

black males was best expressed by Alissa Cave, a 17-year-old high school senior, who reported that the members of her "class on government" agreed that under Giuliani, "their chances of going to jail are greater than of their being successful." Gee: wonder why? ■

That Brady Bunch

by M.N.R.

So—after years of stumping the country displaying the open sores of his Victimhood, Jim Brady and his harridan wife have managed to guilt-trip the nation into passing that moronic bill, to the wild applause of the corrupt media who triumphantly announce a victory over the National Rifle Association, of all the lobbying groups the only

one whose very mention is supposed to evoke hisses and boos from the deluded public. So what's next: the maimed Reginald Denny stumping the country calling for all of us to "fight crime" by outlawing bricks? The Republicans continue their gutless caving in, and the left-liberal goal of gun despotism goes up several notches.

The ultimate liberal goal, is to disarm the public, leaving the U.S. government with the monopoly of arms, a monopoly it will have to share, of course with the criminal classes (or rather, the *non*-governmental wing of the criminal classes). Leaving innocent citizens helpless before the armed might of government and criminals. "Humanitarianism" strikes again!

Far, far better was the old slogan of the Marxist revolutionaries, the direct opposite of left-liberalism: "Arm the people, disarm the State!" ■

a new high military position to be in charge of global war-making ("peacekeeping") to impose democracy throughout the globe. Not only should Congress turn the bum down, but it should abolish this new post altogether. ■

Korean War Redux?

by M.N.R.

Sometime last summer, I was talking to my old friend and libertarian colleague, the historian Joe Peden, about where, against what "Hitler," would the crazed William Jefferson Clinton strike next? Which of dozens of possible Bad Guys, "aggressors," or "non-democrats," would be next on the receiving end of American sanctions, bombs, missiles, or troops? I went down the list: would it be Bosnia, Somalia, Colonel Khaddafi, Saddam, the Iranian mullahs, etc? "Nah," said Joe, who is very perceptive in these matters. "It's going to be North Korea."

I was startled, but as I mulled it over, the prospect became ever more likely. And so I was not totally bewildered when I turned on the tube and had the bad luck to catch that beefy face and that hoarse Arkansas voice I detest so much: "North Korea will cease to exist as a nation." Ye gods! What better way for Willie to put together the pieces of his shattered and incoherent foreign policy: the image of weakness, the Bosnian, Somalian, Haitian disasters? North Korea! The very name reeks of

The Halperin Case

by M.N.R.

As a veteran anti-foreign interventionist, I must admit to a slightly different view from the rest of the Right on the Halperin question. There's a certain amount of amusement attached to the idea of appointing an anti-war and anti-secret intelligence activist into the heart of the Pentagon, sort of like appointing a veteran tax rebel to be head of the IRS.

But still I am strongly opposed to the Halperin nomination, not for his past sins, but for his current ones. For like most of the rest of the Left, Morton Halperin's anti-war principles suddenly collapsed with the end of the Cold War. He now favors all the post-Cold War interventions, including those of Bush and his current master, Clinton, whom he has apparently secretly served in a military advisory capacity. His prospective post is typically Clintonian-Orwellian: Assistant Secretary of Defense for Democracy and Peacekeeping, a new post which he would be the first one to grace. That's all we need to make our cup of gall complete: