate, but got

thicker and stayed in the sky for quite a while." Okenica said she became frightened after gazing through Nikon binoculars and noticing an all-white jet with "plumes" coming from the rear of the plane.

In early December 1998, local newspapers reported that Bethesda Memorial and Delray Community hospitals were full and could not accommodate any more patients. The *Philadelphia Daily News* of 7 January 1999 reported: *"Emergency Room patients overflowed into the hallways at West Jersey Hospital in Berlin, New Jersey, and ambulance crews were temporarily diverted to other institutions as a wave of respiratory illnesses swept the area."* At Northern Westchester County Hospital, *"there was a 24-hour waiting period to get in."*

In Manitou, Michigan, Registered Nurse Kim Korte was driving north on M52 when she noticed "stripes" in the sky. *"It appeared as if someone took white paint on their fingers and from north to south ran their fingers through the sky. These contrails were evenly spaced and covered the whole sky,"* from east to west.

Within 24 hours, Korte became very weak and feverish. The RN said that after her boyfriend told her that many in his family had started coming down with the same complaints, she started noticing a lot of her patients and their family members *"were coming down with these symptoms at the same time."* On checking with her colleagues, the former hospital supervisor learned that other nurses and physicians were complaining of being *"extremely busy with respiratory diagnoses."*

In Austin, Texas, Richard Young reported that *"The skies here are filled almost daily with trails crossing each other,"* and a school nurse told a worried parent she had seen over 100 sick children in a single day.

5. GLOBAL WEB? — Americans are not alone in their anxious suffering. After lingering contrails and cobweb-light fallout were reported over London and Birmingham, England, the BBC reported on 14 January that more than 8,000 people — mostly elderly — had died from pneumonia and other respiratory complications in the last week of December 1998 and the first two weeks of January 1999.

According to the BBC, in early January 1999 more than 97,100 people in England and Wales were stricken with respiratory ailments in a single week — almost double the usual rate. Ambulance services in the Greater Manchester and Mersey regions were each answering more than 1,000 calls every day — almost twice the norm. Norfolk and Norwich suffered such a surge in unexpected deaths that a refrigerated semi-trailer capable of holding 35 bodies was pressed into service as a temporary morgue.

In addition, on 11 August 1998, *USA Today* reported dozens of residents of Quirindi, NSW, Australia, *"swearing they saw cobwebs fall from the sky"* after unidentified aircraft passed overhead.

6. BIO-AGENT DISPERSAL TRACKING — As this issue goes to press, this author has learned that there may be a bacteriological component to the spray that is sickening so many.

An *Unexplained Mysteries* television special on the strange cobwebs, which was aired in late 1998, described "human white blood cells" present in the fallout. A follow-up TV report on William Wallace, aired by Seattle Channel 4 TV in February 1999, referred to researchers finding E-coli bacteria in the spray.

While not lethal in themselves, these "markers" could be used to make populations sick enough to seek medical attention — allowing them to be tracked by authorities intent on mapping bio-agent dispersal patterns.

According to Dr. Lyman Condie, chair of the Virtual Proving Ground at the U.S. Army's Dugway Biowarfare Testing Centre, computer-derived Atmospheric Dispersion Models used to simulate the spread of bioweapons in the open air must be validated by "field test data" involving Man in Simulant Tests (MISTs). According to Dugway's website, testing on live human subjects provides "a far more realistic and believable simulation."

MISTs are supposed to be conducted on properly garbed and informed test subjects. But in 1950, a U.S. Navy vessel released a supposedly harmless bacterial agent upwind of San Francisco. At least three people died. In 1966, the U.S. Army released another biological "marker" in the New York City subway system. As detailed in my book, *Scorched Earth*, other open-air biowarfare tests were carried out over Elgin Air Force Base in Florida. A 1997 biowarfare experiment in Maryland turned up symptoms similar to those suffered by so many Americans today — including severe headache and acute respiratory problems.

[ED. NOTE: This writer knows a respected AIDS researcher/virologist with excellent connections in the DoD who believes that Legionnaire Disease was another such biowarfare or MIST experiment.]

Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta is asking Americans to participate in a nationwide "flu"-tracking study by calling 1-800-I-Got-Flu. Applicants must qualify for the study by exhibiting specific symptoms within a certain time frame, and living within a 35-mile radius of exposure. The study requires blood tests administered during five visits, spread out over many more weeks than the normal course of influenza.

My investigation continues. [End of *Nexux* article.]

CONCLUSION

In the wake of hundreds of thousands of Desert Storm veterans falling ill from Gulf War Illness and tens of thousands of them dying — after untested shots and drugs were forcibly administered to all of them and Saddam firing some kind of chemical/biological agents at them in his Scud missiles (See the August 1996 issue of *MIA* on Gulf War Illness), is it surprising that growing

numbers of Americans are deeply apprehensive about why the government is performing these very strange chemical contrail sprayings which are making tens of thousands of people sick?

Now the Clinton Administration is forcing 2.3 million American servicemen and women to take Anthrax and other chemical/biological warfare inoculations on pain of court martial for refusing to take them. Many are refusing these shots. What is going on? What is the government up to? Does it fear a widespread chemical/biological attack which it is not warning the public about? Is that why 40 underground bunkers have been built in cities across America at a cost of at least \$4.7 billion?

The government still denies testing thousands of unknowing human guinea pigs (mostly U.S. servicemen) with nuclear radiation and LSD several decades ago. It still denies using the highly dangerous chemical defoliant spray, Agent Orange, in Vietnam (which gave thousands of Vietnam vets cancer and other debilitating diseases). It still denies the existence of Gulf War Illness and the role its forced inoculations have played in the illness and death of thousands of U.S. servicemen and women. And now it denies any knowledge of the chemical contrails it is spraying across America. What is going on? The American people need answers!

II. THE BATTLE IN SEATTLE: RESISTANCE TO THE NEW WORLD ORDER

"Not since the days of the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement has the entire downtown core of a major American city been seized by popular uprising. Rarely has so diverse an array of groups linked elbows against a common enemy, in this case the faceless forces of globalization." — Matt Drudge, The Drudge Report

With most Americans uninformed or misinformed on important issues, is there any reason for optimism about a general public awakening? The arrogance of the big government and big business elitists of the World Trade Organization (WTO) has done much, however, to alert the public to the sinister agenda of the New World Order crowd.

The WTO and Seattle officials expected a fair number of protestors during the meetings that were scheduled for November 29 to December 3, 1999. It was the huge size of the crowd and their intense opposition to the globalist mentality that caught everyone by surprise, however.

A. AN UNUSUAL COALITION

It is increasingly apparent that the "liberal" and "conservative" labels, applied to politics by the media, have little meaning. When "right-wing" Republicans repeatedly join with "left-wing" Democrats to push gun control, abortion and other issues, many Americans rightly assume that there is no real difference between the two "opposing" sides.

This simplistic left/right pigeonholing is applied by the media to virtually all issues, and that is why the Establishment-controlled media were perplexed by the WTO protestors. What were the Sierra Club and other "liberal" environmental groups doing on the same side as burly, blue-collar union members? How do Third World labor organizers end up marching with "American First" fans of Pat Buchanan? What does this motley mix of people have in common?

Whether they support American environmental laws or the preservation of U.S. steel mills, the protestors have one large common denominator. They have been directly affected by the clandestine WTO process, or they accurately see themselves as targets of the WTO's globalist bureaucracy.

While environmentalists often fall into the pro-one world category, the Seattle protests showed that a fair number may be catching on to the dangers of a New World Order type of system. The picketers who dressed up as sea turtles were mocked by the media, but they chose their costumes for a specific reason. American law forbids the importation of shrimp that have been caught in nets that aren't designed to let rare sea turtles escape. Much to the delight of low-wage Asian nations, that U.S. law was overturned by the WTO.

The main point isn't whether one agrees with the law on shrimp nets. The REAL issue is that an American law was overruled by a group of faceless, unaccountable WTO globalists. If Americans object to certain laws, it's their business to make changes. On both constitutional and moral grounds, a shadowy internationalist clique should never have any influence in the American law-making process. Other nations have also seen their laws invalidated by WTO tribunals.

B. "FREE" TRADE: RHETORIC VERSUS REALITY

This is where the "free trade" supporters have a big advantage over their opponents. When most people hear the word "free," they instinctively connect it to freedom. Isn't "free trade" all about greater commerce, lower prices for consumers, and a host of other implied benefits? What reasonable person could object? NO, that is not what so-called "free trade" is about at all!

The WTO and those who push "free trade" consist of a cartel of high-level government careerists and large corporations. Despite widespread belief to the contrary, big government and big business have a great deal in common. Both types of organizations are strongly biased towards centralization, acquiring power and control, and eliminating competition by fair or foul means. The correct term for the present big business/big government partnership is fascism, as in Mussolini's Italy.

While fascists pay lip service to the concept of individual liberty and personal freedom, their actions betray their true beliefs. Fascist societies (such as much of present-day Asia and America) have more private property

ownership than outright socialist or Communist systems, but the "owners" have virtually every aspect of their lives regulated, licensed and taxed. When objections to constant government meddling are raised, the fascists quickly reply with empty phrases such as *"It's your life. You're free to do as you please,"* while severely limiting your freedom of action, private property, free speech, etc. In reality, fascism is quite similar to socialism and Communism.

One of the greatest examples of fascism's growing stranglehold on the U.S. is the explosion of so-called "public-private partnerships" over the past decade. Such ventures generally involve subsidies from taxpayers and other lucrative favors to politically connected firms. These sweetheart deals aren't available to the average small business owner who is eking out a living.

What is inaccurately described as "free" trade is anything but free. The rules are tailor-made by the people who stand to reap huge benefits, namely multinational corporations and internationalist bureaucrats. Big business gains access to a bountiful supply of low-wage serfs in Third World countries. Meanwhile, the loss of jobs in developed countries and the upheavals and poverty-level wages in Third World nations work to the advantage of big government everywhere. International banks and agencies who make U.S. taxpayer-subsidized loans overseas also get their share of the action.

As respected talk show host Chuck Harder has observed, *"You can't have free trade with a country that isn't free."* So which places are the favorites of the "free trade" promoters? Their biggest infatuation by far is with the Marxist oppressors of Red China — but any dictatorship will do. Mexico is a popular destination for American jobs, and the globalists in corporate boardrooms are scouring the globe for places that will accept ever-lower wages.

Most of these countries are run by power-hungry, corrupt rulers, but the free traders have no problem dealing with such individuals. Ironically, the "free trade" lovers function best where freedom is limited or non-existent. Take a trip to a Wal-Mart, Kmart or other discount store and check the labels on the clothing. They are made in such diverse places as the Philippines, Indonesia, Russia (where garment workers earn 20 cents an hour), Honduras, Madagascar, Ukraine and Botswana. Check other stores near your home, and you'll probably turn up a few more exotic locales.

The mainstream media repeatedly criticized the Seattle protestors for their alleged hypocrisy. How many of the picketers wore shoes and garments made in other countries. Weren't they biting the "free trade" hand that clothes them? They (and everyone else) have no choice about the origins of their wardrobes. Just try and find clothing or footwear that is made in America. The person who insists on buying made in the USA clothes today will have a very small selection or go half naked.

According to the "free trade" advocates, garment jobs and other factory labor is undesirable "low value" work that belongs overseas. So what happens to former textile workers and assembly line employees. The "free traders" argue that they will all become high-tech whizzes, pulling down six figures as information technology and dot.com mavens. Does that sound plausible? The reality is that most former blue-collar workers don't have the inclination, education or desire to become PC jockeys. However, that is the rationalization offered up by the WTO crowd to justify the loss of American jobs.

Under "free trade," America will supposedly become a "service economy" that sells high-cost goods (especially software and related items) and other sophisticated products to the sweatshop nations in Asia and elsewhere. How much demand is there for such products in Bulgaria or Malaysia? While many laid-off, skilled and semi-skilled factory workers do end up in the service economy, the reality of service jobs is far different than the "booming economy" scenario that appears daily in the mainstream media.

Wages for positions such as nurse's aides, janitors, store clerks, restaurant work and truck drivers are lower than they were 10 or 20 years ago when adjusted for inflation. This is the kind of job that many laid-off workers are forced to take. Even former white-collar workers often end up on the lower rungs of the modern economy. Government statistics will never reflect this trend, since they are manipulated and fabricated to paint a rosy (but false) picture. How has free trade and the "global economy" worked in an era of extremely low unemployment?

C. LOTS OF JOBS AT VERY LOW WAGES

Wisconsin has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the world. In recent months, the state's unemployment rate has been around 2.8 percent, and the media often quotes employers who say that they are desperate for workers. Even a novice economist would say that wages should be rising steadily in such a situation, but the reality is far different. *MIA* recently studied Wisconsin employment ads in seven counties, and the reality of the situation is far different than the media's rosy picture.

There are plenty of help wanted ads, but the vast majority of openings pay \$6.50 to \$9 an hour. Many of the jobs are part-time, which means no benefits. The same ads often appear repeatedly for as long as three months at a time, but wages are never raised despite the lack of responses. Many employers don't even bother revealing their low wages in print. The phrase "competitive salary" has almost become a cliché in ads. If the low hourly wage was listed in the ad, no one would call.

In Medford, Wisconsin, an insurance agent assessed the area's true economic condition: "The average two-income family around here makes \$30,000 to \$35,000," he said. That means the average full-time worker in Medford is pulling down \$15,000 to \$17,500 a year, or \$7.20 to \$8.40 an hour. This is in a place with one of the low-

est unemployment rates in the U.S. Obviously, "free trade" hasn't improved the lot of working-class Americans.

This is a nationwide phenomenon. The *Wall Street Journal* notes that an average of nearly 300 strikes involving 1,000 or more workers took place each year from 1950 to 1970. In the '90s, the average number of strikes has nosedived to just 36 a year. The decline in large labor unions has contributed significantly to this trend, but the main reason is the weak position of the average worker. They know that U.S. companies are moving jobs offshore by the millions without strikes. It's hard to walk a picket line when you know that your employer is looking for any excuse to replace you with a \$2-a-day Red Chinese laborer.

General Electric CEO Jack Welch is often hailed as a model executive by the business press. What is his view of American production workers? As the December 6, 1999 issue of *Business Week* reported, "Several of GE's business units — including aircraft engines, power systems and industrial systems — have been prodding suppliers to move to low-cost Mexico, where GE already employs 30,000 people. GE even puts on 'supplier migration' conferences to help them make the leap. GE's hard-nosed new push could spark other companies to emulate its tactics." Welch's determination to move American jobs overseas is the very essence of the WTO philosophy.

Millions of Americans juggle two or three part-time jobs. They have plenty of work — but little money, no medical insurance and virtually no hope for a better future. Part-time positions pay lower wages than full-time jobs, and tens of millions of workers go without even the most basic benefits. U.S. White-collar workers have no reason for confidence either, as their wages and working conditions have also been declining. One trick that is often used is to take an hourly worker, give them a "management" title and put them on salary.

The former 40-hour schedule instantly becomes a 50 to 60-hour weekly grind, since salaried employees can't claim overtime. In reality, the worker is earning far less for more labor. Move several people to a salaried position, and you can lay off others. More work for less money has made life a weary endurance contest for even higher-paid workers. Others are laid off and quickly rehired as "consultants" and independent contractors. They do the same work, but receive zero benefits. It's a great deal for employers, but a significant hardship to the worker.

Even the world of academia is participating in this aggressive wage slashing. Countless young college professors teach courses part-time at two or three different schools and earn \$25,000 a year or less with no benefits, despite working the equivalent of a full-time job. The struggles of working Americans are so widespread that they became the cover story of the December 20, 1999 edition of U.S. News & World Report. As James Lardner

wrote in "World-Class Workaholics," "Between 1977 and 1997, the average workweek lengthened from 43 to 47 hours a week." That's an extra 208 hours (or more than five 40-hour workweeks) a year.

Lardner noted, *"Scarcely a decade ago, Americans viewed the work habits of the Japanese with half-horrified awe. Now, according to a recent report by the International Labor Organization, the United States has slipped past Japan to become the longest-working nation in the advanced industrial world. The trans-Atlantic gap has become a chasm, with the average American working the equivalent of an astonishing eight weeks a year longer than the average Western European."*

Not all of the struggles of blue-collar and office workers can be laid at the feet of "free trade" and globalism, but much of what has happened is directly related to the agenda sought by the WTO boosters.

D. THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA AND THE WTO

When desperation sets in, name calling often follows, and that's what happened during the week of WTO meetings and protests. Several cartoons and columnists depicted anti-WTO activists as Volkswagen microbus-owning throwbacks to the '60s. Ironically, many of the big-name national media personalities who lambasted the opponents of globalism were hippie protestors way-back-when until they "saw the light" of the New World Order and hopped on the bandwagon. Ditto for some of America's leading politicians.

One commentator even went so far as to label WTO opponents as "Luddites," invoking the image of English textile workers who smashed new machinery in the early 19th century to protest lower wages and unemployment. The message was obvious: Anyone who had the slightest objection to the WTO agenda was a drooling kook. A December 13 *Newsweek* story even linked Unabomber Ted Kaczynski to opponents of the WTO.

The press deliberately chose to interview protestors who were inexperienced in dealing with the media. When their responses to questions failed to measure up, all anti-WTO picketers were portrayed as simpletons who lacked understanding of the "real issues," which only sophisticated WTO insiders could decide. Why didn't the talking heads take on articulate and media-savvy WTO opponents Pat Buchanan and Ralph Nader?

Anti-WTO forces spent weeks preparing for the event. Dozens of classes and seminars on non-violent protest methods were held prior to the conclave, and organizers did an effective job. Human chains prevented traffic and pedestrians from moving through downtown Seattle, and the first day of meetings on November 2 was canceled. The following day's schedule was also hampered by the presence of protestors.

[ED. NOTE: The media reported that there were 50,000 protestors on hand, but highly reliable observer

this writer talked with said the real number was near 100,000.]

Was downtown Seattle awash in angry looters and violent protestors, as NBC, CBS, ABC and CNN suggested? While some storefronts and windows were damaged by unruly elements, many participants and interested observers wondered if these "anarchists" came to protest the WTO or use the event as an excuse to create havoc.

It is also believed that some of the most violence-prone protestors were "agent provocateurs" brought in by the Clinton/Gore/FBI team which was orchestrating the Seattle police department's response to the demonstrations. There is precedent for this, since some of the most violence-prone members of the militia movement over the past five years have in fact been undercover FBI agents who have apparently wanted to make the militias appear to be more dangerous and radical than they really are.

Many of the picketers engaged in forming human chains, marching through downtown Seattle, waving signs and voicing their opposition to the secretive WTO. These are all traditional non-violent forms of expression. With few exceptions, the anti-WTO crowd conducted themselves in a responsible manner. Even the biased mainstream media acknowledged that the 25,000 union members who held a protest march were well-behaved.

Despite that, some commentators complained that the large number of protestors were preventing WTO delegates from doing their work. Didn't the WTO have the right to hold their meetings in Seattle? Such superficial analysis begged the primary question: What kind of business was the WTO planning to conduct? American delegates who were there to ship even more jobs overseas were possibly engaging in treason, while overseas WTO members could be engaging in hostile activities against the U.S. When people believe they are being ripped off, they often respond in some manner, and that is why almost 100,000 protestors converged on Seattle.

E. THE GLOVES COME OFF: AN EXERCISE IN POLICE STATE BRUTALITY

The business of creating the New World Order can't be delayed by some "dull-witted activists," so the police and other agencies took an aggressive approach to dealing with the large anti-WTO crowd. Pepper spray, tear gas and rubber bullets were repeatedly used on protestors. Others were on the receiving end of a nightstick, and a 50-square block area of downtown was closed off to demonstrators. The aggressive, proactive police assaults on the demonstrators were orchestrated by the Clinton FBI and CIA, which had set up a "response operation" in Seattle 30 days or so before the demonstrations. [ED. NOTE: Shortly after this police response, the Seattle chief of police resigned.]

Were the protestors just getting what they deserved? Those who get their "news" solely from the mainstream

media might think so, but some observers have an entirely different view of the proceedings. On December 8, the Seattle City Council held an eight-hour public hearing on the WTO protests and police activity. More than 100 citizens testified about the gassings and other "crowd control" measures that were employed. Despite the long duration of the meeting, dozens of attendees weren't able to address the council, as the crowd overflowed from a city auditorium.

Council members were clearly touched by the stories of police beatings and tear gassings. "There were some genuine horror stories I heard," said Councilman Jim Compton. "It galvanized my determination to get some answers for what the hell went wrong." Councilman Peter Steinbrueck told the crowd, "This has been absolutely riveting for me...I would have stayed here all night if necessary to listen to you. You've convinced me." Contrary to the lunatic fringe image of anti-WTO protestors that was promoted by the nation media, the Seattle Times noted that the crowd at the meeting represented a typical cross-section of city residents.

1. A PHYSICIAN'S PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THE WTO PROTESTS

Physician Richard DeAndrea attended the WTO protests, and his observations are far different from what the mainstream media reported. "What I saw up here was martial law," declared Dr. DeAndrea. "This turned into a police state. Everything you have seen on television regarding local news broadcasts was a blackout. The police were using concussion grenades. They were shooting tear gas canisters directly at protestors' faces."

He continued, "They [the police] were using so-called rubber bullets. These are actually hard plastic. I saw these plastic bullets take off part of one person's jaw, smashed teeth in other people's mouths. I saw the police arrest people who had their hands up in the air screaming 'We are peacefully protesting.'"

"The amount of looting that took place was so minimal I don't even know where they got the footage...Those are extremely rare cases. I used to believe newspapers were telling the truth. This is a definite sign that America is heading towards a police state unless people start standing up for their rights as individuals."

Dr. DeAndrea's medical skills were tested to the limit. "I did see penetration wounds, I saw people bleeding. I did see teeth loss," he said. "We're treating people in a studio loft downtown. I just treated an ear wound. People have been treated for concussion injuries. There have been people who have been treated for plastic bullet wounds. Lots of tear gas injuries, lots of cornea damage, lots of damage to the eyes and skin. They [the police] were using a pepper spray, tear gas, and they were using some sort of nerve gas. We had reports of many demonstrators winding up with seizures the next day. It causes muscles to cramp up, muscle contractions, seizures.

[ED. NOTE: The various tear gasses or nerve gasses used against the demonstrators were supplied to the police by the Clinton FBI.]

"There were children present, there were families present, they were firing upon families, mothers, grandmothers. They came out in full force. They brought out SWAT teams."

Dr. DeAndrea also spoke about the complete lack of constitutional rights for those arrested. In some ways, it was similar to a WTO tribunal.

"They have done several illegal things regarding these people in jail," he said. "They have been telling them that they would not be let out, nor have their bail set if they didn't give their names. It's their legal right not to give their name. [ED. NOTE: See point #3 in the introduction to this newsletter.]

"Attorneys came up and said, 'We are representing these people.' The police called the attorneys liars. At this point they have refused to let any of them see their clients. A lot of people in there have not gotten medical attention. I have gotten calls from young ladies in there who have had all sorts of emotional problems as well as physical problems."

Want a preview of the globalist society envisioned by the WTO autocrats? This is what might happen to dissenters. "We have video footage of protestors being taken away as well as human rights being violated," Dr. DeAndrea reported. "Prisoners were taken and they were being tortured. There is a case, I believe his name is Holm, Keith Holm. He was tortured because he would not give his name. They smashed his face against the concrete. They grabbed his hair. They were also banging his head against metal objects."

2. ANOTHER EYEWITNESS REPORT FROM SEATTLE

[ED. NOTE: This writer's close friend, Joel Skousen, an intelligence writer and editor of *World Affairs Brief*, wrote the following comments regarding another eyewitness report from Seattle.]

"Here is another key report on the Seattle WTO riots. This is an eyewitness account from a reporter from a small leftist journal. One of the key pieces of evidence that Jim Desyllas mentions is that the government had seeded the protestors with plain clothes agent provocateurs, agitating the crowd and then later arresting protestors. This might also explain the previous statements that police did not attempt to stop or arrest the men in black ski masks who started the original violence and who were looting selected stores."

"One thing is sure — Clinton did more to offend his leftist-liberal support base with his participation in this issue than any other mistake he has made. It is now telegraphing through the leftist grapevine that Clinton and the NWO people are not on their side. It is good to see honest liberals finally waking up to the supreme danger

represented by this global elite. They will never fully understand all the future plans and ramifications as long as they look upon the political right as their enemies, but at least we should be glad for their partial awakening."

COLLATERAL DAMAGE IN SEATTLE

The following report was written by Portland reporter Jim Desyllas:

I just spent four days in Seattle. The "information" people are getting from the mass media is false. [ED. NOTE: It's called "disinformation."] This was not, as President Clinton claims, a peaceful protest marred by the actions of violent protestors. This was a massive, strong but peaceful demonstration which was attacked repeatedly by the police with the express purpose of provoking a violent response to provide photo opportunities for the Western media. I know because I watched it happening. I'll tell you how they did it.

As Michel Chossudovsky says in his *"Disarming the New World Order,"* the government put a lot of effort into making sure the protestors in Seattle were a "loyal opposition" who wanted to reform the WTO, not get rid of it. But the people in Seattle — American steel workers, Canadian postal workers, college kids from all over, environmentalists from Australia — you name it — were not for reforming the WTO. They were for getting rid of it.

And this wasn't just true of the protestors. I interviewed delegates. None of them had anything favorable to say about the WTO. Two delegates from the Caribbean were angry about job loss. One delegate from Peru took a bullhorn and got up on a car and spoke to the protestors against the World Trade Organization. He said it hurts the workers and farmers. I interviewed a Norwegian guy from Greenpeace. Totally against it.

Even a delegate from Holland said it had hurt the farmers there. He said though it is supposedly democratic, that's actually a lie: the U.S., England and Canada and a few others get together and decide what they want to do. Then they ask the rest of the countries to vote and if they vote wrong they threaten, "You won't get loans," or whatever. They get them to do what they want by blackmailing them. The Italians who were interviewed were upset, too. I couldn't find any delegates who were in favor.

So the government instigated a "riot" to discredit the movement against the WTO because they couldn't dilute it. I am not guessing about this. I was there. I saw it happening. And I will tell you I am frankly shocked to see, close up, just how little our leaders care what happens to ordinary people. Clinton can pose and speak a lot of flowery stuff but the truth is — we are nothing to them. I saw this with my own eyes.

Sunday and Monday, there was no violence. None. The people were aggressively non-violent; they were self-policing. Up until Tuesday at 4 p.m. there was one window broken in the whole city — a McDonald's win-

dow. This compares favorably to the typical rock concert, let alone a demonstration of people who were non-violently barring entry to the World Trade Center!

At this point, a new group of police — tactical police — moved in and started gassing people and shooting rubber bullets. Is it any surprise that people got mad? Of course, the young kids hit back by breaking some windows in retaliation for being gassed, sprayed with very painful pepper gas, and shot with dangerous "rubber" bullets. The police instigated these kids, plain and simple.

Sunday and Monday they had young cops, using them to block the streets. These were trainees. But Tuesday they had the real cops; none of them were young. They were trained to attack people. A small group, maybe 100 people total, struck back. Then these cops herded that group around the city, making sure there were plenty of photo ops of "violent protestors." A number of times they had these 100 or so protestors caught between buildings and walls of police.

They could easily have arrested and detained this small number of people and gotten it over with. Instead they would gas them and let them go. Then trap them again, gas them again, and again let them go. The cops made no arrests that I know of until late Tuesday night though the skirmishing was going on from 3:00 till 9:30 p.m. The cops would blockade three or five blocks of an area, give the angry kids room to operate, keep gassing them — when you gas a person, let me tell you, it gets them fighting mad.

Tuesday night the police gassed all of downtown. This was going on from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Gas everywhere. The kids broke a few windows — McD's, Starbucks — small stuff — burned a few garbage cans. The police were using these people as extras. It was staged. I believe also the police had their own people in there, encouraging people to break stuff — if people think I may be exaggerating, I saw supposed protestors — they were screaming and so on — and then later, when everything was over, the same people tackled other protestors and put handcuffs on them.

At 6 p.m. they issued a State of Emergency. At that point they had pushed the 100 people outside the city limits, so the police went outside the limits, too, and they started gassing that area too, gassing the neighborhoods where the regular people live. I am not exaggerating. The police were relentless. This was in an area from the city limits for about 10 blocks to the Seattle Central Community College. If you were alive, the police gassed you. People coming back from work, kids, women, everyone.

People would go out of their houses to see what was happening because these tear gas guns sounded like a cannon — and they would get gassed. A block away there was a Texaco gas station — they threw tear gas at gas pumps, believe it or not — they were like vandals. They gassed a bus, I saw it with my own eyes. A bus. The driver, the riders, the people just abandoned it.

I was sitting in a little coffee shop. They were shooting "rubber" bullets at the glass. I picked up a dozen of the things in a few square feet. They were also shooting this paint that you can only see with a florescent light. They would paint anyone and everyone and then go hunting them.

Anyway, because they were gassing everybody, the local people got mad, too, and they joined the 100 who had been herded out of the city. Soon there were 500 including the neighborhood people and all very angry. Naturally. Because they had been gassed and hit with pepper spray, that stuff does a number on you. And shot with these damn bullets. Then people set up barricades at Seattle Central Community College. The cops organized themselves for about an hour and then moved in and gassed that area.

Today they started mass arrests. That was because Clinton — the Greeks call him the Planitarchis, Ruler of the World — was coming, weeping crocodile tears about how he just loves peaceful protest. Of course you'd have to be two years old to believe he had nothing to do with the police action. This whole thing, this police attack, this was U.S. foreign police, not some action decided by some bureaucrat in Seattle. This was the State Department.

They wanted to discredit the people. The thing that drove Clinton crazy was that on Tuesday the protestors had succeeded in making nonviolent human chains and had therefore stopped everyone from going into the World Trade Center. Only maybe 27 delegates got through, mostly U.S. and British. There were what seemed like tens of thousands of protestors involved. So the police did their gassing number against these nonviolent people to break up the human chains and make the protestors look violent.

Today (Wednesday) I followed the union protest put together by the Longshoremen's Union. They went down to the docks and had a rally, then marched to Third Avenue. As soon as they got there, the cops started gassing them. There was an old lady there. She had gone downtown by bus to buy something. This lady was in her 70s and I saw her trying to run, but she couldn't breathe. She was in shock, I carried her to a building entryway. She was gasping, terrified. She had been in Germany, and it was like she was having flashbacks. The tear gas sounds like gunfire and there were helicopters overhead, sirens, cops on horses, everything.

They had clearly made a decision to destroy this movement. So, anyway, there I was with her in this building and she wanted to go to the hospital but there was tear gas everywhere and I was afraid if I tried to move her she'd be gassed again. I went to this line of cops and begged — I mean begged — these riot police to help her. They ignored me.

A girl told me later that a one year old had been gassed. And I myself saw a girl no more than 18 — a cop had busted her lip wide open — she was bleeding — and then they gassed everyone including her. After

that she was kneeling on the ground crying like a baby and praying for 15 minutes, "Hail Mary, Hail Mary." Over and over. She was in a state of shock. They just gassed these people who were sitting down non-violently and doing nothing. Nothing.

At one point the Seattle Mayor said his boys were not using rubber bullets. Miraculously, by then I had 10 in my pocket. I could open a little market, sell the things. They are everywhere. I and other people started giving them to delegates and stuff. "See what they're doing? They're shooting 'rubber' bullets and lying about it." We showed them to the media. I guess enough people and the media got the information because the Mayor made a new statement then that they were using them. As if he hadn't known.

They shot rubber bullets from four feet away into the face of a guy next to me, broke all his front teeth. When that happened I lost it. I forgot I was supposed to be getting the news for all of you and I started yelling at the cops, "What the hell is wrong with You? Are you sick, man?" So this cop aimed his gun right at me. That was his answer. So I first put my hands in front of my face because I didn't want to lose my teeth. And then I thought, to hell with it. I was wearing my target shirt that said "Collateral Damage," you know? With a bullseye target, like they wore during the bombing in Yugoslavia. And I told this guy, "Go ahead, shoot! Here! Here's the target!" He didn't shoot me.

I want to emphasize, these protestors were not violent people. They were the most non-violent people I have ever seen. Even when I was screaming at the cop, this girl came up to me and said, "Do not scream. This is non-violent." These people were too much to believe. They must meditate all the time, I don't know.

Clinton said he supports non-violent protest. That is baloney. Today (Wednesday) the protestors were causing absolutely no "trouble." In downtown the cops had people running who weren't even protestors — like that old lady or just people going to work or shopping — everyone was getting gassed. The busses weren't running because of the gas. I was lucky to catch one with a driver who could still see. I begged him to drive the old lady home — the driver changed his route especially for her. If you want to find human decency, stay away from the Planitarchis. Go to the regular people. They have some. The Planitarchis (i.e., Clinton) lost all his years ago. Now he wouldn't know human decency if it came up and bit him.

So now I have made personal acquaintance with the people who run this country, and they are quite simply scum. There were people at work, people with babies, they were all getting gassed because the government would not allow an assembly of people speaking their minds. It is the same as what happened in Athens. Clinton's requirements on the Greek government created the riot and he did the same thing here.

And then he says he supports nonviolent protest? How? By shooting rubber bullets? And today they outlawed gas masks. They want to make sure everyone gets his money's worth. Today, just like last night, the police were in the residential neighborhoods. People in cafes were getting gassed and shot at, you could hear it on the windows, bang, bang, bang. A guy trying to cross the street to go to his house got gassed.

First a drunk guy outside a bar yelled at the cops, "Get out of here!" So they gassed him. And then this other guy was just crossing the street to go home so the cops figured, might as well gas him, too. People got gassed for coming out of restaurants and bars and coffee shops. I'm amazed that nobody died who had asthma or something. Or maybe somebody did die and they didn't talk about it. I mean after all, it's just "Collateral Damage." [End of Jim Desyllas report.]

CONCLUSION

Even ardent WTO backers admit that their organization suffered overwhelming image problems in the wake of Seattle. What the Establishment media has failed to report is that this wasn't the first vocal protest against the globalist group. Other well-attended demonstrations have taken place in Europe, and several other anti-WTO rallies were held in other U.S. cities while the police raged in Seattle.

As a result of the failed WTO conference, the United Nations was exposed as a driving force for one-world government, and George Bush's "New World Order" suffered the same fate. The WTO sought an identical goal through secret councils of insider politicians and corporate chiefs, but it has also been held up to public scrutiny.

Whether the World Trade Organization keeps its original name or morphs into a slightly different form, we haven't heard the last from the "free trade" pushers. Look for their next major meeting to be held in a city that delights in brutal treatment of protestors and has the high-priced hotel suites and gourmet restaurants sought by the elite. Singapore or Hong Kong, anyone?

The police state response by the Seattle police, who were coopted by the FBI and CIA, could be a preview of coming attractions if (or when) Y2K-related social upheaval eventuates in the first and second quarters of 2000. Was Seattle a test run, a practice exercise in crowd control orchestrated by the Clinton administration? It appears that it was! In any case, it was an excellent illustration of the police state which is emerging in America in action!

III. WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS: BEHOLD A RED HORSE

As MIA has discussed in a number of issues over the past few years, Russia and Red China (which, along with the radical Islamic states, make up the "New Axis" — reminiscent of the World War II axis powers, Germany and Japan) are preparing to fight and win a nuclear war

with America sometime in the coming decade. Both countries, via intensive espionage, traitors high up in the Clinton administration and massive U.S. computer/nuclear/high-tech transfers, are building up their nuclear forces in preparation for an attack on the U.S.

Just as Japan and Germany spent a decade building up the world's most formidable war machine, and then unleashed it on America and its allies at the onset of World War II, so the Russians and Red Chinese are making massive preparations at this writing — while at the same time milking America for all the financial and high-tech aid they can get. And Bill Clinton and his comrades are doing everything in their power to aid and abet this military buildup while concurrently undermining America's military strength.

The consequences of our present insane policies are that America is going to find itself in increasing danger over the next one to three to five years. Is that why the federal government has built 40 (or so) underground bunkers for government officials at a cost of almost \$5 billion? Are they expecting a crisis much larger than Y2K?

The following article by Chuck Missler, from his October '99 *Personal Update*, is worth pondering: As we approach the new millennium, we face the potential for unprecedented turbulence on our near horizon. Whether we focus on the caldron of the Middle East, the instability and preparations for war in Russia, the rise of China as a superpower, the emergence of the European Superstate, or the dissipation of the resources of America, it appears to be naive to expect smooth sailing over the coming decade.

Jesus warned us that there would one day be "*wars and rumors of wars...*" and that "*nation would rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom...*" As we continue our series reviewing "*The Five Horsemen of the Apocalypse*," we now turn to the Red Horseman:

"And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword," Revelation 6:3-4.

A. TRENDS IN MODERN WARFARE

Ever since the gunpowder revolution of the 16th and 17th centuries led to the emergence of the nation-states, the economies of scale in violence have steadily increased. The mercenary armies of the 16th century rarely exceeded 20,000 to 30,000 men; in the 17th century they doubled and in the 18th century they tripled. In the 19th century the trend continued: in the Civil War (1861-1865), over 600,000 federal troops were mobilized.

The 20th century was the bloodiest in history. In World War I, over 63,000,000 men were mobilized and at least 8,500,000 killed. In World War II, the total mobilized was about 107,000,000. (Battle casualties don't

include over 100 million killed by Stalin and Hitler in death camps or their equivalent.)

The 21st century will increase technology for destruction. Beyond the atomic bombs of World War II, which still dealt with only "point targets," the thermonuclear bombs of the present are "wide area" weapons. Furthermore, today an intercontinental ballistic missile can reach anywhere in the world in less time than it takes to read this news journal; from a satellite orbit, it is only a matter of a few minutes. Casualties of a full-scale nuclear exchange have been estimated to be over half of the population. (Such an exchange seems to be hinted at in Ezekiel 38:22 and 39:6.)

[ED. NOTE: A limited Russian/Chinese nuclear first strike against a dozen or so key U.S. military targets would probably kill about 20% of the U.S. population, but would leave another 30% seriously or terminally radiated.]

Notice the technology that is implied in Jesus' warning: "*And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened,*" Matthew 24:22.

Did the requisite technology for this prophecy exist prior to our present nuclear age?

B. PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT WAR

We don't like to think about the unthinkable. However, "*If you don't look the facts in the face, they have a way of stabbing you in the back,*" said Winston Churchill.

Our present geopolitical horizon is a virtual caldron waiting to boil over. Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Egypt continue to arm for another confrontation with Israel; who no longer has a nuclear monopoly in the Middle East, and our current policies continue to eliminate her conventional options. The increasing instability in Russia also appears to be positioning for potential confrontations and intrigues in the Middle East.

C. RUSSIAN PREPARATIONS

In the last two years, Russia has commissioned a new aircraft carrier, the *Admiral Kuznetsov*, commissioned the largest ballistic missile cruiser in the history of the world, the *Peter the Great*; begun construction of the 5th generation of Borei class of ballistic missile submarines with ultra-modern hull, beginning with the *Yuri Dolgoruki*; begun construction of the new Severodvinsk class of nuclear attack submarines; refitted all Typhoon class ballistic missile submarines with upgrades of the SS-N-24/6 missile; and developed a new stealth bomber. Russia's new submarines are larger and quieter than anything western navies can put to sea, according to Admiral Jeremy Boorda's assessment before Congress, before he very strangely committed suicide.

The Air Force's National Intelligence Center concluded in a recent report to Congress that even with its

social and economic problems. Russia still retains "the largest force of land-based strategic missiles in the world."

[ED. NOTE: In recent months Russian and Chinese leaders, including Boris Yeltsin, have made veiled threats to use nukes against America if we threatened their interests. On 10/25/99, the *Drudge Report* wrote in an article entitled: "*Russia Threatens U.S. Over National Missile Defense System*": "*The Russian military on Monday hurled fighting words at the United States over her pursuit to create and implement a national anti-ballistic missile system, Tuesday's Washington Post is reporting.*"

"The Post's David Hoffman writes that Russia's first deputy defense minister Nikolai Mikhailov told reporters that 'our arsenal has such technical capabilities' to 'overcome' any anti-missile defenses. 'This technology can realistically be used and will be used if the United States pushes us toward it.'

"According to Hoffman, the Russian strategy to overcome America's ABM system would be to 'deploy more nuclear warheads atop its missiles, in the calculation that it could outnumber and penetrate any defense shield.' Mikhailov warned that Russian nuclear warheads could reach any U.S. ABM facility."]

The Department of Defense estimates that Russia would need only to fire about 15% of its ICBMs to destroy 65-85% of U.S. silos. Russia's ICBMs are in harder silos and on mobile launchers, making them less vulnerable to an American counterattack.

Russia is also preparing ambitious underground facilities. The development at Yamantau Mountain complex presently underway is an underground city about the size of the Washington Beltway and employs over 60,000 construction workers. And Russia continues to practice preemptive nuclear strikes against the United States:

- **February 21, 1997:** Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin "was at the Odinstovo nuclear command center, overseeing an exercise whose assignment was 'to destroy the U.S. in less than an hour.'"
- **September 1997:** Three day exercise, included test firing ICBMs, submarine-launched missiles, and bomber-launched cruise missiles.
- **April 1998:** Russia's Strategic bomber forces carried out simulated nuclear bombing raids against the United States in an exercise that included test firings of long-range cruise missiles.
- **October 1998:** Russia's Strategic Rocket Forces practiced a mock nuclear attack, firing an ICBM at the U.S., coordinated with the Russian Strategic bomber force.

And they continue ever more frequently. I'm told that now they occur so often that we no longer even go on alert when these "practice exercises" occur.

D. CHINA

The emergence of China as a major superpower is another dominant factor in the strategic lineup of the next several decades. China is also preparing for a war with the United States that it believes is inevitable. Out of the 18 CSS-4 long-range ICBMs, 13 are presently targeted against the United States.

According to the Cox Report to Congress, virtually all of our most deeply classified programs have been compromised through espionage, including the W-88, our most advanced warhead, the Lagrangian equations (which permit nuclear development without testing), the EMP technology (electromagnetic pulses which can disable all microcircuits in a region from a high altitude nuclear detonation); and the neutron bomb (which can destroy people without damaging real estate).

According to Larry Klayman of Judicial Watch, illegal bribes and campaign contributions (commonly known as "Chinagate") virtually funded the last several elections and have treasonously compromised the current administration up to and including the highest offices in the land.

On December 31, 1999, China takes over the Panama Canal, a major strategic logistic asset over which we fought several wars and for which many have died. [ED. NOTE: On November 30, President Clinton slipped, and admitted that Red China would be running the Panama Canal. Asked by a reporter, "You're not worried about the Chinese controlling the Panama Canal," Clinton replied, "I think the Chinese will in fact be bending over backwards to make sure that they run it in a competent and fair manner. They will want to demonstrate to a distant part of the world that they can be a responsible partner. And I would be surprised if any adverse consequences flowed from the Chinese running the canal."]

E. AMERICA'S PREPAREDNESS?

What is equally disturbing is the current exposure of the United States. (Critics would call it "*reckless endangerment of the American people.*")

President Clinton has overseen the destruction of two-thirds of America's nuclear weapons stockpile. He has also declared that America will no longer attempt to deter a missile strike upon a launch by Russia; our doctrine is to sustain a first strike before attempting retaliation. This appears not only foolish, but an invitation to disaster.

Our troop levels have been slashed over 30%; our remaining battle troops are diffused throughout the Middle East, Bosnia, South Korea and elsewhere. Budgets have been cut, with even remaining funds diverted to social programs, etc. Our cruise missile inventory is virtually depleted. The Navy has decommissioned almost half its ships: 600 (1991) to 336 today (the lowest level since 1938). Our "Open Skies" policy now permits Russian and Chinese planes to fly over and photograph U.S. military bases. Is America ripe for God's judgment?

CONCLUSION

It clearly is a time for intensive spiritual preparation for all of us. We know not what the coming year will bring, but to assume that it will be "smooth sailing" would appear incredibly naive. We strongly urge all of our subscribers and supporters to commit themselves to a personal program of serious study and prayerful preparation for the potential clouds on our current horizon. It can be an unparalleled opportunity for ministry for those who are prepared. *"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished," Proverbs 22:3 (27:12).* [End of Missler article.]

[ED. NOTE: Chuck Missler's excellent *Personal Update* can be subscribed to by writing to: Koinonia House, P.O. Box D, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-0317 (\$20 per year).]

IV. THE WORLD IN BRIEF

ECONOMIC BRIEFS:

- Alan Greenspan has allowed \$70 billion in cash to flood the U.S. monetary system in recent weeks and has created something called a "repo option." These options could leave the monetary system awash in another \$426 billion in additional emergency cash in the next few weeks. This all adds up to the biggest Fed credit expansion in world history.
- Now, with the Fed and virtually every central bank in the known universe creating credit and printing (yes, actually printing) currency with reckless abandon for potential Y2K problems, gold is falling. Official and Wall Street manipulation of the gold market is back in high gear — providing an excellent buying opportunity. [ED. NOTE: In the coming financial collapse, the gold bears will lose control and gold prices should soar.]
- Greenspan has allowed the biggest expansion of money supply in Fed history. \$194 billion has been created the past 13 weeks, a record. Instead of pumping like crazy after a system problem, Al pumps record amounts in anticipation of problems. He will be excoriated by history.
- For the 126 years prior to the Fed's creation in 1913, cumulative inflation was 17%. Since 1913, cumulative inflation is 975%. So much for the hoax of an inflation-fighting Fed.
- Workers who are in the U.S. illegally are entitled to back pay and other remedies if they have been discriminated against by their employers, according to guidelines issued by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.
- Nobel laureate economist Paul Samuelson says the Fed should consider tightening interest rates because the stock market is a bubble. Samuelson warned the major danger spot for the U.S. economy is a bursting of the stock market bubble.
- More of the vast conspiracy against gold is revealed in *Barron's Commodities Corner*. With the exception of Ashanti, no gold producer got a margin call on their gigantic (losing) shorts when gold exploded. Thus, they didn't have to cover, so gold fell. When operators became aware of this dubious rig, they returned to pummel gold. *Barron's* says when gold exploded, *"many banks simply became more exposed as they lent the companies more money."*
- *"The average family has no financial security in the event of a job loss or other financial crisis. I talk with these people everyday. They are educated, intelligent Christians who live on the brink of financial disaster. Why? Because that's how they have been taught.*
"They borrowed tens of thousands of dollars to go to college, more thousands on credit cards to entertain while they were in college, and multiple thousands more to get established after graduation." — Larry Burkett
- The lunacy of paying hefty sums for high tech stocks of small, money-losing ventures continues unabated. On December 9, the initial public offering of VA Linux Systems soared more than 700% from \$30 a share to a NASDAQ close of \$242.375.
"Internet mania reached new levels of frenzy today as investors paid huge sums on an initial public offering, giving a market value of almost \$10 billion to a tiny company with powerful competitors, little revenue and no potential earnings in the foreseeable future," wrote *New York Times* financial reporter Lawrence M. Fisher about VA Linux's unprecedented one-day run.
- A number of other high tech stocks have given new meaning to the word "speculative." In the past year, software maker Corel has bounced between \$2 and \$39.75 a share. Linux distributor Red Hat debuted August 11, 1999 with an initial public offering at \$16.50 a share. Four months later, Red Hat was trading for \$287.50 a share.
The September 11, 1999 IPO of Foundry Networks was \$156.25 a share. It quickly leaped to \$525 before falling back to \$258 a share. Cobalt Networks had a November 5, 1999 IPO of \$128.50 a share. It went to \$484 and fell back to \$140.94 within a month.
- *"It used to be a disgrace to go bankrupt. Now it's a useful contrivance. It's a strange world."* — Alastair Cooke

MORAL/SPIRITUAL BRIEFS:

- A bi-partisan *U.S. News & World Report* poll shows 56% of Americans rate President Clinton as having the lowest moral standards of all modern presidents. Nixon got 14%. 64% feel Clinton's scandal and impeachment will have some kind of negative effect on the U.S.' moral fiber. 61% believe children will have less respect for the presidency.
- Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered an investigation at major U.S. military bases to determine if ho-

mossexuals in uniform are being harassed and driven from the armed forces.

EDUCATION BRIEFS:

- A new computerized screening program, MOSAIC 2000, designed to anticipate threatening or violent behavior by students, and rating each child on a violence scale of 1 to 10, will begin field trials this month in about 25 school districts across the United States. [ED. NOTE: Big Brother's total surveillance society has arrived in U.S. public education.]

MEDICAL BRIEFS:

- The Pentagon said it was delaying the planned vaccination of all 2.4 million active and reserve U.S. troops against the deadly anthrax disease until the government approves a new facility built to produce the vaccine. But officials stressed that troops being sent to South Korea and the Gulf would continue to get anthrax immunization shots.
- Smoking marijuana can cause cancer, California researchers have said, and aging baby boomers who have been indulging since the swinging '60s may just be starting to feel its ravages.
- *"In 50 years as a doctor, I have seen too much: the wrong breast operated on; the emergency situation botched by the physician who tried to handle it over the telephone; and I have seen indifference, duplicity and cover-ups shield incompetence and carelessness."* — Dr. Joseph Wilder on the tens of thousands of deaths caused by medical errors each year.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that states report HIV cases with a name or identifying code in order to better track the disease.
- A nationwide shortage of a powerful form of penicillin is now becoming critical. Manufacture of Penicillin G (which is given intravenously) slowed quietly last spring when a leading manufacturer shut down operations. A second drug, Cefazolin, is also produced from the same manufacturer. Pharmacies are running out of the drug and new supplies are harder and harder to find.

SECOND AMENDMENT BRIEFS:

- The United Nations defines small arms as weapons designed for personal use, and they account for virtually every kind of firearm from revolvers, pistols, rifles, carbines and light machine guns. The UN (along with the Clinton Administration and the political left in America) wants all such firearms in the hands of the public banned.
- California officials say there has been a boom in firearms sales across the state at a rate of 2,070 a day before new gun control law takes effect. Semiautomatic rifles with detachable ammunition magazines

have been particularly popular, gun sellers say. Licensed firearms dealers reported selling at least 91,089 handguns, rifles and shotguns between November 1 and December 14, the state Department of Justice said. At least 52,021 were sold during the same period last year.

- The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago may vote on a resolution for members to rid their homes of firearms. There is no means of enforcement if the resolution passes. In recent years, the denomination has shown itself to be very anti-Second Amendment and very pro-homosexual and ecumenical.
- The Ft. Worth Fire Department has issued a citation to a national military surplus distributor, Cheaper Than Dirt, Inc., after prohibiting the company from stocking bulk amounts of small arms ammunition — even though city fire codes actually allow it.
- Los Angeles is considering ending the sale of all bullets. The ammunition ban would exempt police officers.
- The rate at which Americans are killed by guns has declined 21% since peaking in 1993.

POLICE STATE BRIEFS:

- A sixth grader was walking back to class from lunch when a Deputy said the boy "*purposely stomped in the water*" after being told numerous times by school personnel to stay with the group and out of the rain. He didn't, and at that point, the deputy took the young man to a school office where the boy was cuffed, put in a patrol car and taken to jail.
- As the National Security Agency's secretive international spy network Echelon comes under scrutiny in Congress in January, Americans may be facing another threat to their privacy in the form of newly developed commercial satellites that collect live video images from space — and sell those images to whoever pays the price.
- The Supreme Court is reviewing a federal appeals court decision that could all but overturn the 1966 Miranda decision. Miranda calls for police to tell anyone they arrest of their Constitutional right to remain silent and other important rights.

TERRORISM BRIEFS:

- Investigators believe 750 lbs. of ammonium nitrate (the main ingredient in the 4,800 pound device used to blow up the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995), 225 lbs. of dynamite, 6,000 ft. of detonation cord and several blasting caps were stolen from an Arizona rock quarry in mid-December '99.
- Ahmed Ressam, 32, originally of Algeria, was caught trying to flee U.S. Customs agents at the Canadian border. Packed into the spare tire well of Ressam's

rental car, agents said they found nitroglycerine, watches, circuit boards and more than 100 pounds of potential bomb-making material. His arrest sparked fears of plans of widespread terrorism to coincide with millennial New Year celebrations. Security at U.S. borders has been tightened. Officials are concerned Ressaym may have been only one of many couriers, part of a plan to assemble a bigger bomb or bombs.

- The United States will station an aircraft carrier off the Australian coast to deter terrorist attacks during next year's Sydney Olympic Games.

NEW WORLD ORDER BRIEFS:

- Striving to give the European Union its own military, EU foreign ministers agreed on a plan to create a rapid-reaction force of up to 60,000 troops with air and naval support within four years.

"This time we are really there; what so long seemed a mirage has become a reality," Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine of France said. Working with Britain, France has led the way in convincing the other 13 EU member states to take on an independent military role.

- *"GM is off to an unexpectedly smooth start in its ambitious campaign to conquer [Red] China's car market. The company will sell about 20,000 Buicks this year, double its own projections and those of outside analysts.*

"Emboldened by its success, GM plans to roll out a new minivan next week, extending its product line."
— The New York Times, December 9, 1999. [ED. NOTE: Meanwhile, Buick is closing plants in Flint, Michigan. Will Red Chinese-made Buicks be sold in America one day?]

TECHNOLOGY BRIEFS:

- Computer Associates and other antivirus software companies said W95.Babylonia is the first "extensible worm" computer virus of its kind and attacks users of Internet Relay chat (IRC) rooms.

Y2K BRIEFS:

- *"There are serious doubts that the 55,000 drinking water utilities and the 16,000 publicly owned wastewater facilities in the United States will be well prepared for Y2K,"* said a report by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Center for Y2K & Society. The report said fewer than half of the drinking water utilities had completed all phases of Y2K preparations. Since the report did not predict which water suppliers may be disrupted by Y2K, the center recommended households store 10 gallons of water per person for the date change, or enough to last 10 days.
- Y2K study says water utilities not ready for 2000. The report said fewer than half of the drinking water utilities had completed all phases of Y2K preparations, including contingency planning and testing as

of June, 1999, the date of the last industry survey. Only 14% of wastewater plants had wrapped up the repair phase of their Y2K programs, the report said, citing the most recent survey of the Association of Metropolitan Sewage Agencies.

The report faulted the industries and government for botched reporting of water facilities' readiness for Y2K, a design flaw that could trip up older automated systems when computer clocks roll from 1999 to 2000. *"Official White House and congressional reports have misinterpreted a key utility readiness survey because the wording of the survey results was unintelligible,"* said Erik Olson, senior attorney for public health at the Resources Defense Council, a private advocacy group in Washington. Water services could be disrupted in several ways by computer tangles, including overtreated or undertreated tap water and a loss of water pressure.

The General Accounting Office, the audit and investigative arm of Congress, also warned of the danger of *"an overflow of untreated sewage into public waterways,"* the report said. The watchdog groups also said the noncompliance was omitted from the "President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion" report, which oversaw the government's Y2K preparations. In November the President's Council said, *"Most drinking water and wastewater systems have the ability to convert to manual operations when automated processes are disrupted."*

- The city of Atlanta is *"terminally behind schedule, disorganized, leaderless and secretive"* in its battle to beat the Y2K bug, says James McCullough, a top member of Georgia's Citizens Y2K Task Force.
- McCullough recently wrote in a memo: *"In my professional opinion, Atlanta's Year 2000 Program is being poorly managed, months behind schedule, and is not taking the necessary actions to improve the chances of any real success."*
- Investors worried about computer problems in the new millennium began pulling out of the Tokyo stock market December 10, pushing share prices lower.
- The Bank of Israel has doubled the amount of cash it will allow into circulation for the transition into 2000, although it says it does not expect major banking system problems.
- About half a million senior citizens in Washington state and Idaho received statements from the Social Security Administration with incorrect Social Security numbers printed on them.
- Tampa-area grocery stores say they're preparing for 2000 in much the same way they get ready for a storm: by stocking up on the basics.
- Like it or not, each and every one of you has kicked in \$365 to inoculate the country against the millennium bug.
- We're already seeing some evidence of cash hoarding. The amount of money in circulation of rising at its

fastest pace this decade as demand for dollars among Americans and foreigners heats up.

- The Bank of Canada has almost quadrupled its cash reserves as a contingency against Y2K problems and the money has been disbursed across the country.
- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is estimating that a desire by consumers to fill up their gas tanks as a Y2K precaution could increase demand by an amount nearly equal to all the gasoline consumed on one day in the U.S.
- Israel's top secret Dimona nuclear reactor in the Negev desert is to shut down for two days over the New Year to avoid possible Y2K glitches.
- Thai foreign exchange trading dwindled with the approach of the new year as banks and their clients avoided doing business for fear of computer problems caused by the millennium bug.
- Direct word from customers, and circulating (Wall) Street rumors had many institutions under executive order to have all trading for 1999 completed on a settlement basis before 12/31/99, in order to avoid possible Y2K problems.

POLITICAL BRIEFS:

- *"At the beginning of the Clinton Administration there were 21 major defense contractors and over 5,000 American sub-contractors. Now there are only five major contractors (Boeing, Raytheon, Litton Industries, Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman) and less than 1,000 American sub-contractors. This is not simply merger-mania, or free market downsizing. I believe there has been a concerted plan by the Clinton Administration to not only disarm America, but to make sure that the infrastructure no longer exists to rise again." — Joel Skousen*
- New evidence from radar data and analysis on the crash of TWA Flight 800 is *"as convincing as a fingerprint in a murder case"* that a missile, according to an independent investigator, brought down the plane.
- The White House is ordering a one-year study of the feasibility of online voting as part of an initiative to harness the Internet for more than just shopping, *USA Today* reported. [ED. NOTE: If you think elections are easy to steal now, wait till they can be conducted on the Internet!]
- The latest controversial issue to emerge in the president's "strategic partnership" with Red China is the scheduled deployment of U.S. Special Forces soldiers — SEALs, Delta Force, Green Berets and Marine Force Recon — to mainland China in an effort to train alongside the People's Liberation Army's own Special Forces, and moreover, to train the PLA's regular infantry.

"The U.S. Special Forces troops are what I would call 'Ronin,'" said Master Fang in an interview with WorldNetDaily. Master Fang has been training PLA Special Forces since 1990. "The Ronin were Japanese Samurai who lost their master. Without a master to fight for, they committed suicide. As your president is so hated by his own military servants, the Special Forces of America have by default turned into Ronin."

- A previously unreported secret congressional investigation reveals that America will soon face a new "dirty" war in Panama involving China, Cuba and Russia.
- About 600 members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia launched an attack on the Pacific coast town of Jurado in late December. U.S. military authorities are worried that guerrillas could launch attacks inside Panama and even on the canal itself once America's withdrawal is complete.
- Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter symbolically placed the Panama Canal into Panamanian hands with the simple words, *"it's yours,"* granting the tiny Central American nation sovereignty over all its territory for the first time since its birth in 1903.
- Panama has no armed forces and analysts say its civilian police are ill-equipped to cope alone.
- Don't trust the Republicans: Illinois Governor George Ryan is pushing for even tighter gun control measures. Illinois already ranks among the most anti-Second Amendment states.
- Don't trust the Republicans, Part II: In the recently held San Francisco mayor's race, the local GOP establishment endorsed incumbent winner and ultra-leftist Willie Brown, who was running against slightly more left-wing and openly homosexual challenger Tom Ammiano. A long-time supporter of all things socialistic, Brown has often billed himself as *"the most pro-gay politician in America."* Why do the Republicans feel a need to endorse somebody in such a situation?
- *"Only in San Francisco would a mayor who has increased the city workforce by 4,000 and the city budget by \$1 billion be regarded as the conservative in a two-way runoff."* — *The San Francisco Chronicle*
- George W. Bush admitted that his views on trade with Red China are very similar to Bill Clinton's.
- *"President Clinton tells friends he'd love to run for a third term next year. He knows the 22nd Amendment makes that impossible, but says it's a shame he has to leave office."* — Kenneth T. Walsh, *U.S. News & World Report*, December 20, 1999

GEO-POLITICAL BRIEFS:

- Some Russian analysts say the military may be planning to use fuel vapor bombs, which can suffocate

people in underground shelters, against the people of Grozny.

- Hong Kong: Chinese authorities have decided to close about 200 local newspapers to re-assert control over a press they believe has strayed too far from the official line.
- Israeli researchers have discovered design flaws that allow the descrambling of supposedly private conversations carried by hundreds of millions of wireless phones. A PC with 128 MB of RAM and large hard drives can penetrate the security of a phone call or data transmission in less than one second.
- Russia and Belarus signed a treaty to create joint political bodies and an eventual currency union.
- The U.S. government says it has "*credible information*" that millennial celebrations around the world could be targets of terrorist attacks, and is telling all Americans to take precautions. The warning, issued by the U.S. State Department as a "*global travel advisory*" notice, said attacks "*could be planned for locations...where large gatherings and celebrations will be taking place.*"
- Russia rattled its saber again. Gen. Vladimir Yakovlev announced in late December that the Russians recently combat-activated 10 advanced Topol-M ICBMs. They are reportedly 150-200% more accurate than comparable U.S. ICBMs. Wonder who they're aimed at? Didn't Clinton tell us that for the first time in decades no Russian nukes are aimed at the U.S.? — Doug Gamble, *LA Times*
- Is the Cold War over? Russian diplomat Stanislav Borisovich Grusev has been expelled from the U.S. after he was caught bugging the top floor of the State Department building. The room that was bugged is often used for high-level discussions.
- "*Li Peng, chairman of China's National People's Congress, secretly visited an Israeli aircraft factory to see a reconnaissance plane that Israel is building for China in defiance of Washington's request to halt the project.*
"The aircraft contains an advanced Israeli-made radar system that reportedly can detect stealth aircraft and cruise missiles." — *The Australian*, December 3, 1999
- In an article entitled: "*Nuke Technology Sent to Russia Accidentally — NASA 'Erroneously' Authorized Export of Radiation-Hardened Electronic Parts,*" WorldNetDaily (11/24/99) wrote: "*The National Aeronautics and Space Administration 'erroneously authorized the export of radiation-hardened electronic parts to Russia' — components vital for military satellites and nuclear weapons — according to the General Accounting Office's review of export controls over the multi-billion-dollar joint U.S./Russia International Space Station.*"

- *USA Today* (11/1/99), citing U.S. intelligence sources, reports that five top Saudi businessmen continue to transfer tens of millions to terrorist Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden reportedly plans to strike the U.S. with a weapon of mass destruction (NBC weapon). Clinton and Company have portrayed bin Laden as a primary foe of the U.S. The *USA Today* story says the money being transferred is 'protection money.' The money was transferred from a bank headed by Mohammad Hussein Al-Amoudi, who also heads Capitol Trust in New York. And who is Al-Amoudi's U.S. attorney? Bill Clinton's ally, Vernon Jordan.
- Russia test-fired two nuclear-capable ballistic missiles from a submarine in the Barents Sea in the Arctic north in mid-December, the Navy said.

V. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. PREPARING FOR A PERIOD OF UPEHEAVAL — This writer believes that the Year 2000 could be one of the most unstable, tumultuous, and challenging in this writer's or many of our readers' lives. Only the good Lord knows what lies ahead. For years (i.e., 27), this writer has made gold coins and dehydrated/freeze dried food reserves (i.e., 15 years) available to readers for just such a time as this. Many *MIA* readers have acquired these items through International Collectors Associates over the years and, along with other preparations suggested in *MIA*, are well prepared for Y2K and other crises looming on the horizon. Some have not — especially newer subscribers.

I still feel that U.S. gold coins and fractional European coins are an excellent port in a financial storm (such as the one which appears to be approaching after the present speculative bubble collapses — and it will — they always do). Official pressure (i.e., manipulation) has pushed gold back down near 20-year lows and places coins in a very attractive buying range for those who understand the times and, as Patrick Henry said, "...are preparing for the worst." They should also be very profitable over the next few years.

And food reserves — well, very simply, they could save your life or that of your family members. It is "politically incorrect" to have such reserves — just ask Bill Clinton, Janet Reno, or some of their comrades on the political or Christian left. But in difficult times (i.e., financial upheaval, unemployment, social upheaval, Martial Law or a State of Emergency) you will still want to eat and food reserves can not only keep you and your family going (even with no income coming in) but they can give you independence from a government striving for total people control. And that is why such reserves are so politically incorrect. Read the enclosed flyers on gold coins and food reserves and call International Collectors Associates at 1-800-525-9556 for information or assistance.

2. FINAL THOUGHT — Jesus said: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free," (John 8:32). Today, in the year 2000 A.D., it is very difficult to know the "truth." We live in the day of the lie, in a time of great deception when "truth" is whatever Bill Clinton, the government, the mainline media (which is in 100% alliance with the government) and the Establishment tell us it is. "Reality" for most people is what the government and media tell them it is — whether it is the "official spin" on the Y2K problem, or the Clinton philandering, corruption, treason, or betrayal of this country's critical interests; whether it is the stock market bubble and present "perpetual prosperity" or our military disarmament in the midst of the Chinese/Russian arms buildup and war preparations; whether it is the present "threat" in America from the "dangerous religious right" or the "violence and carnage" recently unleashed by the Seattle anti-WTO demonstrators.

"Reality" is what the government/media spinmeisters and mass mind controllers tell us it is. And "reality" is what we want it to be (or so most Americans have been led to believe).

In an age when all the old rules, principles, and truths have been repealed or apparently turned on their heads; when almost every man and woman does what seems right to them; when virtually all absolutes have been repealed and the definitions of right versus wrong and good versus evil have been reversed; when the "outdated" God of the Bible has been replaced by the more visible, contemporary, "user-friendly" gods of money, wealth, affluence, pleasure, entertainment, and sensuality — truth, righteousness, traditional values, and freedom have all suffered badly.

When Jesus said: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free," the unspoken corollary to that was, when you don't know the truth, you will not be free — in fact, you may become slaves to your deceptions or lies, or whoever or whatever is propagating them. An America which can no longer recognize truth or tell the difference between good and evil, let alone take a stand against that evil, is about to lose its freedom. In fact, this writer believes that freedom will be the foremost victim of the present obliteration of truth in America.

But Jesus spent his lifetime on earth (33 years) defining for us the ultimate truth, which He summarized when He said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no

man cometh unto the Father but by me," (John 14:6). Jesus talked about or referred to "truth" over a hundred times during his three year ministry. Webster defines "truth" as: "Conformity to fact or reality; integrity; constancy; exactness; reality; verified fact; correctness; accuracy; real; genuine."

In Isaiah 59:12-15, the prophet Isaiah wrote regarding the decline and approaching collapse and enslavement of Judah (the southern Kingdom of Israel): "For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us,... rebellion and treachery against the Lord, turning our backs on our God, fomenting oppression and revolt, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. Truth is nowhere to be found and whoever shuns evil will become a prey."

Shortly thereafter (in 586 B.C.) Judah was conquered, and the survivors were taken into captivity by the Babylonians. This passage seems to this writer to also very clearly describe America (ca 2000) as "truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter and truth is nowhere to be found." When this has happened to countries throughout history, they have collapsed shortly thereafter and the people have lost their freedom.

But for individuals who still want to know, follow and live by "truth," it can be found throughout the pages of the Bible. That truth is the absolute truth that Jesus spoke of — not an everchanging "relative truth" which changes with the whims or conventional wisdom of the day. In the year 2000 and beyond, readers of MIA are encouraged to seek the truth of the Bible with all your hearts, and minds, and souls. It may well be the only stability in a very unstable world. As Jesus said, and as friends of this writer who have lived in Communist prisons and even in contemporary American prisons have learned; "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." And that is the bottom line!

P.S. Happy New Year!



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