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THE NEW STATES CONSTITUTION

A New Con By the Same Ol' Folks

With the proposed Constitutional Conference comes a renewed concern that the unrelenting effort to replace our constitutional republic with a socialist dictatorship, that would soon be absorbed into the New World Order, is making headway. The apprehension is quite legitimate. Since 1974, a new "constitution" has been awaiting the right opportunity to be presented and adopted. It is called the constitution for the New States of America.

This New States Constitution was developed by the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions which is a tax-exempt foundation funded by the Establishment to the tune of at least \$2,500,000 annually. Taking a decade to finalize, it was completed in 1974 and published in *The Emerging Constitution* by Rexford G. Tugwell. It represents but one method of entrapping and enslaving Americans by affording a presidential dictatorship the color of law.

What Is the New States Constitution?

By reading the New States Constitution (NSC), it becomes entirely clear that the document is nothing more than a blueprint for a Communist oligarchy answerable to the president, which means that it is truly no constitution at all. A despot calls all the shots, and if he is unhappy with his underlings, he simply appoints replacements.

But the NSC is written to appear as though it is modeled after the true Constitution, with a preamble and articles ostensibly delineat-

ing the rights, responsibilities and duties of the people and of the segments of government it proposes to charter. Quaintly, it mimics the separation of powers defined in the present Constitution; however, whatever checks and balances the document pretends to enumerate are summarily neutralized by the incestuous character of the whole ruling body. That is, the government-administered by officers with arcane titles such as "Overseer," "Watchkeeper," and "Regulator"-approves and controls the political parties and elections; the senate is comprised of former heads of departments and former presidents; the house of representatives is filled with politically approved members; the judicial body answers to the legislative body and all aspects of the government are subject to the final word of the president. All checks and balances are superfluous, as is the bulk of this "constitution," since it sets up the government, rather than the people, as the supreme earthly authority over the land, then allocates to the government complete and arbitrary

The rights of the people

Although a pretense is made to codify rights belonging to the people, in reality they will not exist in law except at the whim of the president who can suspend them at any time he cares to declare an emergency. Additionally, the "rights" are counterweighted by disclaimers, either in the same sentence or further on, which essentially nullify the original "right." For example, Article I, Section 7 states that "It shall be public policy to promote discussion of public issues and to encourage peaceful gatherings for this purpose. Permission to hold such gatherings shall not be denied, nor shall they be interrupted, except in declared emergency or on a showing of imminent danger to public order and on judicial warrant." So, under this alleged constitution, the right to peaceably assemble would be converted to an activity that first requires permission. Permission which could be denied if an emergency is declared or if any of the plethora of bureaucrats decide to put the stoppers on this activity.

Also, according to Article I, Section 8: "The practice of religion shall be privileged; but no religion shall be imposed by some on others, and none shall have public support." Look up the definition of privilege. Webster's interprets the word to mean "a right or immunity granted as a peculiar benefit, advantage, or favor." Granted. Not an unalienable right. This little item needs no further discussion.

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power over the citizens. What difference does it make to the subjects how the ruling elite charter their activities when the subjects are at their capricious mercy in every way?

The new states

Upon acceptance of the NSC, the country would immediately be divided into ten new states. It is no accident that these states are already drawn and concurrent with the ten federal regions that are now in use by the IRS, FEMA and myriad other federal agencies. The NSC makes a feeble attempt at allowing some degree of autonomy for the states, but it's yet another affectation. The states would no longer be the independent republics they are now. Rather, they will be mere administrative units for the national power structure.

The rights of the government

The President of the New States will have, for all intents and purposes, complete power over the country. What the NSC spells out as being the dominion of other branches of government is actually nothing more than a description of the day-to-day bureaucratic supervision of the various departments. The heads of the various bureaus are to be chosen by the president by means of appointment or confirmation of senatorial choices.

Whatever powers that do seem to be

delegated to the different sections of the government are hardly clear. Nebulous language is abundant throughout the NSC and seems to be deliberately vague, such as: "When this Constitution shall have been in effect for twenty-five years the Overseer shall ask, by referendum, whether a new Constitution shall be prepared. If a majority so decide...." The Overseer asks of whom whether a new constitution shall be prepared? Prepared by whom? A majority of what? Since the NSC is so imprecise, it could be circumvented by any number of means, leaving the citizenship perpetually ignorant of what the law-du-jour is.

It becomes obvious, after reading the NSC, that the whole constitution is designed to channel all political prerogative upward to the president. The rest of the population will fall into a system of political privilege exactly like that which is found in the former Soviet Union. In fact, one imagines that the Russian government is set up with an NSC prototype.

The transition

The last Article of the NSC provides for its own power to replace the real Constitution. Article XII, Section 1 states: "The President is authorized to assume such powers, make such appointments, and use such funds as are necessary to make this Constitution effective as soon as possible after acceptance by a referendum *he may initiate*" (emphasis added). If not for the gravity of current events in this country, it would be laughable to think that the NSC could put itself into place just like that. Of course, it can't, but the proposed Conference of the States could be just the opportunity the authors of the NSC have been waiting for. And let us not be so naive as to think that the powers behind the Conference are distinguishable from the powers behind the NSC.

The Feasibility of a Transition

The NSC is important not so much for its content as it is for its concept. That is, as a governing charter, it is a farce, a discontinuance of a nation of laws, to be replaced by a nation of legal caprice. No constitution is necessary for a dictatorship, including the New States Constitution. Yet the power elite wants to see the NSC in place because if, through the Establishment's customary fraud and deceit, the people go along with the mechanics of the shift, then the switch to socialism could, conceivably, be executed without initial military compulsion.

But would the people really go along with it? Certainly, you and I wouldn't. But what about our illustrious Congress? The Republican takeover notwithstanding, this writer believes enough Congressmen would be either pliant enough or would actually jump at the chance to implement the NSC. And our state assemblies? They may be a tougher sell, but the proposed Conference of the States is making progress in

47 states already, the point of which is to petition for a Constitutional Convention. And anything can happen at a con-con.

Nevertheless, even if the NSC were never realized by popular action, our president seems supremely amenable to the idea. What prevents him from simply initiating the referendum enumerated in the final article of the NSC by way of executive order?

Nothing, except our personal weapons.

As long as the citizenry is armed, the Establishment knows it dare not force any radical changes upon the nation. No, they must continue to slyly employ artifice and mendacity so that eventually the nation "voluntarily" relinquishes her proud traditions.

The Conference of the States

And it is exactly through fraud and deceit that the Establishment may well get its NSC. Witness the Conference of the States. The resolutions in the several statehouses calling for it hypnotically engage in a political doublespeak that seems to anesthetize lawmakers' otherwise good sense. Even when logical objections are presented, some legislators tend to think that the Conference still would be nothing more than a harmless, maybe quaint, attempt to pressure the federal government into reinventing itself in.

Yet, should the Conference be called, and should it produce a petition to Congress for constitutional amendments (as the the self-appointed, private conveners seem to want in a very bad way), and should Congress respond in the only manner prescribed by the Constitution (which is to call for a real constitutional convention), and should the convention be assembled, nothing will prohibit the NSC from being introduced and voted up or down.

But wouldn't the delegates, wise and judicious as they surely would be, simply dismiss the NSC out of hand? One would hope, yet one would be wise to never underestimate the treachery of the people behind the NSC. (Doubtless, they are in fellowship with those behind the Conference of the States and, as such, will likely have an unseen hand in choosing the delegates. The Resolution of Participation has been sent to the various state legislatures and is being introduced by the leadership in each state. These are the people who think the Conference is a good idea, and they will also be the very people who get to choose the delegates from their states, according to the proposal. Politics being what they are, who truly believes the hand-picked delegates would have any real objections to changing the Constitution?)

At the con-con

So, once a true con-con is secured, the NSC could be proposed, but certainly not in its naked entirety. Instead, it would be clothed in

some disguise that would render it seductive and compelling to the delegates. Then, once it was approved, the conspirators would pull the old bait and switch scam; however, by the time anyone realized the con, it would be too late. And as the "president" imposed his will over the land, we would be accused or cajoled with the lie that it was the will of the people, it was what we sent our representatives to do for us.

After the ball

Should this type of scenario play out, at this point, the Establishment is banking on the meek compliance of the "sheeple." Since little protest has been proffered against the socialist onslaught all these years, it is reasonable to assume that the people will prove to be as ir-resolute against this climactic mugging of our liberty as we have been against all the little embezzlements of the past. Who could blame them for thinking so?

Perhaps, however, this time they will be in for a surprise.

Establishment Alternatives To

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The New States Constitution

The NSC represents the path of least resistance for the Globalists, but it is by no means the only path. The Establishment has a goal and will employ any tactic necessary to see it achieved. Thus, it is preparing for resistance stiff enough to defeat the NSC. But, rest assured, they have a few Plan B's standing by. Many are already in use to help the transition to be achieved through several avenues and approaches.

Alternative Strategies

All of the nonsense laws and bureaucratic regulations swamping us these days are designed to ensure that everyone is a criminal in some capacity or another. Because any political undesirable opposing socialist progress or suspected insurgent can be taken off the streets at any time for virtually any reason, the country is already close to a virtual police state. This is no fantasy, it's already happening (a subject for another issue).

Another method may be to precipitate some calamity so that the emergency apparatus can be deployed, presumably to help victims and retain civil order. A good calamity would be a collapse of the financial system. Since the Establishment owns the money supply and, therefore, the financial system, this would

be so easy for them to do. Of course, a good, timely earthquake could produce much the same results and be far more credible than an orchestrated financial disaster. FEMA has been worming its way into local police and emergency departments over the past few years, effectively usurping and rewriting local disaster policy to reflect an autocratic, people-control design. No matter the good intentions of the FEMA footsoldiers, the ultimate aim has little to do with the safety of stricken people. Rather, it has everything to do with openly establishing martial law.

In any event, when the time is right, the final push will be made to deliver America into the socialist New World Order with or without the NSC. It's a good bet, however, that the planned internal government will be conducted along the lines stated in the NSC, whether the people know the particulars or not.

We can only pray that the people are sufficiently awake now to prepare to repulse all new efforts to betray our heritage and to nurse along the nascent campaign to undo the damage already done.

THE PRINCIPAL ASSEMBLY

Continuing the States' Rights Movement

Just as the Conference of the States Resolutions make headway in many states, so too has the 10th Amendment Resolution. Although the conveners of the Conference would have the state legislators believe that their endeavor is also a state's rights activity, in reality it's not. The Conference planners want to mutilate the 10th Amendment, accede its power to the courts, of all places. The true states' rights backers, on the other hand, want to reassert the rights of the states as provided for in the Bill of Rights. Citizens for the Constitution wants to help facilitate the true 10th Amendment efforts.

So, coming this summer, a Principal Assembly will be held in Denver. The brainchild Colorado State Senator Charlie Duke and Walt Cross, the Principal Assembly will be a summit meeting of state senators and representatives of the states carrying the State Sovereignty Resolution. The purpose will be to discuss methods of advancing the supremacy of the states over the federal government. The result will be to formulate consistent plans for the legislators to take back to their respective states for implementation.

Citizens for the Constitution is invit-

ing sponsors for this event. Five hundred top-priority seats are available for \$30 each. These tickets will allow the sponsor into the various committee proceedings, as well as the general seating for the entire three-day function. Other tickets are \$10 per day for general seating.

Tentative dates for the Principal Assembly are June 29, 30, and July 1. To order your tickets now, send your contribution to **Citizens for the Constitution, P.O. Box 24700, Denver, Colorado, 80224.** Or call 303-344-9426. More information will be forthcoming.

CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS

El Paso County Sheriff Fulfills Campaign Promise

Good news

The good news is El Paso County Sheriff John Anderson, in fulfillment of a campaign promise, is now issuing permits. More good news is that his requirements for issue are considerably more relaxed than was anticipated.

Gone is the ridiculous need to prove that one's life is in jeopardy (as though everyone knows precisely when random violence is going to occur to them), that one is Special Forces trained in the use of a firearm or that one is extraordinarily wealthy enough to afford the application fees. Instead, now one need only come up with \$85 for the initial application and \$20 per year to renew, be at least 25 years old, pass a criminal background check and forfeit a set of fingerprints. A marked improvement over the previous policy (which is still in effect in most other Colorado counties).

At the last published count, some 2,800 applications were handed out. Because it's taking about three weeks for processing, no figures have been made available as to the numbers granted or denied.

More good news is that, according to the Colorado Revised Statute 18-12-105.1, a sheriff is allowed to issue permits to citizens residing in other counties as long as he contacts the sheriff and/or chief of police in the jurisdiction of the applicant prior to issuing the permit and apprises said sheriff and/or chief of police of the disposition of the application. This means that the residents of El Paso County may not necessarily be the only people in Colorado benefiting from Sheriff Anderson's supremely good sense. Maybe.

Bad news

The bad news is that Colorado still re-

quires a person to request permission and pay money in order to do something he already has the unalienable right to do anyway. The true injustice is not that it has been heretofore impossible to get a concealed carry permit, but rather that the Colorado Constitution has a provision to disallow concealed carry. This is the root of the problem, and, while all legislative attempts to end run capricious decisions by the sheriffs and police chiefs are to be heartily commended, until the Constitution itself is rectified, all concealed carry legislation has the effect of lending credence to the notion that the state has the right to curtail the inviolable rights of the people to bear arms in any manner they see fit. Nevertheless, until the Constitution is healed, the rules are the rules.

Anderson's request for a social security number is one of the sticking points of the application process. Regardless of the fact that it is illegal to request a citizen's S.S. number for anything other than tax purposes, to dispense government benefits, to issue a driver's license or license plates, still, the sheriff retains the power to deny a permit if one refuses to supply the number. For those citizens who understand the legal trap of accepting or retaining a S.S. number and who have revoked theirs, this could be a problem.

Although, having met Sheriff Anderson, the editor believes the man is sincere, reasonable, and dedicated to his constituents. When asked about the S.S. requirement, he explained that at times it is necessary to distinguish between many people with common names and that the social security number is the easiest way to do this.

Considering that the sheriff is under no obligation, at this time, to issue *any* permits at all, and that Anderson's criteria are a cakewalk in comparison to the other counties', and that the good sheriff has given no indication that his office would abuse the confidentiality of one's S.S. number, perhaps this should be a non-issue for those who still claim their numbers. As for those who do not, perhaps a simple call to Anderson's office to offer other means of identification is in order.

Lastly, although Colorado allows sheriffs of one county to issue permits to residents of other counties, this is not to presume that Sheriff Anderson will do that. In fact, he requires the applicant to be a resident of El Paso County or at least own a business there. However, one could hope that if the application fees (which are eminently reasonable as far as fees go) prove to be somewhat profitable to the department, perhaps the sheriff would reconsider this constraint.

The reality

But don't hold your breath. Already Sheriff Anderson is breaking ranks with the rest of the sheriffs and to ask him to do more could

be pushing one's luck. We have seen a copy of the concealed carry proposal drafted by the various associations of police chiefs, sheriffs and district attorneys (policy with which no self-respecting citizen would, or should, comply) and it is clear that the other heads of departments around the state either do not want the citizenry to protect itself or, if they simply must, then to register their weapons with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. These people sincerely hate the concept of law abiding citizens carrying concealed.

All of which means that Sheriff Anderson is risking his fraternal neck by actually doing the job his constituents elected him do. How sad that this is the reality, but sadder still is the elitist attitude of the larger body of sheriffs, D.A.'s and police chiefs.

Surely, Sheriff Anderson soon will be feeling some heat for his brave split with the "party line." To keep this to a minimum, the sheriff, we assume, likely, prefers not to go around stomping on his brothers' toes by issuing permits indiscriminately. As much as some of us would like to believe otherwise, a little professional courtesy is in order here. To issue permits to residents of a county whose sheriff is opposed to the idea but is forced to acknowledge the permit's validity would be much like spitting in his coffee. And since Sheriff Anderson needs a certain amount of cooperation from the other sheriffs, he would be ill advised to seriously estrange them.

Perhaps, though, upon seeing both the political and practical success of Sheriff Anderson, the rest of the sheriffs will follow suit and begin to issue permits, too. Of course, if their constituents make the issuing of permits a non-negotiable condition of re-election, a big change could well be on the horizon in everyone's county.

"Arms in the hands of the citizen may be used at individual discretion for the defense of the country, the overthrow of tyranny, or private self defense.

John Adams

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Phillips Payson, 1778

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James Madison

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John Tucker, 1776

"Those who voluntarily put power into the hands of a tyrant or an enemy, must not be surprised if it is turned against themselves."

Aesop

"If the citizens of America should not be free and happy, the fault will be entirely their own."

George Washington

