

City Council Testimony - November 17, 1999

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Portland faces a series of difficult choices. We need to decide how we're going to prevent Combined Sewer Overflows into the Willamette River. We need to decide what measures we will take to protect our endangered salmon and steelhead, and keep them a part of this community of life. Our decisions are complicated. Whatever we choose will involve sacrifices, by us and by our children, in order to create a healthier place to live. Our choices will involve complex negotiations with others, the State in the former case, the Federal Government in the latter. Nevertheless, these are our decisions to make, and we will make them as a community – as long as it's OK with Mitsubishi, Shell Oil, Daimler-Chrysler, and Walmart.

Because under accords already in place within the North American Free Trade Agreement, and others proposed by the World Trade Organization, any of these or 44,000 other trans-national corporations can take away our right to choose if they find that our choices limit their plans for profit. The Canadian government has already paid Ethyl Corporation, a US based chemical company, \$13 million in compensation for having the temerity to ban MMT, a known neurotoxin. Meanwhile, Methanex Corporation of British Columbia is suing the State of California for banning MTBE, a gasoline additive and suspected carcinogen that has already contaminated the drinking water supplies of at least 300 communities. These are corporations, suing governments, for doing their job – protecting the health of the people they represent.

NAFTA and the WTO represent something new in the world of governance. Every other constitution on the earth is based on the rights of people, individually and collectively. These new shadow governments have constitutions based not on the rights of people, but on the rights of money – on the rights of hedge funds, corporations, and investors who direct the worldwide pool of capital. In his book, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, Thomas Friedman, who likes these folks, calls them "the electronic heard." Think cattle. Think stampede. Think of an international heard stampeding over our right to protect our place. Our people.

In less than two weeks, the WTO convenes its ministerial in Seattle. There the electronic heard will initiate a new campaign to give the rights of money even greater hegemony over the rights of people. Today, you can send them a message that we will not be trampled.

Now I know it's not very fashionable to oppose "Free Trade." Great marketing in that term. Who's against freedom? What could be wrong with removing "barriers to trade?" Let me suggest to you that "barriers to trade" sometimes go by other names. Sometimes we call them "human rights," "environmental protection," "child labor laws," "minimum wage," "affirmative action," or, in the case of AT&T, "open access." Human markets are subject to all sorts of societal controls, usually aimed at maintaining social cohesion. Governments impose regulations that may restrict markets, as part of their primary duty, which is to provide security for their citizens.

Adoption of the resolution before you is no more than an assertion by this Council of your right and your responsibility to govern this city. We expect no less of you.

Dear Mayor Katz:

It has come to my attention that Commissioner Erik Sten will soon introduce a resolution regarding the Multilateral Agreement on Investment. The resolution would make Portland a "MAI-Free zone", joining us with such cities as Seattle, San Francisco, Olympia and Oakland. I hope Portland will follow suit.

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As a citizen of Southwest Portland with a deep commitment to livable neighborhoods, a clean environment, and a healthy economy that nurtures locally-owned, community-oriented businesses, I am deeply concerned about the MAI and the overall trend towards economic globalization. Far from being an esoteric, faraway concept, it stands as a direct threat to Portlanders' ability to make decisions about such key issues as land use, water quality or contracting provisions. The MAI is designed to eliminate local laws that stand in the way of foreign investors making maximum profit. That means absentee investors -- who may never have even visited Portland and who have no reason to be interested in issues such as livability or affordable housing here -- will have the backing of an international tribunal to challenge any local ordinance they find offensive. And that tribunal can levy fines or other sanctions to punish the citizens of Portland until those ordinances are lifted.

The MAI concept has been around for several years without being implemented.

But it is likely to be re-introduced (by Japan and the European Union) for consideration at the upcoming World Trade Organization ministerial which begins next month in Seattle. I find it significant that the host city for the WTO meeting has passed a resolution against the Multilateral Agreement on Investment.

The Portland area has built itself an international reputation for taking key strategic steps towards sustainability. The MAX light rail line, the regional greenspaces bond measure, development of mixed-income housing such as that going up in the River District, encouragement of a vibrant network of neighborhood associations -- the list goes on and on. But under the MAI, our momentum in building one of the world's most livable major cities could well be knocked dead by global economic forces.

I appreciate your consideration of this issue and urge you to vote to make Portland a "MAI-free zone" when commissioner Sten's resolution comes up for a vote.

Henry Sessions
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Portland, OR 97201

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American, depends on company we are using
United States control.

There are two things you can do today to keep this vital waterway free and secure

1. Return your completed Petition to President Bush to the International Freedom Foundation.

2. Send your contribution today to the International Freedom Foundation to continue our fight to keep the Panama Canal in American hands.

Situation Remains Unstable

Many Americans think our recent action means that we took back the Canal. We did not

And still others think that at least the problem is solved — Noriega is gone. But frankly, that depends more on what the Canal is in the future. The problems started before Noriega. No elected government in Panama has ever lasted. Every one has been deposed. The last one — in 1968 — lasted only 10 days

How long do you think this government will last once U.S. troops are removed under the Canal Treaty?

More of Our Sons Will Have to Fight and Die!

How often will the U.S. have to send our troops in after we turn over the Canal?

The only reason the death toll of Americans was so low this time is because we were already stationed there! Our troops knew the terrain. To send in troops will ensure more lives will be lost. No question. Why should we turn the Canal over and pull troops out? We built the Canal, we paid for it with both U.S. dollars and lives!

Communists and Drug Lords in Our Backyard

The Cubans know better than our elected officials how important the Canal is to military and economic security in this hemisphere. They can't wait to get their hands on our Canal

Why?

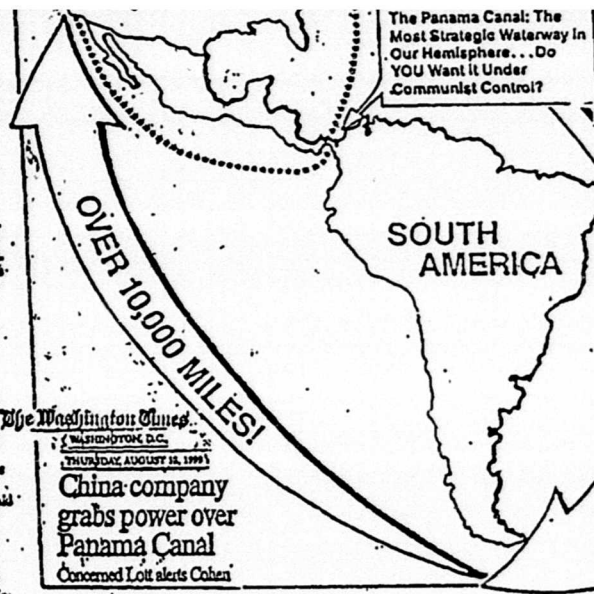
Because the Panama Canal is the key to infiltration throughout the hemisphere. With control of this strategic waterway, the Cubans and other enemies of freedom would have a stranglehold on the industrial nations of the world. Do We Want Communists, Drug Lords, or Americans Running the Canal?

In the wrong hands, the Panama Canal would be the most effective route to run drugs into the United States from Central and South America, and Noriega's thugs are still on the loose. Some of his thugs have already been indicted in the U.S. for drug trafficking. Are these the type of men we want in charge? Men who will favor the ships of drug kingpins over those of legitimate business and the United States Navy? Men who care more about their next drug deal than the safety and security of the United States? Do we want to chance the return to power of one of his henchmen?

What Will Happen if the United States Goes Ahead With the Planned Turnover of the Canal in 1999?

We will give Noriega's thugs and his Communist cronies the opportunity they want to force the United States into a crippling economic future. Or pay their price. Without use of the Canal, manufacturers will have to ship their goods an extra 10,000 miles. Economic blackmail will be the order of the day.

You will pay the price.



The Panama Canal: The Most Strategic Waterway in Our Hemisphere... Do YOU Want it Under Communist Control?

THE HANDOVER
The canal and \$3.4 billion in assets, including 93,000 acres of military bases and 5,000 buildings, and about \$160 million in cash, will transfer to Panama's control at noon on Dec 31, 1999

The Washington Times
WASHINGTON, D.C.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1999

China company grabs power over Panama Canal
Concerned Lott alerts Cohen

And the price won't be just economic. It will mean a weaker United States. A nation that will have more Soviet strongholds in its backyard. More Communist controlled satellites. A free and unrestricted flow of drugs into this country.

We Must Keep the Canal Free and Secure

The Panama Canal was one of the most important elements in keeping the United States secure in World War II. The Cuban Missile Crisis was defused because the United States was able to quickly move warships through the Canal. Without the Canal, we will have no protection on our southern borders. From Communist aggression. Economic blackmail. Drugs.

It's Our Canal

The International Freedom Foundation has conducted legal studies of the Canal "Treaty", that prove that under Panamanian, International and U.S. law, the Treaty is illegal.

Do You Want Manuel Noriega's Thugs Controlling Your Future?

If we let the giveaway continue, Noriega's drug running thugs will have a significant role in the economic future of the United States.

How We Can Stop the Turnover of the Canal

We must petition President Bush to take back the Canal. This is our only option to keep American control of the great vital waterway in the hemisphere. Only President Bush has the authority to take back our Canal.

Please complete and return your Petition to President Bush to the International Freedom Foundation today. The International Freedom Foundation will deliver your petition, along with the petitions of thousands of other concerned Americans, to the White House for maximum impact.



For more information about the International Freedom Foundation call (202) 546-5788, or write: International Freedom Foundation, 200 G Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

THE LINCOLN YEAR BOOK
Containing Invaluable Letters of Abraham Lincoln
Compiled by J. T. HOSSON
1907

The Approach of Danger.

(Extract from the Springfield address in 1858. Continued from preceding page.)

At what point shall we expect the approach of danger? Shall we expect some transatlantic military giant to step the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia, and Africa combined, with all the treasures of the earth (our own excepted) in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not, by force, take a drink from the Ohio, or make a track on the Blue Ridge, in a trial of a thousand years. At what point, then, is this approach of danger to be expected? I answer: If it ever reaches us, it must spring up amongst us. It cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time or die by suicide.

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 14:34.

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Neighborhoods Protective Association, P.O. Box 19224, Portland, Oregon 97219

THE RULING ELITES' PLAN DISASTER THAT IS GATT 1994 FOR THE GLOBAL PLANTATION

Eternal Vigilance is the PRICE OF LIBERTY

Lower and lower wages for Americans until the wage scale here is no higher than anywhere else in the whole world . . . greater and greater profits for the ruling elite and their overseers . . . a one-world market and a world government run by international buracrats, with the UN army to back them up . . . local government, national sovereignty and The Constitution a dim memory only described in ancient and prohibited history books . . . centralized control of the world economy with the lowest possible costs and highest possible prices dictated by The Authority—the World Trade Organization . . . your taxes and living conditions decided by strangers in far-off countries. That's the dream of the planners and the reality of the Global Plantation . . . and it's coming upon you like a freight train . . .

Man Proposes .
God Disposes

America won her freedom in 1776. CAN WE KEEP IT? Legislative Advocate for LIBERTY LOBBY 300 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003

regarding our sovereignty as a nation! Treaties violate the United States Constitution under Article VI, Clause 2 which make treaties a part of the "supreme law of the land." A treaty cannot become superior to the United States Constitution, except by bootstrap legislation which came in with the United Nations...this includes the World Trade Organization.

Please support Commissioner Sten's anti-NAFTA RESOLUTION expressing support for our United States of America's sovereignty!

Earnestly, *Louise Weidlich*
 (Mrs.) Louise Weidlich, Director
 Neighborhoods Protective Association

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Globalist Scheme Exposed

The internationalists have hatched no better scheme whereby to surrender U.S. national sovereignty than the North American Free Trade Agreement. It would assign decisions regarding U.S. law to an appointed 90-man board, which would be free to disregard the Constitution.

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPOTLIGHT
 BY JAMES M. TUCKER, JR.
 The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is not a "free-trade" accord but a sovereignty-surrender document.

NAFTA is written in confusing, contradictory terms, so it has been decided that an international, 90-man "Free Trade Commission" will decide what it really says, or determine the "intent."

Each nation will appoint 30 men to the commission. A majority would decide what NAFTA says, or what they want it to say. President Bill Clinton's selections are not subject to Senate confirmation.

VOTE THEIR POCKET

And who would the president select? At one point, the White House planned to name its 30 men on the theory that these luminaries would promote ratification. Suddenly, the White House decided to keep the names, sources said, secret for two reasons

- Many of them will be members of or lackeys of the Trilateral Commission and Bilderberg group, two secret organizations of international financiers and politicians who crafted NAFTA and the European Union.

- Still others will be former high officials of the Commerce Department and other agencies who have dealt with trade policies but go on the payroll of the Mexican government or business interests. Simply put, these "American representatives" will vote for the interests of their pocket and Mexico

With the NAFTA text written in

(Continued From Page 1) confusing and contradictory language, the 90-man commission, of which most or all of the 30 Americans will be following the Trilateral-Bilderberg agenda for world government, will decide what it actually says.

There is no appeal, to the U.S. Supreme Court or anywhere else, of the decisions this commission will make. And the commission will make thousands of decisions in the years ahead.

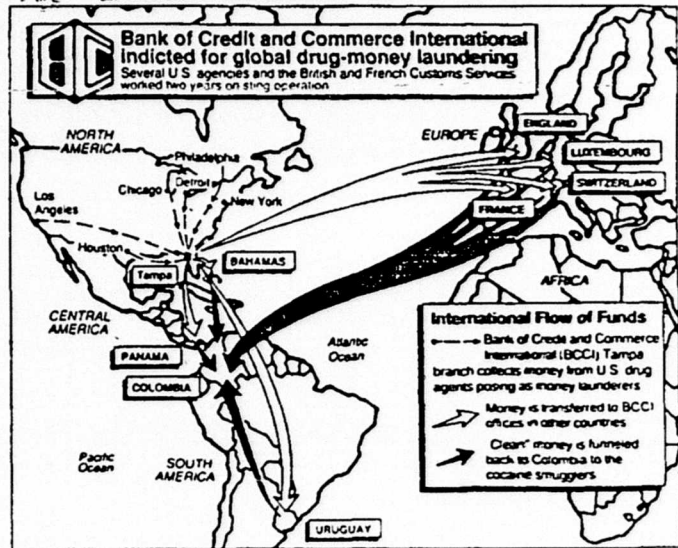
This surrender of the role of Congress, the executive and judicial branches and of state governments was deliberately ignored when President Clinton (Bilderberger and Trilateralist) and former presidents George Bush (Trilateralist), Jimmy Carter (Trilateralist) and Jerry Ford (Bilderberger) stood together at the White House to extol NAFTA.

The treaty text makes a mockery of the weak claims of NAFTA backers that America must send jobs to Mexico so illegal aliens will stop sneaking across the border to work here.

In fact, the treaty calls for allowing free immigration—for rendering the Border Patrol moot:

"Each party shall, within two years of the date of entry into force of this agreement, eliminate any citizenship or permanent residency requirement." (Vol. 1, Chap. 12, page 5.)

"I believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies," American's Creed.



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America Threatened by Trade Pact

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Resolution No. 35843

Express the City of Portland's support for the inclusion of provisions in global trade agreements that protect or enhance the ability of national, state and local governments to protect human rights, increase environmental protections, and improve labor laws and standards. (Resolution)

WHEREAS, on November 30, 1999, trade ministers from throughout the world will meet in Seattle at a WTO summit to discuss potential amendments to existing international trade agreements, and

WHEREAS, increased global cooperation and communication has the potential to improve both the prospects for peace and the basic standards of living in the United States and abroad, and

WHEREAS, global trade plays a central role in the economic life of the City of Portland, and

WHEREAS, untapped opportunities exist to utilize international trade agreements as vehicles for protecting human rights, enhancing environmental protections, and improving labor laws and standards, and

WHEREAS, the United States government, through the Organization for Economic Development (OECD) has participated in the negotiation of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), and

WHEREAS, in spite of the suspension of work on the MAI under the auspices of the OECD, attempts have been made to revive some MAI provisions in the upcoming WTO negotiations; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments have utilized their powers in the marketplace in order to promote living wages, anti-discrimination in employment, local economic development, and basic human rights at home and abroad, and

WHEREAS, many citizens have expressed the fear that provisions discussed in international trade negotiations could restrict the ability of state, county and city governments to prohibit contracts with entities that violate international human rights, labor and environmental laws, and

WHEREAS, governmental entities like the City of Portland are currently allowed to regulate within their jurisdiction in order to protect the environment, and

WHEREAS, under some interpretations, provisions that surfaced in the draft MAI could, if inserted into new trade agreements, undermine the ability of local, state, and national governments to ensure protection of environmental resources, and

WHEREAS the National Association of Counties passed a resolution that "urges the Administration not to agree to any provisions in the MAI draft text or similar provisions of any international agreement that would preempt local government's authority or ability to regulate activities within its jurisdiction", and

WHEREAS organized labor, environmental groups, community economic development organizations, and faith-based organizations oppose aspects of the MAI agreements under review by the WTO in Seattle, and

WHEREAS, draft MAI provisions have been interpreted by some to create a dispute resolution mechanism for investors against governments that would be both external to the United States federal court system and unrestricted by existing judicial interpretations of United States Constitutional principles, and

WHEREAS, international trade agreement discussions have taken place with a noticeable absence of comment and advice from potentially affected citizens, state and local governments, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council of Portland, Oregon:

- 1) Supports increased global cooperation and communication as a means of improving both the prospects for peace and the standard of living at home and abroad, and
- 2) Seeks to protect and enhance the authority of national, state, and local governments to pass laws related to human rights, environmental protection, and fair labor standards and practices, and
- 3) Supports local efforts to provide business incentives and encourage the development of small and historically underutilized minority- and women-owned businesses, and
- 4) Encourages the Oregon congressional delegation and the Office of the United States Trade Representative to support these basic values in the context of any international trade agreement negotiations, and
- 5) Opposes any provisions of international trade agreements that would have the effect of eroding human rights, environmental protection, or fair labor standards and practices

Adopted by Council

NOV 17 1999

Commissioner Erik Sten
November 17, 1999

GARY BLACKMER
Auditor of the City of Portland

By *Britta Olson*

Deputy

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