

part. In the meanwhile, she reports that Weld hopes to convince Kemp to be "more libertarian," although Weld was distressed to find that Weber, the outfit's operating head, had not told him that his "libertarian soulmate" (!) Jim Pinkerton, had quit the organization to work at a conservative think tank. William Kristol, "Crown Prince" of the neocons, also declined to join Empower America, going off to another conservative think-tank. In the meanwhile, Mona Charen, neocon syndicated columnist, gently but firmly chided Kemp for not supporting the Bennett moral-cultural issues. So, while Empower America itself is firmly in Kempian hands (Weber and bankroller, investment banker Theodore Forstmann are both dedicated Kempians), it looks like this will mean little, for the neocons may be planning to jump ship.

(Miss Shalit's article is written from a Weld-Pinkerton perspective; see her article on the Bush campaign from the point of view of a young Pinkerton aide, "What I Saw at the Devolution," in left-libertarian *Reason* magazine, March 1993).

### The Phony Libertarianism of Bill Weld

Bill Weld first came to our

favorable attention when, after beating the neocon John Silber for governor of Massachusetts in 1990, he actually cut the state budget, amounting to about \$15 billion, by \$1.6 billion. He was then facing a Dukakis-inherited state deficit of over \$630 million. But soon other aspects of Weldism came to the fore countering these libertarian leanings: his all-out foreign interventionism, proclaiming he would never bring a single soldier back from overseas; his radical environmentalism; and his ardent support for gay privilege. But while "socially tolerant," in left-libertarian jargon, he at least seemed to be honestly "fiscally conservative."

No more. As Bill Weld increasingly becomes

the darling of the Republican Left, his fiscal leftism, too, has now come out of the closet. Weld's newly proposed budget for next year is a whopping \$900 million increase over the current fiscal year, bringing the total up to \$15.2 billion. Weld's proposed big spending budget includes a \$9 million increase on environmentalism (bringing the total up to

\$149 million), and no less than a \$175 million hike in "human services," including day care, welfare, AIDS funding, and Medicare. In addition, Weld wants an increase of \$123 million

on higher education.

Weld's turnabout was hailed as an "ideological swivel" from his 1991 budget by the *Boston Globe*, the left-liberal Establishment newspaper of the region. The *Globe* stated that the new budget was "designed to help heal the injuries he [Weld] inflicted two years ago," and the paper was happily reminded of Dukakis's budgets of the "high-flying 1980s." [See "Second Thoughts on Weld's Big-Spend Budget," *Human Events*, Feb. 27].

So much for Bill Weld, and the alleged "libertarianism" he is trying to push on Jack Kemp. MiGod, do we have to yearn for the Return of John Silber, so we can put an end to the Weld Threat? ■

## Free Speech, 1, Hate Thought Police, 1

by M.N.R.

There's good news and bad news on one of the mighty struggles of our day: Free Speech vs. the Hate Thought Police. Left-libertarians might ponder the fact that in both cases the great cause of free speech is being upheld not just by rightists, but by Irish Catholic rightists, at that.

Bad news first. Following on the heels of the lynching of Marge Schott, Dedham, Massachusetts, Judge B. Joseph Fitzimmons, Jr., is another person to be pilloried and punished, not only for Hate Thoughts, but also for Hate Thoughts expressed in

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private remarks rather than in his public capacity. Judge Fitzimmons's high crime is alleged expressions of private anti-Semitic thoughts. Note that the judge has never been charged with anti-Semitic discrimination in his courtroom, and that several Jewish lawyers have publicly praised Fitzimmons as "a nice, decent guy," as "extremely fair, pleasant, respectful and judicious," and even as a "loveable guy, a big puppy dog."

So what has this fair, pleasant, and lovable puppy dog done that merited no less than a three-year investigation, and punishment—indeed the most severe sanction ever imposed—by the exalted Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct? What has he done that led to a six-month suspension from his judicial duties without pay, plus a whopping \$60,000 fine?

Simply that in "unguarded moments," in what he thought were friendly private conversations, Fitzimmons delivered himself of a few jocular remarks, such as: (1) referring to a Jewish lawyer as a "kike"; (2) regularly calling Jewish lawyers "Canadians," and then, using such a code, saying of one: "Typical Canadian. All he thinks about is money." (3) Once, when informed that a Jewish lawyer was waiting to see him, the judge commented: "It's time to go warm up the ovens."

Well! Maximum penalty, right? For this, the Massachusetts Commission wasted three years of everyone's time, or do these Inquisitors have anything better to do?

Do you think there was any outrage in Massachusetts over this pillorying of a judge on exercising his right of free speech in private? Quite the contrary.

Everyone denounced the Commission for a niggling slap on the wrist. The *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* called on Fitzimmons to resign from the bench

## Rating Senators

Generally, we only bother rating Republicans, giving up Democratic Senators as hopeless. But on Feb. 18, an extraordinary event occurred: the U.S. Senate actually handed a sharp setback to one cherished program of Clintonian Multicultural Destruction: voting 76 to 23 to stop Clinton from admitting AIDS-infected immigrants into the U.S.

It has been an eminently sensible and time-honored policy of the U.S. to refuse entry to people with contagious diseases, and therefore menaces to the public health. How much more important to keep out immigrants with a fatal as well as communicable disease such as AIDS! It would be interesting, in fact, to hear some rational arguments in favor of what can only be called a policy of mass suicide, a sort of national Jim Jones mania. Surely even the indefatigable pro-immigration economist Julian Simon would not contend that AIDS-immigrants will contribute to American productivity!

Let it be noted that every Senate Republican, with the stark exception of Senator Hatfield (Ore.) voted to ban AIDS-immigrants. Let us record pluses for them all, and a big minus for Hatfield.

Instead, let us examine the votes of the Senate Democrats, who voted 34 to 22 in favor of an AIDS-ban. A "+" favored the AIDS ban, and may be considered an anti-AIDS vote; A "-" takes the lunatic pro-AIDS position.

<b>Alabama</b>		<b>Illinois</b>		<b>Nebraska</b>		<b>South Carolina</b>	
Heflin	+	Braun	-	Exon	+	Hollings	+
Shelby	+	Simon	-	Kerrey	+	<b>South Dakota</b>	
<b>Arizona</b>		<b>Iowa</b>		<b>Nevada</b>		Daschle	+
DeConcini	+	Harkin	+	Bryan	+	<b>Tennessee</b>	
<b>Arkansas</b>		<b>Kentucky</b>		Reid	+	Mathews	+
Bumpers	+	Ford	+	<b>New Jersey</b>		Sasser	+
Pryor	+	<b>Louisiana</b>		Bradley	-	<b>Texas</b>	
<b>California</b>		Breaux	+	Lautenberg	-	Krueger	+
Boxer	-	Johnston	+	<b>New Mexico</b>		<b>Vermont</b>	
Feinstein	-	<b>Maine</b>		Bingaman	+	Leahy	-
<b>Colorado</b>		Mitchell	-	<b>New York</b>		<b>Virginia</b>	
Campbell	+	<b>Maryland</b>		Moynihan	-	Robb	-
<b>Connecticut</b>		Mikulski	-	<b>North Dakota</b>		<b>Washington</b>	
Dodd	-	Sarbanes	-	Conrad	+	Murray	-
Lieberman	+	<b>Massachusetts</b>		Dorgan	+	<b>West Virginia</b>	
<b>Delaware</b>		Kennedy	-	<b>Ohio</b>		Byrd	+
Biden	+	Kerry	+	Glenn	+	Rockefeller	+
<b>Florida</b>		<b>Michigan</b>		Metzenbaum	-	<b>Wisconsin</b>	
Graham	+	Levin	+	<b>Oklahoma</b>		Feingold	-
<b>Georgia</b>		Riegle	O	Boren	+	Kohl	+
Nunn	+	<b>Minnesota</b>		<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
<b>Hawaii</b>		Wellstone	-	Wofford	-		
Akaka	-	<b>Montana</b>		<b>Rhode Island</b>			
Inouye	-	Baucus	-	Pell	+		

or be kicked out of office, as did the *Jewish Advocate*.

Poor Fitzimmons dug in and has tried his best to keep his post. He denied making the oven and kike comments, deeply apologized for making some remarks about "attorneys of the Jewish faith" which could "reasonably be understood as being anti-Semitic," and denied vigorously ever "harboring anti-Semitic feelings," insisting that no less than three Jewish psychiatrists had agreed in this assessment. In addition, poor Fitzimmons, trying to propitiate the gods of the Thought Police, pledged to continue psychiatric therapy, as well as "sensitivity training," at his own expense.

But the "libertarian" Governor William Weld proved implacable. Apparently, this bozo's interpretation of "libertarianism" includes asking the state legislature to begin impeachment proceedings against Judge Fitzimmons. So far, it looks like another triumph for the Hate Thought cops.

But things are looking better in New York. Every year on March 17 since 1840—yes for 153 years!—the lovable Irish Catholic Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) has conducted a mighty parade down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan in honor

of St. Patrick's Day, a parade that attracts two million spectators. For the last two years, the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization has been trying to horn into the parade, and the AOH has denied them this privilege, in effect saying keep out of our parade, get your own somewhere if you wish. To the

Hibernian point that homosexuality contradicts Catholic teachings, the administration of Mayor Dinkins countered with the line of the Irish gays that the St. Patrick's Day parade is a cultural, Irish event rather than a religious one, so that the AOH's freedom of religious expression would not be violated by forcing gays into the parade. The Hibernians properly

responded by pointing to the title of the day's parade: *Saint Patrick*. 'Nuff said.

This year, the Dinkins Administration decided to crack down on the Hibernians. The Mayor's Human Rights Commission ruled last October that, since the parade is a "public accommodation," it is subject to the city's human rights law, which outlaws anti-gay discrimination. As a result, Dinkins yanked the AOH's permit, and granted this year's St. Patrick's parade permit to a group of leftist Hibernian dissidents, who promised to include the gay

group in their parade. The AOH and masses of Irish groups, however, replied by boycotting the upstarts' parade, and the Irish dissidents caved in on February 10, withdrawing from the fray.

For several weeks, it looked as if there would be no St. Paddy's Day parade this year. But heroically, Federal District Judge Kevin T. Duffy ruled, on Feb. 25, requiring the Mayor to restore the AOH parade, at least for this year. Judge Duffy's ruling was trenchant and heroic, at times approaching the pungency of an *RRR* article. Thus, Duffy denounced the Human Rights Commission as trying to dictate the thoughts and consciences of other people, likening it to the "thought police" in Orwell's *1984*. "The humor of naming the thought police the 'Human Rights Commission' is particularly Orwellian," wrote Judge Duffy. Judge Duffy, Irish to the core, declared that a parade is evidently an exercise of free speech: "Insofar as a parade constitutes protected free speech, it cannot be a public accommodation. A parade is, by its nature, a pristine form of speech. In parades, people gather together for the purpose of expressing their message." Attaboy Judge! Up the Irish!

And so St. Paddy's Day parade will be held, as it has since 1840. The court fight is far from over permanently, the struggle goes on, but at least we can chalk up a win for free speech.

The menace of the "public accommodation" argument should be well noted. If any use of the public streets is called a "public accommodation," then

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totalitarian despotism is here, for since the government owns all the streets, such a ruling would mean that we can never disagree with or disobey the commands of the government, the monopoly street owner and regulator. In the long run, we should begin to rethink the governmental monopoly of streets and think seriously about privatizing and thereby decentralizing the streets; but in the meanwhile, we must be sure to limit the government's anti-free speech street power as far as possible. ■

## The Somalian Sideshow, or Uncle Sam, the Good Deed Man

by Joseph R. Stromberg

I am sitting here trying to decide what is the most repellent aspect of the U.S. intervention (or glowing example of moral imperialism, or empire with a human face: your choice) being staged with the "help" of—and possibly to the actual benefit of some of—the Somali people. Several come to mind. First, while I am still not sure what Soren Kierkegaard had in mind in *Fear and Trembling, the Sickness unto Death*, these are just the feelings that welled up in my breast when I saw the odious face of Pete Williams, prevaricator extraordinaire, holding forth on TV about the disclosable minutiae of the latest U.S. exercise in armed philanthropy.

It wasn't just that this guy was getting paid lots of money to lie to me and thee, I think it was his style. I thought he had peaked with the neocolonialist Persian Gulf massacre, but No, he was back again, spewing out endless baffle-gab of the sort that ought to be limited to Melvin Dishwater (the man that lied for Cap'n Bushy).

Next, I suppose, come the tricky names that mean to arm-twist the judgment of history: Operation Just Cause (no need looking into that one, chaps, and where's my tenure?), Desert Storm, nee Shield, now Restore Hope. I am probably blocking on the name given to the invasion of Grenada.

Good Lord! whatever happened to good old-fashioned militaristic tags like "Hammer," "Overlord," and "D-Day"? I suppose they weren't kinder and gentler, suggesting as they did violent struggle and occasional injury, unlike the present editorializing titles which celebrate the unparalleled moral superiority and spiritual refinement of the U.S. ruling elite.

Third, comes the cringing, fawning servility of the Free Press toward the military and the state and all their works. (Down here in the South we refer to this posture as "ass-kissing," but I digress. . . .) Doubtless we shall soon be hearing commentary like this:

"Yes, that's right, Dan. We can't tell your viewers anything at all about actual military activities, of course, but we do have some interesting developments for you. We have a verified report that twenty miles inland from here a Marine Col-

onel is healing the sick and raising the dead [and "making little girls talk out of their heads"? *C'est rire*]. In Mogadishu, Air Force Lieutenants are walking on water and levitating the hostiles. I tell ya, Dan, it really makes you proud to be an American."

Finally, the Somali adventure is repellent precisely because it's yet another goddamned intervention, another episode in the ongoing saga of Wilsonian perpetual war for perpetual peace. (I think this episode is called "Commando Cody and the Monstrous Regiment of Social Workers.") But why this bit of meddling? It couldn't have been to reelect George Herbert Walker Bush, the highest stage of northeastern country-club Republicanism. After all, the blood atonement (so to speak) of 100,000, and no one knows quite how many more, Iraqi conscripts and civilians couldn't do that, sending the Army of Potomac (or whatever they're calling it these days) to East Africa can hardly prepare the path for a Bush comeback. (Unless, of course, having been a Harry Truman *manque*, GHWB is now looking to reenact the neglected Grover Cleveland pattern.)

I don't buy the theory that mean-spirited ole George just did it to leave the Demos a sort of overseas dog's dinner to clean up. Clinton is a convinced liberal imperialist, whatever his Oxonian indiscretions, and Gore is rather cozy, so they say, with the Lobby Whose Name We Won't Even Speak. I don't sense any real conflict between Bush and the Bozos at the water's edge.