

power within a power, a state within a state. His theory proposes that these new sovereigns are nothing short of this: they represent the power not of the natural persons which make up the nations' peoples, nor of their elected representatives, but the power of the legal, paper-person recognized in law. The corporations themselves are, then, the new sovereigns. And in their efforts to be treated in law as equals to the citizens of each separate state, they call this national treatment, they would travel the sea and wherever they land ashore they would be the citizens here and there. Not even the privateers of old would have dared impose this concept upon the nation-states.

Mr. Speaker, can we claim to know today what this rapid progress of global transformation will portend for democracy here at home? We understand the great benefits of past progress. We are not Luddites here. We know what refrigeration can do for a child in a poor country, what clean water means everywhere to everyone, what free communication has already achieved. But are we going to unwittingly sacrifice our sovereignty on the altar of this new God, progress? Is it progress if a cannibal uses a knife and fork?

Can we claim to know today what this rapid progress of global transformation will portend for national sovereignty here at home? We protect our way of life; our children's futures; our workers jobs; our security at home, by measures often not unlike our airports are protected from pistols on planes, but self-interested ideologies, private greed and private power? Bad ideas escape our mental detectors.

We seem to be radically short of leadership where this active participation in the process of diffusing America's power over to, and into, the private global monopoly, capitalist regime, today pursued without questioning its basis at all.

An empire represented not just by the WTO, but clearly this new regime is the core ideological success for corporatism.

The only step remaining, according to Harvard professor Paul Krugman, is the finalization of a completed multilateral agreement on investment which fails at the OECD. According to OECD, the agreement's actual success may come through, not a treaty this time, but arrangements within corporate governance itself, quietly being hashed out at the IMF and the World Bank as well as the OECD. In other words, just going around the normal way to accomplish things. We are not yet the united corporations of America, or are we?

The WTO needs to be scrutinized carefully, debated with hearings and public participation where possible. We can, of course, as author Christopher Lasch notes, peer inward at ourselves as well when he argued the history of the 20th century suggests that totalitarian regimes are highly unstable, evolving towards some type of bureauc-

racy that fits neither the classic fascist nor the socialist model. None of this means that the future will be safe for democracy, only that the threat to democracy comes less from totalitarian or collective movements abroad than from the erosion of its psychological cultural and spiritual foundations from within.

Mr. Speaker, are we not witness to, though, the growth of a global bureaucracy being created, not out of totalitarian or collectivist movements but from autocratic corporations which hold so many lives in their balance? And where shall we redress our grievances when the regime completes its global transformations? When the people of each nation and their state find that they can no longer identify their rulers, their true rulers.

When it is no longer their state which rules?

The most recent U.N. development report documents how globalization has increased in equality between and within nations while bringing them together as never before.

Some are referring to this globalization's dark side, like Jay Mazur recently in *Foreign Affairs*, and I am quoting him, "a world in which the assets of the 200 richest people are greater than the combined income of the more than 2 billion people at the other end of the economic ladder should give everyone pause. Such islands of concentrated wealth in the sea of misery have historically been a prelude to upheaval. The vast majority of trade and investment takes place between industrial nations, dominated by global corporations that control a third of the world's exports. Of the 100 largest economies of the world, 51 are corporations."

With further mergers and acquisitions in the future, with no end in sight, those of us that are awake must speak up now, or is it that we just cannot see at all: believing in our current speculative bubble, which nobody credible believes which can be sustained much longer, we miss the growing anger, fear and frustration of our people; believing in the myths of our policy priests pass on, we miss the dissatisfaction of our workers; believing in the god progress, we have lost our vision.

Another warning, this time from Ethan Kapstein in his article *Workers and the World Economy* of the *Foreign Affairs Magazine*, while the world stands at a critical time in post war history, it has a group of leaders who appear unwillingly, like their predecessors in the 1930s, to provide the international leadership to meet the economic dislocations.

□ 2350

Worse, many of them and their economic advisors do not seem to recognize the profound troubles affecting their societies. Like the German elite in Weimar, they dismiss mounting worker dissatisfaction, fringe political

movements, and the plight of the unemployed and working poor as marginal concerns compared with the unquestioned importance of a sound currency and balanced budget. Leaders need to recognize their policy failures of the last 20 years and respond accordingly. If they do not respond, there are others waiting in the wings who will, perhaps on less pleasant terms.

We ought to be looking very closely at where the new sovereigns intend to take us. We need to discuss the end they have in sight. It is our responsibility and our duty.

Most everyone today agrees that socialism is not a threat. Many feel that communism, even in China, is not a threat. Indeed, there are few real security threats to America that could compare to even our recent past.

Be that as it may, when we speak of a global market economy, free enterprise, massage the terms to merge with managed competition and planning authorities, all the while suggesting we have met the hidden hand and it is good, we need also to recall what Adam Smith said, but which is rarely quoted:

"Masters are always and everywhere in a sort of tacit, but constant and uniform, combination, not to raise the wages of labor above their actual rate. To violate this combination is everywhere a most unpopular action and a sort of reproach to a master among his neighbors and equals. We seldom, indeed, hear of this combination because it is usual and, one may say, the natural state of things. . . . Masters, too, sometimes enter into particular combinations to sink wages of labor even below this rate. These are always conducted with the utmost silence and secrecy till the moment of execution. . . ."

Thus, now precisely whose responsibility is it to keep an eye on our masters? That is the question we need to think about.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. PAUL (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today and the balance of the week on account of family illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. LAFALCE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes, today and September 27.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EHRLICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today and September 27.

Mr. PORTER, for 5 minutes, October 2.

Mr. SHAYS, for 5 minutes, September 27.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2909. An act to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4919. An act to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions under those Acts, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 430. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 27, 2000, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

10288. A letter from the Under Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program—received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10289. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Reduction in Minimum TIER Requirements (RIN: 0572-AB51) received September 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10290. A letter from the Administrator, Rural Utilities Services, Department of Ag-

riculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—General Policies, Types of Loans, Loan Requirements—Telecommunications Program (RIN: 0572-AB56) received September 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10291. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Mefenoxam; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301042; FRL-6741-1] (RIN: 2070-2078) received September 22, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10292. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Yucca Extract; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance [OPP-301067; FRL-6748-3] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10293. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Methacrylic Acid-Methyl Methacrylate-Polyethylene Glycol Methyl Ether Methacrylate Copolymer; and Maleic Anhydride-ox-Methylstyrene Copolymer Sodium Salt; Tolerance Exemption [OPP-301059; FRL-6745-2] received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10294. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Hexythiazox; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301061; FRL-6746-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10295. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Halosulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-301058; FRL-6746-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10296. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Ethametsulfuron-methyl; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-301048; FRL-6744-1] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

10297. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Commander of Air Armament Center is initiating a single-function cost comparison of the 46th Test Wing Aircraft Maintenance Backshop at Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), Florida, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

10298. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—Fair Market Rents for Fiscal Year 2001 [Docket No. FR-4589-N-02] received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10299. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Involuntary Liquidation of Federal Credit Unions and Adjudication of Creditor Claims Involving Federally-Insured Credit Unions in Liquidation—received September 22, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10300. A letter from the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance—received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

10301. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Pinal County Air Quality Control District [AZ 063-0029a; FRL-6866-1] received September 22, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10302. A letter from the Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendment of Section 2.106 of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum at 2 GHz for Use by the Mobile-Satellite Service [Docket No. 95-18, FCC 00-23] received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

10303. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Bahrain for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 00-16), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

10304. A letter from the Director, Lieutenant General, USAF, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Israel for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 00-75), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

10305. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting a copy of the annual report in compliance with the Government in the Sunshine Act during the calendar year 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(j); to the Committee on Government Reform.

10306. A letter from the Director, Information Security Oversight Office, transmitting the Information Security Oversight Office's 1999 Report to the President; to the Committee on Government Reform.

10307. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Financial Responsibility Requirements for Licensed Reentry Activities [Docket No. FAA 1999-6265; Amendment No. 450-1] (RIN: 2120-AG76) received September 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

10308. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Commercial Space Transportation Reusable Launch Vehicle and Reentry Licensing Regulations [Docket No. FAA-199-5535; Amdt. Nos. 400-1, 401-1, 404-1, 405-1, 406-1, 413-1, 415-1, 431-1, 433-1, 435-1] (RIN 2120-AG71) received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

10309. A letter from the Regulations Officer, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Extension of Expiration Date for the Respiratory Body System Listings (RIN: 0960-AF42) received September 25, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

10310. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a draft bill to permit the Department of State to establish a new position of Under Secretary of State for Security, Law Enforcement and Counterterrorism