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BIOTHREATS NECESSITATE NEW THINKING ABOUT FUNDING FOR GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS

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Enthusiasts for a democratic world federation have often been clear and vocal about the need for a global judiciary, administrative and legislative bodies but have rarely been vocal about the essential need to sustain and adequately fund each of these institutions. Promoting these global institutions in the post 9-11 reality is slightly easier, but without first securing the funding for each of these institutions, world government enthusiasts may be putting the cart before the horse.

The other weakness of pushing for a democratic world federation in this era is failing to recognize and clearly articulate the need for such institutions and the urgency of sufficient financing to deal with the pressing array of human security threats that increasingly threaten our hard won freedoms, our vital prosperity, and our individual lives.

Physics dominated American foreign policy and our national security agenda over the second half of the last century. Biology will drive the next 20 years. The nuclear and genocidal threats that motivated many to see the genius of world federation have not gone away, but biological threats offer profoundly new and challenging characteristics that make the need for a democratic world federation even self-evident to the non-political.

First, advances in biotechnology are rapidly driving the advancement of biological weapons making them increasingly designable and affordable on a weekly basis to individuals as well as groups and nations. Today's scientists are successfully carrying out experiments that would have been unheard of just a few years ago such as using recombinant HIV and Ebola for therapeutic purposes and creating live viruses using only gene segments available from any commercial supply house and information from the Web. It will not be long before almost any biological lab will have similar capabilities, and with them, the same potential for very serious misuse.

Biological and cyber weapons (and eventually nanotechnology weapons) are a new classification of weapons. Traditional weapons are visible and are used up when used. This new class of weapons is virtually invisible and replicates when used. Replicating weapons can be released intentionally by terrorists, accidentally by an industry or research lab, or randomly by human encroachment on nature.

The new and inevitable threats that humanity faces from bioterrorism or infectious diseases will eventually replace the

traditional security threats of World War II and the Cold War that drove people to thinking outside the box of national sovereignty. Horrific scenarios caused by genetically modified organisms, cloning, or the world's loss of biodiversity are additional concerns that will force pragmatic individuals into thinking about the benefits of harmonized and enforceable global law.

The Hart/Rudman Commission (the bi-partisan Presidential Commission on US National Security in the 21st Century, www.nssg.gov) that predicted a mass casualty terrorist attack on our nation many months before September 11 also outlined the security threat to our nation from global economic instability. Most economists

agree that one of the greatest sources of that economic instability is the free flow of capital on a massive scale. Every day approximately 1.8 trillion dollars in speculative (risky) currency trades cross international borders at the speed of light in electronic transfers. The 1997 Asian economic meltdown that sent thousands of American farmers into bankruptcy and most elderly pension funds tanking is only a minor example of what can come. A tax to slow the rapid transfers and a single global currency are the only two effective means of immunizing the world against similar future chaotic economic outbreaks. The world's powerbrokers' worship of national sovereignty has thus far disallowed any such sensible efforts to reduce this particular threat.

There is one more simple and undebatable fact now driving U.S. foreign policy, national security, homeland defense, job growth and other aspects of domestic economic policy. It is a shortage of federal tax revenues to adequately address each and everyone of these threats. Every domestic effort to do so literally forces Americans into a "rob Peter to pay Paul" dilemma. Without more funding for effective prevention programs, there will be unimaginable costs in American lives, resources and freedoms.

There is, however, one solution that could effectively address the roots of most of these problems. A relatively simple solution that received a Nobel prize 30 years ago. A solution that could fund the most effective prevention programs and better help us prepare for those we cannot prevent. That solution is the **Tobin Tax** -- a micro tax originally conceived by a Chicago-based economist, James Tobin, primarily intended to slow the destabilizing effect of rapid currency trading. The astonishing sec-

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World Federalists in Northern and Central California and Nevada have been members of the **World Federalist Association**, an educational membership body, with main office at 420 7th St, SE, Washington, DC 20003 and chapters and regional branches throughout the USA. Founded in 1947 as a merger of Student Federalists and several adult world federalist groups into the **United World Federalists**, WFA has been a member organization of the **World Federalist Movement**. Contributions to units of WFA, a Section 501(c)(3) organization, have been tax-deductible.

The Campaign for UN Reform, at the same address as WFA, has been an advocacy organization.

See page 3 for information on new developments.

Formed in Montreux, Switzerland, also in 1947, as the **World Movement for World Federal Government**, the WFM has member organizations throughout the world and an International Secretariat at 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

World Federalists have been able to participate in local, regional, national, and global events. Members in Northern and Central California and Nevada receive both the national quarterly, *World Federalist*, and *TDWF*.

World Federalists envision a **democratic world federation** to deal with those problems and issues facing the world community that nation-states cannot solve by themselves. Positive goals that they seek to promote are global systems to end wars and crimes against humanity and to provide peace and security, international justice, human development with sustainable economies, and environmental health. We seek to democratize and strengthen United Nations.

Serving 800-plus members in Northern and Central California and Nevada and with contacts throughout the world, WFA/NCA supports projects of WFM and WFA to restructure the UN to deal with contemporary international problems. It also serves as a hothouse for exploring and advocating different approaches launched or fostered by members in the region and outside toward achieving our long-range goal - including promoting regional federations and calling for a world constitutional convention.

World Federalist Association



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Readers' comments are welcome.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

World Federalists of Northern California Local Units & Community Advocates

2nd Saturday of every second month: National Action Program Conference Calls with a legislator or prominent activist who comments on the topic or "Action Alert" of the month. Most groups have the following schedule: 9:45 a.m., meet; 10, phone 703-871-3720 and "listen in"; 11-12 noon, write letters or plan actions.

Topic -- 10 Jan: Lobbying for Hearings on the US, the UN and Iraq

Sacramento Chapter: Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. (Marc Christensen, 916-227-4548)

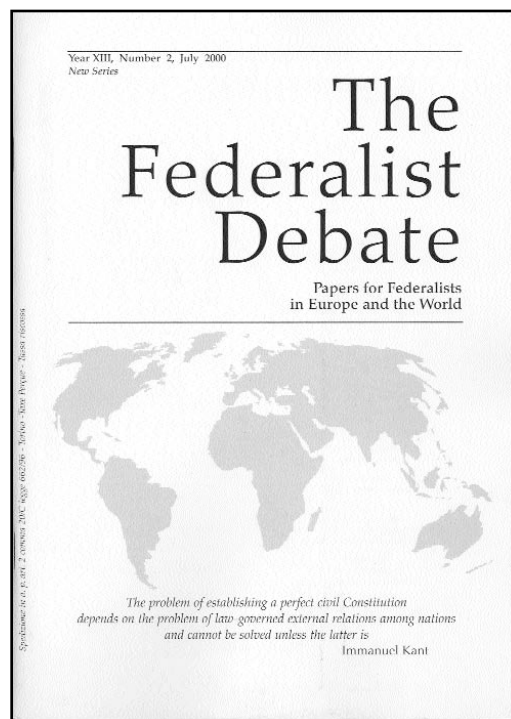
San Francisco Chapter: usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month: Unitarian-Universalist Center, 1187 Franklin St. at Geary (Jim Adams, 415-831-1187)

Members elsewhere in Northern & Central California and Nevada desiring to participate as Community Advocates, please call 415-227-4880 several days in advance.

Regional Council Roundtable

Sun. 11 January: 12 Noon, Brown-bag lunch; 1 p.m. Meeting starts; Room 221, 55 New Montgomery St., SF. Eric Schultz will lead a discussion on the new strategic partnership and introduce the Press Kit [see page 7]. Councillors and others interested in participating, RSVP 415-227-4880 or wfanca@wfanca.org. Latecomers, ring #225 at intercom by front door.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



TIMES OF TROUBLES AND CHANGE

The world system is clearly broken, as international and (in some places) domestic terrorism thrives in the face of efforts of the United States Government unilaterally to fight fire with fire. At the same time, countries look to the United Nations with concern, as its structure, basically unchanged after 58 years, still prevents it from effectively bringing peace and justice to the people of the world. No wonder that at the opening of the U.N. session in September Secretary General **Kofi Annan** called for wide-ranging reform.

WORLD FEDERALISTS IN COPENHAGEN

Starting on U.N. Day (24 October), the **World Federalist Movement's** governing Council met in Copenhagen. That day at the morning session of a public conference in the legislative chamber of Christiansborg Castle speakers on "The United Nations in the 'New World Order'" included Danish Foreign Minister **Per Stig Moller** and former Foreign Minister **Niels Helveg Petersen**. The latter presented highlights of his party's bold enumeration of 51 reforms for the U.N. [See page 8.]

The afternoon session, on "The Contribution of the European Union to Strengthening and Democratization of the U.N. System," featured **Bruno Boissiere**, the General Secretary of the Union of European Federalists. This led to a joint UEF/WFM resolution by him and **Andreas Bummel** of Germany on behalf of WFM calling for cooperation between the two federalist bodies. After some debate during the WFM meeting on the 26th at the premises of the host Danish United Nations Association, the resolution was approved. [See page 5.]

WORLD FEDERALISTS IN BRAINTREE, MA

A fortnight later at the Fall Assembly of W.F.A. in Braintree and a parallel meeting of the Campaign for United Nations Reform, it was confirmed that the two organizations would form a "strategic partnership" under the name of **Citizens for Global Solutions**. WFA will henceforth operate as the **Citizens for Global Solutions Education Fund**. No longer a membership body, its Board of Directors will elect their own replacements. However, contributions to it, as the 501(c)(3) educational body, may still be tax-deductible.

The C.U.N.R. will become the **C.f.G.S.** Instead of the previous membership cap of 46, it will be open to any number of members, who will be entitled to vote for its directors. Being a 501(c)(4) advocacy/lobbying body, gifts to it will not be tax-deductible. [See adjacent column for more details.]

Because local units such as ours will no longer automatically receive a share of members' dues, and before long contributions will not be tax-deductible, we hope that our members and supporters will make generous contributions in the near future, while also helping us promote the Global Solutions Press Kit, using the coupon on page 7.

The far-reaching changes will gradually be implemented with the expectation that most will be completed by the end of WFA's fiscal year on 30 June 2004. It is hoped that with the new name, vision and mission statement, it will be easier to attract greater cooperation with other members of civil society in influencing the events in these critical times.

DAWN OF A NEW ERA

Braintree, Massachusetts -- The blustery autumn weather was remarkably appropriate for the events of November 8; change definitely was in the air. On this day, by a margin of 88 to 13, the National Council of WFA made a historic decision, one that marked the end of an era in the movement for the creation of a world federal government and the beginning of a new one. Their vote allowed the World Federalist Association and Campaign for UN Reform to work as virtually one new organization -- **Citizens for Global Solutions**.

Clearing the path for change, **John B. Anderson** stepped down as President of our organization after presiding over what was the last meeting of the WFA National Council. He received a well-deserved standing ovation for his 11 years of service as frontman for the WFA.

Our leadership hopes that these significant changes in name and structure will help draw in new members thus increasing our political relevancy. While many of the details about how Citizens for Global Solutions will actually run still need to be sorted out, presentations were given on some of the key new developments. Among them are:

- An E-advocacy program -- which will use e-mail technology to help our members to more easily let their legislators know how they feel about US foreign policy and United Nations reform. Information about these letters can be tracked by the staff in our Washington office, who can then use those statistics in face-to-face meeting with our country's policymakers.
- The World Federalist Institute -- a kind of "think tank" where the leading scholars in our movement can hash out some of the finer points of World Federalist philosophy and publish their findings in monographs or perhaps even a journal.
- The Grassroots Leaders Council (G.L.C.) -- a new structure that will act as a liaison between those of us in the field and those creating the programming for our organization (the Board of Directors and National Staff).
- Membership voting for the Board of Directors -- all members of Citizens for Global Solutions may vote on candidates aspiring to join its Board of Directors (one of two Boards in the new organization, each responsible to its respective corporation).

Along with a new name, our organization will also have new Vision and Mission statements. Other new features, such as a logo and tagline (a short descriptive statement used with the name), that have not already been released, should be available soon. As these numerous changes occur, the staff at the national and local offices will be doing their best to keep you informed. If you should have any questions about this process, do not hesitate to call or write to them.

New name or not, we should all remember that what is most important has never changed. The eventual success or failure of our movement still depends on our ability to convince more and more people that the best, and perhaps only, way to ensure the future success and continued survival of humanity is by joining together to form a federally structured, super-national governing system capable of democratically creating and justly administering enforceable world law. Let us use this period of transformation to renew our resolve in making sure this job is done. -- *E.S.*

WORLD PARLIAMENT? OKLAHOMA IS READY

by Bill Bryant of Oklahoma City

I've been asking myself if folks in my part of the world are ready to participate in the global electoral process. Going on what I know about my friends and neighbors in the great State of Oklahoma (46th star on the American flag!), I believe that we will be ready by the time the voting begins. But, we are going to need some time to get organized. My recommendation is that the polling should not begin before the second half of 2007.

Here's how I'm thinking about this process:

(1) **VOTING DISTRICTS.** George Monbiot in *The Age of Consent: A manifesto for a new world order* envisions a world assembly of 600 members, each representing a constituency of about 10 million people. He hasn't attempted to describe the voting districts, leaving that detail to a future electoral commission. It is certain that the district where I live will encompass an area larger than Oklahoma, which has a population of less than 4 million souls. This means that my member of the World Parliament (WP) may turn out to be from Texas or Kansas or another neighboring jurisdiction. That's OK with me as long as the voting is fair and democratic.

(2) **POLLING PLACES.** Establishing and organizing the polling places will be a challenge, but it won't be an insurmountable difficulty. I'm assuming that **the elections will be carried out under the auspices of a civil society organization or a coalition of NGO's.**

We should prepare for a large voter turnout. In Oklahoma, we'll plan for 800,000 voters - about the same number of people who voted in our last statewide special election. We'll rely on local civil society organizations to help us set up polling places, recruit volunteers to manage them, etc. My plan is to set up polling stations at each college campus within the State. We'll probably have to recruit some community-based organizations to open up polling sites at their locations. I figure that 100 polling locations will be sufficient, assuming that the World Parliament election commission will allow the voting to be spread out over 2-3 weeks. Students and community volunteers can help to manage the voting process.

(3) **VOTER PARTICIPATION.** Leading up to the vote, there will need to be a massive educational effort -- to explain the purpose of the World Parliament, etc. In this regard, although we don't have a local chapter of the World Federalist Association, we do have some natural allies who will be asked to help out. I'm thinking of the League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club, human rights advocates, social studies teachers, political scientists, other educators, etc. There is even a group called the Oklahoma Global Education Consortium, which exists to promote education about and participation in global civil society. Other potential allies include labor unions, veterans groups, etc.

(4) **RESISTANCE.** The biggest obstacle to a fair election will probably come from the usual crowd of anti-democratic forces. In particular, I'm thinking of religious fundamentalists. There are always a few who can be counted on to stand in opposition to any effort by the people to assert their rights. But they are usually more bark than bite. I don't expect that their opposition would be well-organized. If they convince anyone to boycott the election, it will probably just be their own small circle of friends and family. Nevertheless, the democratic aspect of the WP is a feature that is hard to resist.

(I'm assuming that the powers of the World Parliament will be limited, that it will exist primarily to advise the nations and review the work of the international organizations, and that it will possess moral authority but not coercive force. This sort of WP will be an easy "sell" to the people where I live: they're already convinced that the UN lacks democracy and accountability.)

SUMMARY. As I think about our traditions of community, democracy, and volunteerism, I believe that Oklahomans will be ready to participate in the WP elections when the time arrives. All we need is a little time to get organized.

It has been suggested that the "call" for the World Parliamentary elections should come from a large NGO umbrella organization such as the World Social Forum. Anyone attending the next Forum be sure to say that Oklahoma is ready to vote. Just give us some lead time to educate our neighbors.

Correction: Our wires got temporarily crossed in the Spring/Summer issue, and instead of **Peter Bailey of Ottawa** being shown as the author of "World Federation and the New Civilization," Bill Bryant's name was inadvertently cited. Our apologies to Peter.

RESOLUTION ON UNION OF EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS / WORLD FEDERALIST MOVEMENT COOPERATION

The advance of European integration, the achievement of a constitutional treaty and the enlargement in particular, opens new perspectives and necessities of federalist action on the European level. The creation of a E[uropean] U[nion] foreign minister and steps to further strengthen the Common Foreign and Security Policy calls for efforts of the federalist movements to influence the alignment of Europe's emerging foreign policy. It is time to commence efforts through which a central concept of the federalist strategy in Europe and the world shall be realized: a united Europe striving for worldwide integration. The strengthening and democratisation of the United Nations and the system of world institutions therefore must become part of the foreign policy agenda of the EU. It is the task of the federalist movement to foster and to promote this development.

Bearing in mind the common foundation of the UEF and WFM in 1947 in Montreux [Switzerland], the rapprochement of the movements at the occasion of the common 50th anniversary in 1997, and the admission of UEF as Associated Member of WFM in 1998, as well as the joint public meeting on United Nations Day 2003 in Copenhagen, it is time for the two movements to return to their common roots and to integrate federalist efforts in Europe and the world through steps towards a full membership of the UEF within the WFM and a closer coordination of the activities of the UEF and WFM member organizations and associated organizations in Europe.

Soundings will start immediately between representatives of the UEF Bureau and the WFM Executive Committee to examine conditions for a successful integration of the above-mentioned efforts in Europe and the world. *Passed at the WFM Council Meeting, October 26, 2003, in Copenhagen.*

COMMISSIONS ON U.N. REFORM -- THEN AND NOW

On 11 September 2003 conservative Republican Representatives Ander Cranshaw of Florida and Roy Blunt of Missouri introduced a bill (H.R. 3079) "To establish the **National Commission on the Modernization of the United Nations.**"

DUTIES: To study --

- suggested means for modernizing U.N. structures and practices, both those possible without changing the U.N. Charter and those requiring Charter modifications;
- whether member states adhere to the values of the Charter and suggest what might be done with violators;
- requiring member states to (i) sign a "Declaration of Member States" adhering to principles of U.N. membership; and (ii) regularly review U.N. principles *to determine whether a state should withdraw from the U.N. if it decides that the U.N. itself isn't adhering to implementing the Charter*;
- whether the General Assembly should have "one state, one vote," and whether the U.N. should be bi-cameral;
- whether U.N. auxiliary commissions and organizations should be funded by member dues or whether they drain resources from the U.N.'s primary functions;
- whether member states can create caucuses;
- past U.N. peacekeeping and humanitarian efforts and whether the U.N. should maintain a separate peacekeeping force; and
- whether U.N. resolutions are credible when "the United Nations does not mandate their absolute obedience."

COMPOSITION

9 members appointed as follows:

- 2 by the President;
- 2 each by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the Senate;
- 1 each by the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and
- 1 by the Secretary of State.

At first glance this appears to be a positive effort, that would improve on the United States Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of the United Nations, which held 6 public hearings (largely with World Federalist support) during 1992-1993. The earlier commission was hampered by Senator Jesse Helms' making sure that not a cent was appropriated for its work -- hearings, travel, and staff -- which led to our raising \$22,000 for the San Francisco hearing. The new bill provides for covering expenses.

The earlier commission had 16 members, some of whom didn't bother to attend hearings, and so a smaller number may be more practical. The 1992-93 commission was intended to be bipartisan with Sponsor **Jim Leach** (Representative from Iowa) expected to be the Chairperson. However, many of the commissioners were anti-U.N., especially one who was pressed into serving as co-chair. According to the current makeup of the U.S. Government, seven of the 9 commissioners could be Republican and only 2 Democrats. At the same time, the sponsors rate very low on the C.U.N.R.'s scale of "Global Statesmen."

One of the earlier commissioners was **Walter Hoffmann**, previously Executive Director of W.F.A. Perhaps this time an effort should be made to get two World Federalist experts on major U.N. reforms, **Tad Daley** of California and **Joseph Schwartzberg** of Minnesota, onto the new commission.-- JOS

WORDS OF WISDOM

"People can decide with as much propriety on the alterations and amendments [to the Constitution] which shall be found necessary, as for ourselves, for I do not conceive that we are more inspired, have more wisdom or possess more virtue than those who will come after us." -- George Washington, 1787

"[A] bill of rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth, general or particular, and what no government should refuse, or rest on inference." -- Thomas Jefferson - December 20, 1787

"Peace and security can be established and assured only if we, the sovereign people -- who, for our own safety and well-being have delegated parts of our sovereignty to cities to handle municipal affairs, to...counties, provinces, or states to take care of [their respective] issues, and to our national governments to attend to national problems -- to protect ourselves against ... wars, now delegate part of our respective sovereignty to bodies capable of creating and applying Law to inter-national relations" -- Emery Reves, *The Anatomy of Peace*, 1945

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ondary effect of such a global tax, however, is the \$100-200 billion dollars a year in global tax receipts that it would generate. **These new resources**, if applied properly to the root causes of terrorism, poverty and infectious diseases, **could greatly reduce the tax burden of most Americans** who are now divided over what limited federal resources should be spent on to maximize security. This global tax of .02% on currencies in financial transactions across international borders would only increase the tax burden on wealthy individuals like George Soros, who make monstrous profits on speculative global currency trading that contribute no real investment to local businesses or economies. Even Soros now supports the micro tax as a moderate "fix" to economic instability and a potential new source of funds for addressing global problems.

As the current trends and realities of new biosecurity threats become clearer, even average citizens will lean eagerly to the only rational solution to our chaotic and potentially catastrophic future. As more policy-makers become aware of the bankrupt approach of solving global problems with national sovereignty, they too will come around.

Nation building, a formerly disdained phrase, is now a no-brainer even for the most fiscally-minded conservatives. Building and funding the global institutions of world federation are not far behind.

A mass casualty attack on the US was predicted long before 9-11. Multiple uncontested and prestigious reports also forecast catastrophic outbreaks of infectious disease or the horrific use of a biological weapon. We can continue to live in hopeful optimism that the inevitable will not come or live in denial that they even exist, but there is another option. We can adopt the one thing that can have the broadest effect in improving human security and the most cost-effective result in preventing chaos.

Chuck Woolery is Chair of the United Nations Association Council of Organizations in Washington DC and Advocacy Chair of the American Public Health Association's International Health Section. On 16 November he made a presentation on this subject to our San Francisco Chapter.

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for violators.

- Make aid or World Bank loans for legal sector reforms contingent upon upholding HR conventions.

Reforms recommended by the DSLP in the area of *Conflict Prevention and Security Policies* include:

- Create a UN intelligence capability, a permanent core of weapons inspectors, and a permanent UN military force under the Security Council.
- Strengthen the ability of the UN to finance interventions in conflict areas and ensure UN operations are well equipped with respect to mandate, use of force, and equipment.
- Develop regional organizations to handle demanding peacekeeping operations.
- Pending the availability of UN or regional forces in failed states, authorize the UN to use Private Military Companies (PMC's), which would be subject to international law, the International Criminal Court and the Geneva Conventions.
- Better integrate humanitarian operations with the work of the Security Council.
- Create groups of pre-trained civilian expeditionary forces consisting of police, lawyers, judges, etc.
- Strengthen the cooperation between civilian and military deployment and administration in war and conflict situations.
- Treat peace-supporting operations as an ordinary UN activity with funding through the regular budget.

Suggested reforms with respect to *Development* would include:

- Coordinate development work in individual countries under the joint UN development framework, the poverty reduction standards, and the plans to fulfill the Millennium Goals by 2015.
- Move away from project aid to simple untied, but measurable aid.
- Ensure that ownership and responsibility for aid must be held by the recipient country.
- Expand the UN development group and encourage cooperation between UN development organizations.
- Strengthen and expand the division of labor between UN organizations and the World Bank.
- Strengthen work for women's rights, reproduction, and population management through better cooperation, or by merging their organizations.

Recommended reforms concerning the *Environment* include:

- Seek to form a World Environmental Organization.
- Strengthen the cooperation between individual environment conventions.
- Upgrade the UN Environment Program (UNEP) to a specific organization and ensure it stable funding.
- Introduce a ministerial forum in the UNEP and give it the primary role of setting norms and coordinating conventions.
- Dismantle the Commission for Sustainable Development and transfer its tasks to the ECOSOC.

The DSLP has suggested that with respect to the *Economy* reforms be made to:

- Strengthen the link between the work in the WTO and the UN and use existing international agreements from the WTO as the basis for forming national laws.

- Formalize procedures by which the WTO, IMF and the World Bank report to the ECOSOC in order to link them more closely to the UN.
- Merge the UN Trade Organization and/or the International Trade Center with the WTO in order to strengthen development within the WTO.
- Secure for developing countries a stronger say in the World Bank and IMF.

With respect to *Financing* the DSLP suggests the UN:

- Increase substantially the permanent basic contribution to the budget in order to ensure greater power, independence, and predictability and give the members a greater sense of ownership.
- Work to ensure the independence and power of the UN in the long term through more automatic models of financing.
[See also "Tobin Tax" on pages 1 & 5.]
- Support the foundation of new models of loan financing to fulfill the 2015 goals.

Finally, the DSLP suggests that the UN *Administration* be reformed to:

- Ensure that UN personnel are hired based on merit, qualifications, and internationally recognized tests.
- Decentralize the work processes further and ensure better coordination in individual countries by establishing UN Houses, wherein all organizations belong.
- Lastly, strengthen and expand the aims and strategic management of the individual UN organizations, including constant focus on their relevance.

The UN has come under pressure and intense scrutiny in recent times. Accordingly, if the world truly values the UN as a forum to debate issues and a means for accomplishing peace, it will give serious consideration to each of the suggested reforms.

– Summarized by **Jason Smith** of Walnut Creek, CA.

**PAT ROBERTSON & JOEL MOWBRAY,
AMERICAN TERRORISTS?**

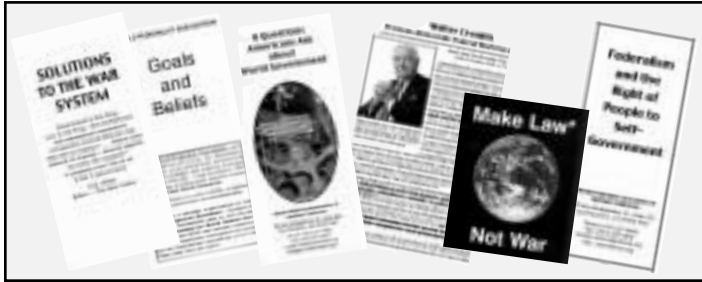
Take heart fellow world governmentals! Apparently we're not the only ones to take heat from the fanatics in the religious right. The "Reverend" Pat Robertson,* head of the Christian Broadcasting Network, had previously stated in his book *The New World Order* that the impulse to form world government sprung "from the depths of something that is evil, neither well-intentioned nor benevolent." In June, he cast his vitriol upon the U.S State Department, declaring, "It's like an entrenched bureaucracy that has their own agenda, and it doesn't comport with the will of the American people. How do we get rid of them?"

Apparently Robertson found his answer when interviewing author Mowbray on "The 700 Club" TV program about his book *Dangerous Diplomacy: How the State Department Endangers America's Security*. "When you get through, you say, 'If I could just get a nuclear device inside Foggy Bottom [the Department's nickname for that part of Washington, DC], I think that's the answer.' I mean," commented Robertson approvingly, "you get through this, and you say, 'We've got to blow that thing up!'"

--Based on report from Associated Press, 12 October 2003.

* Has the "Reverend" Robertson become irreverent?

"SOLUTIONS TO THE WAR SYSTEM" PRESS KITS



The press kits designed for our Global Solutions program have just been completed and are drawing rave reviews.

As you may recall, they are intended to be distributed to Northern Californian peace and disarmament organizations in an effort to help those groups understand how World Federalist concepts can be applied to the individual issues and problems about which *they* are concerned. The basic premise behind this program is that many in those groups do not yet recognize that they could work more effectively towards permanently putting **an end to all wars**, and the weapons used in them, by helping to develop a proper governing structure for our world.

Those peace and disarmament groups, being the primary target in this phase of our program, will be the principal recipients of our kits, but we would also would like to get them into the hands of others, including journalists, academics, and policy-makers. We feel that they, too, could have a lot to learn from the collection of informative and attractive brochures and flyers that each kit contains.

Unfortunately, the kits don't come cheap, and we need your assistance to raise funds for their distribution. If you want to help us put the ideas of World Federalism in front of some of the most influential people in civil society, please make a contribution. If you'd like, with your donation, you can tell us to whom you want us to send the kit (\$15 for each one). We can also send copies right to you for personal use. (*see coupon below*)

BIG PLANS FOR 2004

Here is a preview of some of the projects which we intend to carry out in 2004 at the World Federalist office in N. California:

- Completion of the Solutions to the War System - NGO outreach program. Including sending out our press kits (*see adjacent column*) and holding a spring NGO forum.
- 2004 Election Year activities -- Our voice must be heard during this critical time when Americans do some hard thinking about the big issues and possibilities for constructive change.
- Co-sponsorship of the UN Charter Review Conference of the San Francisco People's Assembly. There is much to do to assure success for this exciting event.
- Promotion of our World Federalist message by: lobbying our elected officials, working with the media, producing and distributing our thought-provoking publication, *TDWF*, updating and maintaining an informative website, hosting lectures, supporting chapters, and generally being there as an active part of Northern California civil society.
- Helping to roll out our new name and structure. We hope that doing so will create opportunities to spread our ideas among new audiences.

THIS IMPORTANT WORK REQUIRES FUNDING.

However, already local units no longer receive a share of their members' dues, and the new policy under the new restructuring requires local units to be self-financing.

As a result, we will increasingly depend on you, our members and supporters, to help us make ends meet. Some of you are already generous donors, and for that, we thank you; but in order to carry out our planned activities, we will need some of you who have not yet been contributors to lend a hand. Remember, we are the only organization out there providing a logical and constructive plan to systematically resolve world problems. If you feel that this is important, please do what you can to help us continue in that effort. (*see coupon below*)

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THE UNITED NATIONS: TIME FOR CHANGE

Recent events have helped to bring to the forefront of the world stage the shortcomings and weaknesses inherent to the United Nations (UN). Recognizing that the UN is in need of serious change if it is to remain a viable world player, the Danish Social Liberal Party (DSLPP) has published a paper listing a number of changes they feel are necessary to make the UN a stronger, more active international body. During the public conference held on 24 October by the World Federalist Movement in the Christiansborg Castle in Copenhagen, former Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs **Niels Helveg Petersen** touched upon some of the key proposals for U.N. Reform in that paper.

The DSLPP has suggested that as more members in the UN become democratic, the UN should evolve into a three-branch system. Their model would include the **General Assembly** as the legislative branch and the **International Criminal Court** operating as the judicial branch, while the executive branch would consist of the **Security Council** and the revived **Trusteeship Council** (formally suspended in 1994). They have also suggested the Security Council be expanded to include 21 to 25 members, including one group of permanent members with a veto; one group of permanent regional representatives with veto, chosen by rotation among the largest states in the region; and one group of rotating members without a veto.

Other *structural* changes to the UN would include:

- Restructure the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- Develop a clearer division of labor within the UN, reduce the

number of UN organizations, and create better cooperation between the primary areas of peace and security.

- Strengthen the inclusion of civil society; and expand partnerships between the U.N., private enterprises, and civil society.



Former Foreign Minister Petersen of Denmark, courtesy of Bente Nielsen

The DSLPP also suggests a shift in *International Law* to focus on individual rights instead of state sovereignty. In addition, the DSLPP suggests that the UN:

- Use the UN Charter to intervene in state conflicts when there are gross violations of the right to self-government, genocide, or crimes against humanity.
- Create guidelines for operations against new threats, like terrorist organizations that possess weapons of mass destruction.
- Improve upon ideas concerning rights to development.

They also suggested that *Human Rights and Development* be reformed as follows:

- Develop a focus for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR).
- Strengthen and adequately fund the Human Rights (HR) Commission and 6 Control Committees.
- Create an annual report to the HR Commission of countries failing to ratify conventions or accept the Control Committee procedures.
- Strengthen the national UN-accredited HR institutions and give them formal status to speak with the HR Commission.
- When necessary, have a local presence for the UNHCR, especially in post-conflict societies, and use "smart sanctions"

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"We're doing away with borders, not only on land but also in the people's minds." -- Janez Potocnik, Slovenia's Minister for European Affairs [AP, 23 Nov. 2003]

