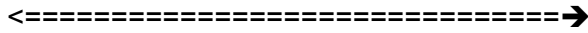


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"What may be more ominous for the future of the Great Republic is the fact that the growth of democracy has seen a sharp decline in the legitimacy of representative government. The reputation of elected officials in general -- and of legislative bodies in particular -- has rarely been lower than it is today. Even though restrictions on outside income are tighter and financial disclosure requirements far more comprehensive, more and more Americans say they cannot trust the people they elect to look out for the national interest -- or even to

represent the views of those who chose them.” David Broder, columnist,
Washington Post, The Paradox of American Democracy

MILITIA PERSPECTIVES

Barefoot Into The Wilderness

Foundations:

As has been our practice, the NCCM greets the new year (our sixth) with something to say. In 1999 we were pleased to find common cause with a great many others who are concerned about the fundamental direction of our country. In 2000 we will expand our public education efforts, promote individual involvement and self-sufficiency, and of course, actively coordinate militia organization and preparedness in North Carolina.

Like many other militia organizations across the nation we will continue to reaffirm the role of the unorganized militia in contemporary America. We do so not so much to help historically and politically handicapped citizens “rediscover” our core institutions, but to assert the fundamental rights of all Americans and ensure the continuity of the militia as a viable physical presence. Whether this happens or not depends a lot on you.

We don’t bring any profound solutions to the table. It took time and the work (and neglect) of many to bring our nation to the brink of totalitarian government. Yet, with faith, and a little hands-on participation, we can move mountains. It is the natural desire for all men to be free. If the desire is sufficient to stimulate citizens to work in their own self-interest, freedom will be preserved. If not, America will presumably get what it deserves.

At The Races:

It can hardly be avoided. Tune in to any public media and be bombarded with the current establishment perspective on the upcoming national elections. The “race” for the brass ring of the political process, the presidency, is well underway. Still, it’s pretty hard to figure why this is an “important” election year. A vote for any of the “front-runners” is a certain vote for a New World Order candidate and totalitarian government. Still, it must be important ... didn’t we hear it on TV?

Stepping back from the process in detached observation offers little consolation. We find ourselves overwhelmed by cynicism. It is clear that as a society we are galloping toward the lowest common denominator in all things. With little exception our leadership appears dedicated toward ensuring our cultural, political, economic and military demise. The difference is only in the means and the timing, not the outcome.

On the positive side we note that a recent poll found that 67% of those dependent on government handouts were satisfied with the service provided by government. Isn’t that reassuring? Might we not just be better off voting for candidates who promised Cadillac’s and credit cards? The eventual outcome of socialist/communistic programs is the impoverishment of society. So why not promise it all?

Observing the talking heads verbally duel with staged questions and responses we are reminded, amid the pomp and ceremony, that it's easy to dress up a fool to look like a prince. You can even teach a parrot to sound like an orator. In that regard, it's convenient to use the "greater fool theory" to account for those who cannot, or will not, distinguish the fool from the suit. Still, we must respect the skill behind the slick words carefully crafted to separate the common man from his common sense. Together the package blurs the distinction between the fool and the greatest fool. The former believe their influence and power in a society based on looting can survive, and the latter are convinced that the source of loot is inexhaustible.

Still, a bad choice is no choice at all, particularly when both "sides" are committed to perpetuation of the corporate socialist establishment. Given the alternatives, it's not too early to consider where our duty as citizens lies. We postulate that voting for the lesser of two evils is unpalatable, not to mention immoral. That leaves us with either endorsing a write-in candidate who has no chance of winning, or saying to hell with it and refusing to vote for an unconstitutional officer of the US corporation. Some choice.

All this said, is there any reason one might still want to vote? Perhaps. Having abandoned the notion of being able to make a rational decision, perhaps the irrational act of voting would help some of us just feel better.

Jockeying For Position:

Ain't global democracy great? Every nation cooperates and compliments each other. Clinton says in the event of nuclear attack we'll absorb a first strike. Russia and China have publicly reserved the right to make that first strike if it suits them. A wrong move might simply be the development of a non-aggressive missile defense system. That suggests, wouldn't you say, that the issue is one of timing rather than execution? And, if any reason is ever needed, there is no real need to invent a new one. Quite obligingly did Clinton not bomb the Chinese embassy in Kosovo and lead the rape of Kosovo's people and resources to the chagrin of Russia? How does it feel to be a hostage of big bankers, politicians and foreign governments? Yeah, we know... there are no Russian missiles aimed at American children and all foreign countries love us.

And in this corner NATO/UN vows to send military forces anywhere in the world to "defend" democracy... except maybe in Chechnya, Rwanda and the US (maybe). "Check" says Russia wagging the new Topol mobile missile system. "Checkmate" says Red China, as she takes control of the Panama canal.

Ok...ok, in the interest of international cooperation and to avoid embarrassment, Red China gets all our nuclear secrets and Russia gets to do Chechnya. Are we still friends?

And, talk about finding mutual solutions to common problems. Bill wags the dog by bombing aspirin factories and federal buildings. Yeltsin bombs apartment buildings. Both great ways to divert the attention of the folks at home, and they work. And, aren't the differences between the FBI and the KGB blurring before our very eyes? See how we can learn from each other; ain't global cooperation great!

So the \$64,000 question now becomes who gets to be boss of this New World Order mob of international gangsters. The US apparently plans to dictate policy through

financial terrorism using the IMF, the World Bank and a fiat world reserve currency. In concert with big banking, business and NATO, a fascist form of economic colonialism is in the making with the entire world targeted as a vassal population. Russia and China, in their own stubborn ways, are posturing for military and strategic dominance. They may also have an ace or two up their collectivist sleeve in the form of an aggressive accumulation of gold reserves. Being the good comrades that they are would they be a might uppity just because the US is manipulating the world currency system to their detriment?

Don't bother trying to discuss how international players are "jockeying" for global dominance with your friends and neighbors. They'll only wonder why you are so obsessed with how others wear their shorts. But that doesn't mean we can't watch.

Law Enforcement Dilemma:

After the revelations of Seattle, coping with the globalist agenda is going to pose more of a dilemma for line officers in law enforcement. Elements of the activist community, both socialist and conservative, are well aware of the planned and orchestrated intent to subvert the planned peaceful demonstrations against the World Trade Association by various government agencies.

Aside from the Seattle public relations debacle, would-be storm troopers have further examples upon which to base future "political" decisions. In California, to the best of our knowledge, no physical confiscations or confrontations have yet been reported. The comrades at the state level are no doubt hard at work looking for a few brave men short on morals, ethics and brains but possessing a surplus of testosterone, to start the ball rolling. And as we speak, yet more gun control laws are being contemplated. In the meantime, gun sales soar and the voluntary surrender of firearms dwindles. Now we don't really know what that means in the scheme of world planning, but there ought to be a clue in there somewhere.

One of the most interesting and, to us, unquantifiable factors in assessing the participation of law enforcement in gun control and other unconstitutional activities we might call the "it would never happen to me" mindset. The question at hand is how many would participate in such blatantly unconstitutional functions if they stopped to consider that they and their posterity will have to live in the police state they create.

The future of disarmament in the New World society is documented in PL 87-297 and its companion documents (ex. State Department Publication 7277) which stipulate that nations will retain only those arms essential to ensure internal security. For those in law enforcement who require a billboard to illustrate the point, we point to the new NATO mission in Bosnia known as Operation Big Bad Wolf. This campaign involves collecting all "excess" or "surplus weapon stocks". Collections are from both civilian as well as police organizations. UN weapons recommendations for police are one handgun per officer and one rifle/long-barreled weapon for each 10 officers. In Bosnia, police who resist UN mandates are taken into custody, no doubt to be re-educated on the merits of subservience to UN authority.

Oh yes, once used to implement the socialist agenda, the UN army has a surprise for the US law enforcement community. How do we know? It's written down for anyone who takes the time to read.

Admitted, it is difficult to think about your posterity when your posterior is caught between a rock and a hard place; everybody has to eat. Bear in mind, however, that there is no fairy godmother in this story, and no exceptions for "special" people or institutions. The goal is complete disarmament, and that includes "civilian" arms as well as those possessed by law enforcement.

With disarmament comes the inability to protect ourselves from criminal violence, abuse from national or international government (the UN), or foreign invasion. The weapons to compel our acquiescence will include not only military coercion but restrictions on food, medical and other "services". The consequences will be short in coming and long in impact.

In responding to these and other equally significant international issues, the US government continues to insist that patriotic Americans are the threat to national "security". Evidently, that tune plays well to the police in Seattle. The militia, do we need mention, is adamantly opposed to this disarmament scheme.

Barefoot Into The Wilderness:

The media and presidential candidates must be having a witch's ball in the game of interactive play-acting with the public on how the Ship of State should be run. The public is apparently oblivious to the vessels destination and the political "icebergs" which, among presumably rational people, should have a chilling affect on the course of the debate. At some point we may pause to consider whether the American people are that stupid, or just poorly informed. Regardless, the traveling circus has the public mind firmly focused on determining who is getting what for lunch from the ships galley. We can only presume that the passengers will be dismayed when they arrive at a port other than their destination. Or, perhaps they, like the Soviets, will embrace totalitarian society with relief and anticipation.

It's easy to get discouraged, even pessimistic to the point of inaction when contemplating the destructive implications of globalism and the apathy of many of our family, friends and associates. Cultivating that frame of mind in you is a primary job of the political opposition. Since it's their job we should expect them to be good at it. On the other hand, it is our job is to rise above that pessimism, shake off the apathy which has paralyzed many, and pursue solutions. Those of us who have decided to climb off the fence are making a difference.

As we have previously observed, given the slate of political candidates currently offered for office, talk is not likely, in and of itself, to change our national drive toward the globalist agenda. Those bent on destroying the constitution and subverting our national sovereignty are intent on their goal. While we may act in good faith with established political processes, when in history did you ever hear of a tyrant influenced by word, petition or public demonstration? Unfortunately, violence appears inevitable as we rationally contemplate the consequences of usurpation of power by a corrupt government.

With little recourse remaining it is essential to continue to prepare for self-defense. Without arms we have few political or physical options. However, in the interim, those looking for options for civil disobedience short of physical violence might consider alternatives described in two delightful and informative publications:

101 Things To Do 'Til The Revolution, Claire Wolfe [ISBN 1-55950-157-X]
Don't Shoot The Bastards (Yet), Claire Wolfe [ISBN 1-55950-189-8]

Better yet, support your local militia unit. Perhaps you might take the time to prompt the state legislature to recognize the unorganized militia similar to initiatives implemented in several other states. At the very least, in the coming year, affirm your commitment that you will not sacrifice yourself, or your posterity, to some new collectivist global society.

Sometimes it seems as though we are trekking barefoot into the wilderness. Yet, others have gone before, and we are in good company and in harmony with America's long militia tradition. For some of us it's time to quit sitting on the fence. For all of us, let us be of one mind into 2000, reaffirming the ideal expressed by the theme of the Gadsen flag "Don't Tread On Me." Together we can help fill the ideological vacuum created by a morally decadent government.

"... as long as the US government remains the most powerful ever seen, it will be led by a person who is dishonest and unbalanced. Honorable people cannot get the job and those of sound mind don't want it." Richard Maybury, 2000

CONTEMPLATING RESISTANCE

Looking The Gulag In The Eye

Personal conflict up front and close is frightening, intimidating and exhilarating at the same time. Yet fear, particularly of the unknown, prompts us to capitulate, to take any way out, to make any concession to avoid conflict. It's no wonder people literally fear to understand what is going on in halls of the UN and readily ignore even the hint of sedition practiced by our own government. A developing mindset of intentional ignorance is a natural defense borne of fear.

Readers are encouraged to read the book *The Gulag Archipelago* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. Having lived the terror of the Soviet political system and witnessed the tyranny imposed on thousands condemned to forced labor in the Soviet prison camps, he knows of what he speaks. In his book, he paints a picture of what it is like to live in a society where "souls are pulverized", and grief, panic, and hopelessness persist day after day. Even as a "free" citizen, he describes Soviet life as a state of absolute despair; even the thought of being arrested and arbitrarily subjected to the worst imaginable existence ... and being able to do nothing in self-defense ... leaves the common citizen psychologically isolated and paralyzed in abject fear.

Solzhenitsyn emphasizes that to survive in a totalitarian society there is the need for one to marshal all available inner strength. For nothing, he maintains, can prepare one

for the horrors, pain, suffering, and mental anguish associated with submission to tyranny. Under a tyrannical government there is no compassion, no escape from the cruelty, no hope and no reprieve in the mind numbing assault on body and soul by an apparatus which conveniently disassociates itself with its' victims, who, when politically expedient, become instantly dehumanized as *insects*.

Solzhenitsyn describes the pervasive mindset of acquiescence by a populace in the orchestrated terror, arbitrary arrest and executions, in a society intentionally manipulated by fear and oppression to maintain political control. As a form of catharsis he acknowledges the futility of appeasement and the disgusting subservience of the Soviet population during wave after wave of repression in the early years of the Soviet Union.

“If ... if... We didn't love freedom enough. And even more – we had no awareness of the real situation. We spent ourselves in one unrestrained outburst in 1917, and then we *hurried* to submit. We submitted *with pleasure!* ... We purely and simply *deserved* everything that happened afterward.” Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago*, 1918-1956.

In many ways the conditions and political mindset Solzhenitsyn describes are remarkably similar to those expressed or implied as official government policy in the FBI Project Meggido report. The terror, Solzhenitsyn says, starts with mass accusations, thought crimes, and capital punishment for any form of opposition to the “state”. He describes the labels and accusations that accompany those accused of terrorism or other “subversive” activities arbitrarily assigned by the criminals in authority. The symptoms of tyranny he maintains are the logical consequence of government totally unconstrained by laws, mores or ethics, or physical restraint.

Solzhenitsyn describes many features of the Soviet interment system, among them the shackled “zak [prisoner] cars” of the Russian railways which connect the islands [prison camps] of the Gulag and the “bluecaps”, the security officers of the Gulag. “Give us the person – and we'll create the case!” was not only the slogan of the early communist security apparatus but is the same slogan currently in vogue with the FBI. The Gulag Archipelago in many ways mirrors the current face of the New World Order. The similarities are inescapable.

But all was not lost on the Soviet populace. There were many isolated incidents in hundreds of villages where dispossessed peasants, desperate for freedom from fear and oppression, opposed the communist state. Yet, deprived of arms, resources, leadership, coordination, vision and spiritual foundation, the local uprisings failed. Solzhenitsyn speaks of the fate of whole villages:

“... no one photographed them, and no one filmed motion picture of those furious crowds attacking machine guns with clubs, pitchforks, and axes and later, lined up for execution with their arms tied behind their backs – ten for one!” (pg. 309)

In Soviet Russia none were able to effectively dissent, speak out, or effectively resist the encroachment of the secret police, the black clad Cheka. Citizens had the means, however elementary, but they had not the will for it was broken on the anvil of orchestrated repression, intimidation and fear. Cadres of paid informers turned

neighbors into enemies, the watched and the watchers. The courts willingly dispensed sentences dictated by political expediency, but not justice.

“There is nothing more to be said, but it is hard to stop talking. While the debate lasts, the defendants are alive. When the debate comes to an end, life will end too.”

This is America, you say, it can't happen here. Then perhaps you need to read *The Gulag Archipelago*. One cannot help being struck with the emerging similarities in our own country. This is why many Americans are learning to fear and distrust their government. It is one thing to verbally acknowledge the problems and commiserate on their increasing occurrence. It is quite another to contemplate the consequences. The *Gulag* helps us understand what life would be like in an American gulag if the globalists have their way.

Solzhenitsyn says that if we grant them [the socialists/communists] unconditional authority to control and destroy we will have in essence ...”submissively allowed them to massacre us by the millions”. The *Gulag* is a most depressing book, but it provides a real look at one possible future. It provides a graphic explanation of what happens when evil is allowed to prevail, when good men look evil in the eye and do NOTHING.

“And how we burned in the camps later, thinking: What would have things been like if every Security operative, when he went out at night to make an arrest, had been uncertain whether he would return alive and had to say good-bye to his family? Or if, during periods of mass arrests, as for example in Leningrad, when they arrested a quarter of the entire city, people had not simply sat there in their lairs, paling with terror at every bang of the downstairs door and at every step on the staircase, but had understood they had nothing left to lose and had boldly set up in the downstairs hall an ambush of half a dozen people with axes, hammers, pokers, or whatever else was at hand? ...”

Consider the implications of his anguished testimonial! When patriotic Americans become the “enemy”, when black clad storm troopers come under cover of night, or to confiscate arms and ammunition from free citizens, we can know with certainty that the wheels of tyranny are turning.

To fully supplant the US constitution with the UN Charter requires the capitulation and disarmament of responsible Americans. As individuals or groups we can acquiesce or resist, but there is no retreat and no safety. Those that aspire to the universal world state will not let you live life in peace.

Many Americans want desperately to believe in a kinder and gentler form of despotism, the kind idealistically offered by a New World Order. But the *Gulag* illustrates what happens when there are no constraints, when government, and society, revert to the lowest common denominator. Benevolent slavery is still slavery.

Read the *Gulag*. Gain some appreciation in a one world order with no checks, balances or constraints of any kind. Imagine a world-wide gulag where there is not even another country or land to lend hope to the hopeless. There is none in the *Gulag*, only resignation, fear, and death.

Our purpose in citing the *Gulag Archipelago* is to benefit from the experience of others, to ensure that reason prevails over fear. God knows we have had ample notice of government preparations for resistance to global governance. Such resistance was anticipated years ago. In anticipation of resistance our approach must be elementary.

“The only kind of discipline that counts is the discipline of training to function in battle. How to keep in touch with the men on either side of you, how to advance and retreat under fire, how to give covering fire and supporting fire, how to select routes of travel under risk of attack. You don’t learn any of that training for a lot of parade-ground nonsense.” Louis L’Amour

Clinton continues to prepare, not only for world war but a war against liberty-minded American “dissidents”. We suggest that in the new year each of us must do more than draw that “line in the sand”, each of us must leave footprints. It’s your land, your constitution, and your government. Act responsibly... as if you own and are part of it. The very existence of the unorganized militia is evidence you are not alone. You got something better to do?

“Those that beat their swords into plows, will plow for those that didn’t.” Bumper sticker, author unknown.

HOME DEFENSE PLANNING Citizen Guidelines

You’ve made all the right preparations. You bought an extra box of ammo for your trusty 12 gauge. The pantry is stocked with beanie weakness, chips, a few jugs of water and out back you have a big can of K-1 for your mantle lamps. Best of all, you’ve read all there is to know about your rights from the latest gun and survival magazines. You’ve made up your mind long ago; you had that big meeting with the boys during halftime. You all agreed. When “they” come for your gun, you’ll shoot first and ask questions later. You’ll teach “them” to toy with your freedom...

Ok boys, now here’s the plan. This is what you do. Your strategy is fixed, you’ll meet ‘em at the door and drop ‘em as they cross the threshold. Tactically you might be at a slight disadvantage, but what the heck, you’ve got a quick reaction plan which will be triggered by the dog barking in the back yard. Yes, timing is important, but we can postpone that family drill you talked about at least until after the big game next week. We certainly don’t want to unnecessarily frighten the family before its really necessary.

The official buy-back program is over, but there’s still time. Besides, even if those special enforcement groups are really serious, they’ll be stopped by other guys like me long before they ever get to our house. You can’t wait to tell your buddies how you firmly informed the officer who came to your door that you were not about to give up your right to self defense. You were polite of course, you both agreed that he was just doing his job.

Nobody in your town is actually going door to door yet collecting guns. But wait... it's dark out, and there's some bright flashing lights down the street. Is that actually gun fire ... it can't be... in your neighborhood?

The bedside lamp doesn't work but who cares if the shorts go on backwards; if only you can get that damn trigger lock off and find the ammo. Peering out one window after another it looks like you've got company, lots of it, all around you in fact. You'd call Bob if the phone was working, but you know with all this excitement he's sure to be covering his own front door with his trusty deer rifle. Never mind, he's usually late for parties anyway.

You hear the wife and kids coming up the hallway behind you. It's too late for words, you're trying to cover three doors from one position. But you only have a moment to wonder if buckshot is effective against body armor before the first tear gas shell crashes through your front window. Congratulations, moments later, just like the Russian populace described by Solzhenitsyn, you will have taken your place in history... in brief, ineffectual, but glorious defense of your freedom.

The lesson of the *Gulag* is that the time to defend yourself is when you have the chance to be effective. The mindset that your defense of freedom stops inside your doorstep is not only stupid, it is suicidal. The defense of your freedom must begin outside your doorstep. Once the threshold is crossed, it is too late. Evidently, there is much about freedom contemporary Americans do not, or will not, understand. You argue that it is only a rhetorical expression of commitment; nonsense, words reflect intent.

The next time I hear someone on talk radio brashly describe their total commitment to freedom by pledging their intent to defend the Second by exclaiming "I'll shoot if they ever come through my front door", I think I'll puke.

"A standing military force, with an overgrown Executive will not long be safe companions to liberty. The means of defense against foreign danger, have been always the instruments of tyranny at home. Among the Romans it was a standing maxim to excite a war, whenever a revolt was apprehended. Throughout all Europe, the armies kept up under the pretext of defending, have enslaved the people." James Madison, Debate On State Equality In The Senate, The Anti-Federalist Papers.

Y2K HALFTIME SHOW A Status Report

Breathless In The Carolinas:

Prior to January 1st government doomsayers repeatedly assured us of massive threats of national violence and, of course, our dire need for further "protection". To adequately address this multi-faceted menace the need for public preparation was minimal. Government, on the other hand, was justified in implementing massive "preparations" including the construction of numerous command bunkers, development of emergency

plans, the merging of police and military resources, and organizational arrangements which would, if appropriate, include the implementation of martial law.

The country was placed on the highest alert status since World War II and citizens were promised that government would “take care” of us. Hmmm, we speculated, considering the Clinton legacy of treachery and subversion, perhaps it will, but in quite unexpected ways.

But unless we missed something the “almost” millenium new year was not ushered in with the end of the world, or even the end of Western civilization. Nor, as predicted in the FBI Project Meggido report, were there massive terrorist attacks by an out-of-control “radical right”, a fanatical religious fringe, or foreign extremist factions. Did we miss something important?

It strikes us that, with so much credibility at stake, the possibilities to account for such error in judgement are fairly limited. Assuming the predicted extremist threat was real and “uncontrollable”, the minor number of incidents demonstrates either the threat is either not serious and represents political extremism by the FBI and other agencies, or if it is, in fact, controllable, whether delayed or deferred, and to some extent it is being controlled by government agencies for political benefit.

So it's January, the first of the last of twelve months in an old century. While not ordinarily prone to hyperbole, we find ourselves anticipating a very interesting year. We are reasonably confident the threat of terrorism from some vector is real, but not at all as advertised. In looking toward a future of uncertainty and peril we are tempering our anticipation is a healthy dose of patience. Time, we suggest, to be meaningful should be measured in heartbeats, not political terms of office.

The Non-Non-Event:

It's barely halftime in the Y2K contest and the media and government band is loudly playing the Y2K Non-Event Victory Song. Many have declared the issue merits no further public consideration. Those a little more pragmatic might wait a bit longer before concluding it's a non-event.

Readers are referred to the “Glitch Central” web site which provides prima facie evidence [www.ciaosystems.com/glitchcentral.htm] that Y2K is anything but a non-event. Using only reported data, Glitch Central contains an ongoing summary of Y2K related failures. We take some comfort that most are readily manageable, but the number and variety are significant and appear to be increasing over time. The degree of impact ranges from the very significant, i.e., the disruption of US spy satellite system and regional air traffic control systems, to serious waste treatment and other municipal system failures, and to large and small scale inconveniences associated with financial transactions.

CFP correspondents have reported personal experience with a number of small Y2K related business problems. Again, most are readily repaired. Yet it could easily take 6-9 months for many potential Y2K problems to become apparent. It is not likely that even the majority of problems will be reported, bad public relations you understand, until long past critical time for serious effects to manifest themselves. Still, the synergistic effects in industry and commerce may be difficult to hide over the long term.

Was/is Y2K a “non-event”... not hardly. Just because the world didn’t come to an immediate stop doesn’t mean the system is unaffected.

Y2K Consequences:

First and foremost, the cost of avoiding the potential collapse of global society was, at a minimum, estimated at over \$200 billion. The Garner Group has estimated the cost as high as \$600 billion. According to the Director of the International Y2K Cooperation Centre, Bruce McConnell, the total cost of Y2K repairs and it’s consequences may never be known. McAlvany (McAlvany Intelligence Advisor, January, 2000) translates the Y2K repair bill to about \$365 to each and every American. We can only speculate on the potential world-wide impact which may have occurred if a massive effort was not made to repair computers before the key January 1 target date. What is known however, is who will eventually foot the bill.

Y2K also prompted the implementation of things which may have much more ominous consequences. It is remarkable for a “non-event” that state and federal governments got to build and stock, no questions asked, over 40 reinforced concrete “Y2K” bunkers. According to McAlvany these were built at an average cost of about \$118 million each. This is in addition to the new White House “Continuation of Government” command center reputed to have been built at a cost in excess of \$150 million.

Inquiring minds might wonder why reinforced concrete bunkers, fully stocked against all contingencies, were considered necessary for a “non-event” consisting principally of municipal and commercial computer failures (all essential function government computer systems reportedly compliant). The “cold war” is over, communism is dead, no nukes are aimed at American children, and the New World Order is in control. What then are the potentially significant long term problems which would justify such a massive long term investment? Were all those preparations justified for a single 30 day crisis period or were they constructed in anticipation of foreign reaction to American cruise missile diplomacy?

There’s more. Y2K afforded government at all levels the opportunity to spend billions in upgrading computer systems, many of which are used to store personal data on all Americans. It is impossible to predict how much improving these systems will cost in terms of lost freedom. But once again, we know who will pay the direct cost.

Money, Money, Money:

Let’s not forget that which greases the wheels of the world. Assume for a moment that we are talking about real money.

In anticipation of Y2K disruptions the Fed (Federal Reserve) made an unprecedented \$195 billion of additional credit available to support commercial markets and to ensure financial solvency. Yet another \$50 – \$70 billion was made available to banks in the form of ready cash in anticipation of bank runs. We know that inflation results directly from an expansion in the money supply. Therefore, this rush to maintain liquidity may very well cause serious long term inflationary consequences the Fed will be hard pressed to control. Once on the inflationary spiral it is difficult to restrict credit

expansion without causing financial depression. However, it is more likely in an election year that credit expansion will continue. Given the already tremendous increase in money supply (liquidity), in fact the largest one year explosion of credit in history, the spectre of hyper or at least double-digit inflation appears likely in coming months.

Long term problems associated with this money supply expansion may include even more unsupported speculation in stocks, further weakening of the dollar as the world's reserve currency, cost increases for basic goods and necessities, and severe market disruptions well into year 2000. Who do you think will pay for these financial manipulations?

Time Marches On:

We understand that as of January 1st a mere 10% of anticipated Y2K problems will have occurred leaving the balance for the months and years ahead. We would still maintain that most problems that might occur could and will likely be resolved with a minimum of inconvenience and cost by individuals, companies, and communities.

At this point it would appear that potential disruptions to major financial and other systems remains a possibility. Y2K will remain for some time a loose ball on the field. We can safely conclude that the public will learn of any large-scale serious problems only when release of such knowledge is unavoidable and with insufficient time for anyone to effectively prepare or respond.

Will subsequent Y2K events be "catastrophic" to our daily lives? We certainly do not know. Natural laws governing economics and stock market values appear to have been, at least temporarily, suspended (or more likely manipulated). Murphy's laws we presume are still in effect. Then it follows that if significant disruptions develop which affect large segments of the population they will occur when most of those previously prepared for Y2K have dumped their preparedness mindset along with their provisions, once again confident in the all encompassing protective umbrella of the state.

In summary, the politically and historically astute will recognize that Y2K still remains only a side show to the menace of globalism. And, for a "non-event" it seems to be having quite an impact.

"Tis substantially true, that virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government. The rule indeed extends with more or less force to every species of Free Government. Who that is a sincere friend to it, can look with indifference upon attempts to shake the foundation of the fabric." George Washington, Farewell Address, 1796.

DEVELOPMENT OF RESISTANCE FORCES

The Guerrilla Arts

In our last issue we considered some key points from Lesson 1 of the Special Forces Officer Correspondence Subcourse entitled Development of Resistance Forces, Correspondence Subcourse 702, Introduction to Guerilla Warfare. Our strategic

interest in such writings, as readers are aware, is broadly prompted by our nations progress toward social and political suicide through disarmament, the destruction of the American industrial base and with it, the social glue that binds the nation, the American family. Our “tactical” interest in this training program is to broaden our awareness of this aspect of the military arts so that those in the militia can better anticipate actions and the mentality of the military and political mind. Understanding is the first step toward managing consequences of implementation.

In our consideration of this aspect of warfare, we note that this discussion includes activities which can be used by, for, or against the constitutional unorganized militia. From a more general perspective, readers may find the review useful simply for assessing the shape and potential consequences of future wars and as a tool which will encourage effective individual response to real or alleged [terrorist?] attack involving America and its citizens.

In this regard, Lessons 2 and 3 provide us with a general understanding of how the development of US sponsored resistance movement may be implemented. More specifically, it outlines how Special Forces personnel would be expected to interact with the guerrilla [militia] organization(s) to influence and control the outcome of the conflict. Phases of such low intensity warfare considered in the manual include psychological, contact, infiltration, and organizational elements. We take note of each in order of presentation.

In the first phase “propaganda may be employed to help transform inert hostility [of the resistance movement] into active resistance and ...” to cultivate acceptance of Special Forces personnel by the resistance movement. The value of propaganda (particularly when it represents truthful perspectives) cannot be underestimated. Propaganda, it is observed can be “designed to influence the opinions, attitudes, emotions and behaviors of ...” people. Further, it can be effectively employed at the theatre as well as tactical level. Assaulted from birth by propaganda, most of us can appreciate the value of advertising from both political and commercial sources. However, the point most easily overlooked is the aspect of promoting the “acceptance” of outside assistance to the resistance organization. This may be the most immediate issue relevant to militia viability. That is, precipitous acceptance of assistance can be a two-edged sword. Individuals and groups offering assistance are not necessarily your allies.

Initial contact is contemplated as the second phase and is most important “as soon as possible after the guerrilla nucleus is formed in order that Special Forces can exert an early influence over the development of the organization.” Readers should note that the purpose of this involvement is not to assume leadership, but to effect development, control and coordination. This is a tactful means of observing that effective leadership, if present and controllable, is an important asset. With this in mind, from a militia perspective consider for a moment what power this training and ability would confer upon those who wield it. Secondly, if you were in responsible charge of an errant government and had such assets (regardless of organizational name), how might they be employed against a [constitutional] civilian militia?

From the opposite perspective, if conflict cannot be avoided, the unorganized militia, as *The Resistor* has observed, needs all the professional assistance it can get. What

measures then might a militia organization use to evaluate an offer of assistance from a qualified military organization or professional?

The third element discussed in this lesson is infiltration. This issue is consequential to an indigenous guerilla force but not particularly from this tactical perspective unless anticipated by prearrangement. The fourth however, is the need to prepare and realistically assess the function and viability of the guerrilla force. The text observes that the “mere existence of a guerilla force in the rear of the enemy is a type of PSYOP.” Moving beyond the illusion, and more importantly, it emphasizes the need to assess and organize resistance efforts around considerations such as:

- a. Viability of the operational area
- b. Civilian support
- c. Availability of a secure base area
- d. A versatile, mission oriented, organization and command structure
- e. Existence or potential for an “underground” organization

Some relevant points to consider in evaluating force organization include:

1. Whether organizational shortcomings can be sufficiently minimized to accomplish the mission(s)
2. Can reliable command and coordination be established
3. Is the resistance leadership viable or capable of improvement
4. The adequacy of security, intelligence and communications systems

Finally, three key factors are identified as characteristic of viable guerrilla groups. These are:

1. Simplicity in structure (particularly for people with little military experience)
2. Flexibility in thinking and organization (capable of independent operations, security and execution of operations)
3. Mobility (to ensure timing and efficiency in conducting missions)

These thumbnail perspectives of the fundamentals of guerrilla warfare are obviously alien to civilian society and our review of this material is somewhat superficial. But innovation is the ability to build upon ideas. The hunter, trouble-shooter and problem solvers of an educated populace have the ingredients of good soldiering. The unorganized militia does not need a “leader” so much as it needs many good leaders. Who you ask, has an innate drive to succeed, self-confidence borne of achievement, the ability to communicate and coordinate with others, and the ability to function wet and dirty as well as warm and dry? Simplistic maybe, but it provides a good start in helping us evaluate our leaders and units. What the manual does not tell us is also important.

Time and interest permitting, in the next issue we will provide a synopsis of Lesson 4 including a consideration of combat employment and demobilization from the Special Forces perspective. Pay attention, consider and discuss the points in this summary. This is what these people do for a living; their survival counts on their being good at it. So may yours.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE
Standing For Inspection

NCCM Public Affairs Officer, Jeremy Davis, continued the NCCM public awareness campaign by sponsoring information booths at gun shows held in December and January in Asheville, Lexington and Charlotte. While it should come as no surprise, it is still a pleasure once again to be able to report that the NCCM was well received at each event. Over the course of these shows NCCM representatives were able to meet literally hundreds of individuals who are supportive of the unorganized militia and its goals. Similarly, the NCCM welcomes each opportunity to present individuals unacquainted with the militia the opportunity to decide for themselves where they stand on the issue of freedom.

The militia is not for everyone, but those who share common cause need to work together, in concert, in active rather than passive effort to educate others and stimulate action in support of constitutional government. NCCM representatives will attempt to participate in several additional events during the coming year as opportunity permits. Comments and suggestions regarding times, places and content would be welcome.

“I offer my opponents a bargain: If they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them.” Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952

BARNYARD FABLES #38

The Propaganda Wars

“Hey Nasty,” pleaded Bert, kin I quit peckin’ on this here barn door? I’m getting’ a headache.”

“Yeah, it’s a shame they jus’ can’t open the darn thing when a body knocks. See here, replied Nasty, “Gimme a few more pecks and we’ll be through.”

“Hay, whose there,” whinnied Horse over the creak of the hinge and the over the din of the interior.

“Ouch!,” stomped Horse sensing the Fowl assault on his fetlock, “Shoudda known it was you Nasty!”, shaking the feisty Fowl into a soft warm landing spot. “Whadda ya want?,” demanded Horse.

“We been to the big upstream dam,” explained Nasty, “An’ there’s a trickle where there wern’t no water before. It’s comin’ from under the dam so yu gotta come and see.”

“Ain’t no problem wid the dam thing,” snorted Horse, “The Farmers’ machine monitors that dam day an’ night. He wudda tol’ us if we shuld wurry, so we don’t need to think nuthin’ at all.”

“Hawww,” seconded the Jackass with a snicker, poking his nose out the door. “You peddlin’ more rumors ‘bout another suspicious Packin’ House place where bad things happen to good Critters?”

“Git on outta here!” snorted Horse, “We’re tryin’ fer a new record here fer the longest Critter party in farm histry; you tryin’ to ruin a Barnyard institution?”

“Well, that was the gud news,” clucked Nasty, “the farm is surrounded by Foxes, too.”

“Shucks, we knows that,” hawed Horse, “but we figgured to wurry ‘bout that after the party... tomorry, or maybe the day after...’er sometime soon anyways”, he concluded.

“Told ya we couldn’t lead Horse to water,” said Bert, turning away in rejection.

“Nope... only said we couldn’t make him drink,” replied Nasty, “But we was duty bound to try”, he concluded.

“So we gonna go back up to the dam with the Flock an’ give it all for the cause?”, chirped Bert with renewed sense of purpose.

“Nope, not much Spring left in this here Chicken,” clucked Nasty, “We made the effort... let’s jus’ go on down to the gummint carwash and have some fun.”

EQUIPMENT REVIEW

Tactical Vests vs. LC2 Equipment

For many years now those of us who shop the surplus market have witnessed the introduction of very expensive tactical vests from a variety manufacturers and more makes and models than most people can fathom. I for one never could convince myself to pay over a hundred dollars or more for Load Bearing Equipment (LBE) when I had this functional, inexpensive LC2 harness that even when completely loaded cost well under a hundred dollars.

Last year our unit initiated a very rigorous training schedule that consists of two training sessions a month. While I had never really thought that the LC2 combat system was very comfortable I did find that it did exactly what it was designed to do. My girlfriend on the other hand was not so inclined to deal with just being uncomfortable so in August of 1999 she invested in a Blackhawk Omega Tactical Vest-1 and the Camelback 90oz Packteen to go with it. The whole setup cost just under \$180.00.

At the time I thought that was a lot of money to spend considering my good old LC2 system worked just fine. She seemed happy with the purchase and as we started the drive back to the mountains from Charlotte and during the course of the 3 hour trip she played with straps and cinched cords and by the time we were home she was even more confident that she had made a wise purchase. I was still skeptical. When we got home we loaded the vest with a full combat load of M-16 magazines, put her pistol belt on the vest, loaded the Camelback with water (almost a full 3 liters), put her Bianchi 1911 magazine pouches on the belt, strapped on her butt pack with a 3 day supply of MRE’s, a poncho liner and a poncho, put her K-bar on and her Government model .45 in a Bianchi UM-84 holster, her individual first aid kit, and had room left over for a pair of Pentax 10x21 pocket binoculars, Trioxane heat tabs, 50 feet of paracord, U.S. issue

Tritium compass, a few local topographical maps, and a few other small trinkets. The total weight on the vest fully loaded was 43 pounds.

The nice thing about this vest is that it lets you disperse your load much more evenly than on the LC2 gear. It keeps everything snug up against your body and eliminates flopping. The vest eliminates twisting and turning of gear that often occurs with other LC2 systems including the enhanced LC-88 load bearing vest that is currently being used by the military. After playing with her vest around the house and the back yard I decided that I must have one. I waited a week to arrange the needed finances then drove down and picked up an almost identical vest. I bought the Eagle Industries TAC-V1-N-B; the same vest with D rings on the backs, a double D-ring on top to run your Camelback tubing through and black shooters pad on the right shoulder to assist in getting a shoulder weld with your weapon.

I have used my vest in very rigorous conditions since August. I have had no problems and found the vest to be a tremendous improvement over the older LC2 style gear. We have had them in water and mud for extended periods of time with no problems. After price shopping we have found quite a deal on the Eagle Industries vest with a Camelback system. Let's do a price breakdown on the vest and LC2 equipment if bought new.

THE VEST

Eagle Industries Vest TAC-V1-NB	\$125.00
Camelback Packteen 90oz	\$40.00
Pistol Belt	\$17.00
Total	\$182.00

LC2 Gear

Shoulder Straps	\$17.00
Pistol Belt	\$17.00
4 M-16 Magazine pouches	\$40.00
12 Shotgun Shell Pouch	\$8.00
First Aid and Compass Pouch	\$3.00
2 U.S. Issue Canteens	\$4.00
2 U.S. Issue Canteen Covers	\$14.00
Total	\$103.00

These prices came from U.S. Calvary and, if cost concerns you, there is only a \$79.00 difference in the gear not to mention that you will still not have map pouches, a couple of other pockets and storage space with the LC2 as you would with the vest. After you wear these units fully loaded you will understand why these vests are easily worth the additional funds.

A few other benefits to the Tac Vests are the fact that they have elastic around the magazine pouches that shrink to fit your magazines as one is drawn out eliminating rattle. The camelback setup makes it all worthwhile by not having to reach around and mess with a canteen when wanting a sip of water. Canteens and cups can now be moved to rucksacks or carried as backups. All the vests have a drag handle which has been effectively used to pull a 250 pound man with a full combat load in his vest of 48 pounds and a large ALICE pack with 125 pounds of gear and equipment. These vests

are built to last. The vest allows for almost any magazine configuration, with the exception of the SKS which has no good means of transporting magazines. The vest carries twelve .223, Six .308, six 7.62 X .39, twelve MP5, and almost any other SMG magazines.

This is very practical for re-supply of militia operations where we might have to use whatever is readily available on a future battlefield. In the time since we purchased our vests in August all of our units Blackhawk vests have been traded in for the Eagle Industries Tac-V1-N-B which we have determined to be the most practical vest for the militia rifleman. We are proud to say that the entire Mountain Division, 44th regiment, 1st Company now have the Eagle industries Tac Vests and we feel that it has raised our level of readiness by allowing for a better and more comfortable means of carrying personal load bearing gear.

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BOOK REVIEW

Paul Revere's Ride

Paul Revere's Ride was written by David Hackett Fischer and published in 1994 by Oxford University Press [ISBN 0-19-509831-5]. It is a history book for those with no burning interest in history, written in an animated style that brings this crucial period in our American history alive and relevant to the reader. As a reflection of our American heritage and culture, it is a book that should be on every bookshelf and read by every member of the family.

Every now and then we all need a dose of inspiration, a measure of spiritual refreshment that isn't found in modern books which in one way or another contemplate the failures our modern society and the shortfalls of our bastardized political system. This book does that by describing the involvement of Paul Revere, a Boston silversmith and one of the most notable political activists of his day. In doing so the author focuses on the pivotal period of the Revolutionary War, from Fall of 1774 through Spring of 1775.

While the author carefully outlines the character and key decisions of certain prominent political characters such as British General Gage, it does not focus on the educated “men of letters”, orators, statesmen, or others in highly visible positions. Instead it describes ordinary people doing extraordinary things in the cause of freedom.

Most fascinating perhaps is the authors attempt to present the most historically correct representation of the events at Lexington and Concord in April, 1775 and those leading up to that event. In that context we are shown that Paul Revere’s ride was but a very small element in the road of escalation which led to the Revolutionary War.

Fischer describes the battles at Lexington and Concord as the product of a number of previous encounters as part of British efforts to control the arms and powder in the colonies as, at least initially, a means to prevent open rebellion. Among these earlier events are the conflict in Portsmouth where small a British garrison was briefly overwhelmed by New Hampshire militiamen, and the confrontation between the militia and the British Regulars in the seaside town of Salem, Massachusetts 4 months before the famous episodes in Lexington and Concord.

As important as the entertaining story it contains, the book includes the human perspectives that make the tale real. It describes the psychology, beliefs, and mood of the day. No less valuable is the perspectives on organization, communication, intelligence, and leadership of both the colonial militia and the British army. These elements ensure that this book is as entertaining, informative and captivating as any novel.

Of particular interest is the graphic picture of the militia, commonly known as “training bands”, and their special subset known as the “Minutemen”. While professional soldiers [British Regulars] were largely contemptuous of these independent citizen-soldiers, author Fischer describes the colonial militia quite differently than as perceived by the British. Modern militiamen will have no difficulty recognizing a bit of themselves in his portrait of our predecessors.

The text describes in great detail the battles at Lexington and Concord complete with accounts of side skirmishes. He includes tales of personal heroism, strategy and tactics, sacrifice and determination in the confusion of battle. And, in the midst of that confusion, he cites numerous examples which illustrate the discipline and determination of the militia and the amazed reaction of the British who believed the colonial militia incapable of effective maneuvers against an organized military force.

Fischer describes with captivating detail the mood and values of the colonial militia and that of the families and communities which supported it. It reflects upon their uncertainties, fears, and clarity of purpose. In doing so it helps us understand the resolve which prompted 46 year old Captain John Parker and his Lexington militia of about 60+ men of various ages to stand before an overwhelming column of British Regulars.

As we follow the intimate involvement of Paul Revere through this difficult period we can’t help but be caught up in these events. We are there to witness the panic, sobering agony and melancholy fears of those contemplating an imminent war in which each colonial household had a stake. Through it all we come to learn that the legacy

given us by Paul Revere and the thousands called to sacrifice in this period remains with us today.

In chronicling the contribution of Paul Revere, the author provides a mechanism by which we can revisit the ethical foundations of freedom and independence. He reminds us that the legacy of Paul Revere is, in part, reflected in the reality that “the history of a free people is a history of hard choices”. He provides the opportunity to really visit with the people who made our freedom possible. From them we learn that the preservation of that freedom requires more than mere words. It requires passion, commitment, faith, spiritual conviction, and an understanding that freedom lies first and foremost with common men who rise to meet uncommon situations.

If you are looking for a book which will stir your heart as well as your intellect, provide support and reinforcement for your commitment to freedom, and entertain while it educates, this is it.

“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labour to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men & citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man ought to respect & cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private & public felicity. Let it simply be asked where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation *desert* the Oaths, which are the instruments of investigation in Courts of Justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure – reason & experience both forbid us to expect that National morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”
George Washington, Farewell Address, 1796

READERS COMMENTS

Carolina Free Press:
Gentlemen:

“I have just finished reading the Sept./Oct. 99 issue of the Carolina Free Press. Along with this I have read the Manual.

I have been critical of the Militias in the country. Not because I did not agree with them, but because of their inactivity to Waco, Ruby Ridge and many other tyrannical acts and injustices by our own government.

I would like to, at this time apologize for my criticisms and beliefs the CM was a worthless gathering of bar drinkers and braggarts. After reading the material I was given, my opinion has changed considerably. I do not believe any longer that the CM is made up of wanna-bes who wear cammies and qualified 4F. I can now see where you

are an honest freedom loving sincere number of men and probably women as well, who love the nation as I do.

You have not deserved the criticism I have voiced against you. Please allow me to withdraw my earlier opinions, as they were very wrong. I am truly sorry and hope my extended olive branch of friendship will be accepted in the manner it is given.

I am so sick and tired of the leadership, or lack of it, that this nation has, both Democrat and Republican, I guess I judge all agencies as having the Monica knee pads and the Clinton cigar. Kindest Regards, “ [name withheld by editor]

Editor's Response:

Sir: If we may speak for the many militia members in North Carolina, we cannot say enough to thank you for your sincere letter. In all honesty we concur with your assessment; your criticisms are not entirely unfounded. Like many other groups, we are struggling to live up to the ideals established by our nations Founders. In many respects we fall short. Most of our national experience with the citizens militia was realized in earlier times and under much different, perhaps even a more receptive, social and political environment. As a result we lack their experience and simply do not always know what must be done or how to do it, particularly given our limited resources. Our organization is still far from the ideal we would both like the militia to be. One of our goals is to become more politically active, particularly on the state level. We apologize in turn for our shortcomings and would greatly appreciate your thoughts and recommendations regarding our role and activities. We can learn from each other. Thank you. The Editors

To The Editor:

“What a wonder job you are doing. I never would have even thought to look for your newsletter or the North Carolina Citizen Militia on the Internet. I met two Public Affairs Representatives in Lexington, NC in January and I must say they overwhelmed me with their knowledge on political events and impressed me with their military bearing. These young men are a shining example of what America should be, could be, and might still rise to be. Jeremy Davis and Stephen Ledford are a credit to your organization and are as far as I am concerned looked sharper and had more self discipline than most United States military personnel. I lived in Fayetteville for some time and served 11 years in the United States Army. I was standing by while Jeremy and Stephen were giving a history lesson to the United States Army Recruiter, who looked at them in disbelief as they explained the legal, Constitutional role of the citizen militia in the United States. I enjoyed it very much, the recruiter left with an armful of information. As far as your newsletter, keep it up. Can I send you a check to help with the costs of publishing and who do I make it out to. Thank you ladies and Gentlemen for rekindling the heart of an old patriot.” B.D.

Editors Response:

Our shortcomings may be legion, our resources may be limited, but our commitment and motivation to the preservation of American ideals and constitutional government is reinforced by your most kind words. Any effort you can make toward reacquainting

your friends and neighbors with the principles of constitutional government would be a most appreciated contribution to our efforts.

To The Editor:

“Where have you guys been hiding? I talked with Jerimy Mathis, Jeremy Davis and Steve Ledford at the Charlotte Gunshow a few months ago and hope to see them there again in February. They told me that this program had been going since about 92-93 but really got off the ground in 1995. So if that be the case why have I not seen you before. I picked up copies of the basic militia manual and your newsletter but I am new to all this. Jeremy said that you were always wanting to hear what we wanted to see, well, I need some more information on Gear and Equipment, what to get, where to get it, how much, what works, and what doesn't. I would like to thank you and the Public Affairs men for the work and effort that has been going in to the Carolina Free Press and the show promotions. I drove to Raleigh this weekend to see if you would be there but I did not see you anywhere. I hope this finds you all well and putting more educational material together for us beginners out here. Hope to see you soon.” RG

Editors Response:

Thank you for your interest. Prompted by your request we have included an equipment article in this issue and are working on a recommended equipment list to be distributed at a later date. In considering equipment keep in mind that which is sturdy and functional is the basic requirement. Our focus must be on becoming the best citizen-soldiers we can be, not necessarily on being the best equipped. It should be no surprise to learn that the unorganized militia is not everywhere welcome. At the present time in America political expediency allows little room for patriotism in commerce.

IN THE WIRE

Seeking The “Tripwire”:

Government continues to push the “envelope” in many areas and at many levels. With the declared intention of confiscation, California may very well provide the gun control “tripwire” prompting active resistance to emerging tyranny. We have heard no reports of state actions to date which violate due process of law as it relates to the right to keep and bear arms. With national attention is focused on California it might also be prudent to keep our eye open and alert for agency adventures elsewhere. Readers who may have personal communications bearing on current events in California are encouraged to communicate with the NCCM Public Affairs Officer.

The “elsewhere” noted above were the “tripwire” might be found could also be in ongoing government efforts to exert control, i.e. censorship, over the internet. A little truth, as you well know, is a dangerous thing. Therefore, various mechanisms for internet control, from taxing transactions (with associated recordkeeping functions) to Clinton's new proposal to create an “Institute For Information Infrastructure Protection intended to “protect” the public from “cyber-terrorism”, there are a number of pending initiatives all designed to exert some type of control over internet communications.

Independent services, like AOL, are also actively exploring incremental means to limit or control access to information. Internet censorship would be a significant constraint to the burgeoning “patriot” movement and may eventually be the final “tripwire” to spark active dissent. The free exercise of speech has been instrumental in informing Americans of the threats to their liberty and the very existence of a free republic. People are starting to pay attention.

Clinton’s Gun Control Update:

On January 27th, during his final State of The Union address, President Bill announced yet another new gun control initiative. He requested the cooperation of congress in requiring a federally issued license and photo identification card as a prerequisite to purchasing a handgun. According to a report from WorldNetDaily, asked if the licensing proposal would later apply to all firearms, a White House source said that it was a “natural progression.”

Representatives of NRA and Gun Owners of America were cited as being surprised at the announcement. If you understand that the agenda is fixed, what’s there about another gun control initiative to be surprised about?

Associated Press (January 18th) reports on yet another Clinton gun control initiative. In short he proposes a budget increase of \$280 million to create a program to track guns through ballistics and hire more BATF agents. Of course, it won’t be over till it’s over.

Liberals In Distress:

You really need to be of the intellectual persuasion to appreciate a little book written by columnist Christopher Hitchens entitled No One Left To Lie To: The Triangulations of William Jefferson Clinton (ISBN 1-85984-736-6, 1999). Otherwise, if you delight in struggling with big words and complex sentence structure you might appreciate the telling of the political history of the greatest liar this nation has yet to produce.

On reading, we are amazed at the bold and brash, arrogant and blatant disregard for law, property and persons. The implications of impropriety are breathtaking by any measure of moral turpitude. In all honesty, we take some cheer in the apparent perplexity of the author, who in our opinion, is also a flaming liberal. The author bemoans the perfidy of a fellow liberal, never questioning the morality, ethics or constitutionality of liberal theology, but finds fault only in Clinton’s life and politics as it relates to the implementation of the liberal agenda.

Maybe it is a little cruel to delight in the discomfiture of others but, once past the abysmal despair brought by Presidential sloth, we certainly got a chuckle out of plumbing the depths of liberal [socialist] depravity. It’s all we thought and more. On a more perplexing level it absolutely confirms the pervasive moral corruption underlying the despotic state described by Solzhenitsyn. It is clear from our reading that liberals don’t even understand the fundamental reasons *why* these violations of moral and ethical behavior are wrong.

If you dare to confront the depth of moral and ethical depravity that persists in this Administration and the organization that perpetuates this evil, see if your library has a

copy. There is something to learn from this shameful episode in our nation's history, if you can deal with it.

"... ; Clintonism poisons everything it touches." Christopher Hitchens, No One Left To Lie To.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Notice of Summary Judgement - Barnyard Militia: This is to announce that Bill (the Bull), Sergeant in the Barnyard militia, has been summarily tried by courts martial and found guilty of Abandonment of Post. As soon as secure transport can be arranged Sergeant Bill will be transferred to the Packing House where he will await summary execution. The appeals process is pending.

At the trial it was determined that Bill went over the hill (AWOL) and was found by MP's thoroughly intoxicated and cavorting shamelessly with numerous females none of whom held a security clearance. Consistent with his nature, Bill remained dry-eyed throughout the trial, seemingly oblivious of the breach in security, not to mention the perimeter fence. In his concluding statement Bill spoke eloquently, warning others to avoid the evils of fermented corn and the lure of greener pastures. Bill, who once claimed that he would give his "all" for the cause, pledged he would still attend the annual militia conference in spirit if not in substance. Militia members who may wish to express final sentiments to Sergeant Bill may send correspondence to the CFP c/o the 81st Brigade.

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