

“peacekeeping” or peace-enforcing army. With luck, the U.S. will be all on its own, aimlessly bombing alleged gun emplacements, in hills where there is artillery in every cave, and every soldier has his hand-held anti-aircraft missile, mortar and machine gun to shoot down American planes. The U.S. lost 2,500 planes to the Vietnamese; here they will face a trained Serbian guerrilla force heavily armed for decades with American weapons (supposedly against the Soviets.)

With luck, public pressure in the U.S. and Pentagon advisers will keep Clinton from going into Bosnia. But if he does, we can hope that Slick Willie and his entire yuppie crew, most definitely including Hillary, will come in on the first bombing run. We can be sure that the Serbs are planning to give them a very warm reception. ■

Kaza's First Hundred Days

by M.N.R.

While everyone is concentrating on the First Hundred Days of the horrible Clinton regime, we should not over-

look the First Hundred Days of our young paleo political hero, freshman Republican Greg Kaza of the Michigan House of Representatives. In the May RRR

(“Paleolib Victory in Michigan”), we pointed out how Kaza took the lead in developing a cadre of libertarian Republicans who were able to forge an alliance with Democrats to place a crucial libertarian restriction on Governor Engler’s vicious “no-knock” bill. The record of Kaza’s first hundred days in the legislature is now in, and it is outstanding for

cleaving to principle, while being effective in either forging alliances, or in gaining losing but significant support for libertarian stands that push out the envelope of political discourse in the state of Michigan. In addition, Kaza’s principled opposition has served to highlight the phoniness of Governor John Engler’s much trumpeted “conservative” administration.

First, on the status of the despotic no-knock bill. After Kaza’s amendment requiring two judges, including at least one circuit court judge, to approve any no-knock warrant, won by 56-48, Kaza introduced another amendment, co-sponsored by Rep. Jondahl, to restrict the scope of no-knock warrants to certain felony cases.

The Kaza amendment lost, but only by a tie vote of 53 to 53. At the end of the hundred days on April 22, the no-knock bill was still stalled in the House of Representatives.

In another action, Greg Kaza introduced a House Resolution to reject a five percent pay raise for Michigan legislators and judges for two years; the resolution was approved by 66 to 37, but unfortunately it need a two-thirds vote and so it failed by eight votes. Kaza made his mark as a determined foe of tax-and-spend in the state in other ways. He was only one of ten Representatives to vote against a bill for the State to impose “fees” (a weasel word for taxes) on milk products, but on the same day he was joined by forty-seven others to lose narrowly on a vote against state “fees” on restaurants. He was also one of only thirteen to vote against allowing county libraries to levy taxes for services.

Kaza also became the scourge of “retirement benefits” for judges. Pensions for government officials are particularly galling, because it means that taxpayers can never divest themselves of the burden of subsidizing hated officials, even after they have been repudiated at the polls. Kaza was one of only 15 to vote against increased retirement benefits for probate judges, but then he bounced back to sponsor another bill (still at first reading), making judges’ pensions “subject to forfeiture” if convicted of a felony while serving in office. What a marvelous issue! How many long-suffering Michiganders have realized, until Greg

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brought it up, that even convicted felons can continue to collect pensions from the hapless taxpayers!

On taxes (in addition to fees), Kaza is particularly effective, since he is a member of the House Taxation Committee. Kaza led the charge in battling against a bill raising income taxes by 30 percent, losing by 11 to 6 in committee, but helping to force the pro-taxers to pass a substitute compromise bill. On the floor of the House, Kaza co-sponsored the Kaza-Jaye amendment to roll back 1993 property assessments to the rise in the consumer price index (2.9 percent). One way of sneakily raising taxes, of course, is to raise assessments, and some Michigan communities raised property assessments by over 20 percent during 1993. The Kaza-Jaye amendment won handily by 58 to 43; unfortunately, this amendment was later stripped from the bill in a bipartisan compromise.

On other measures, Kaza heroically pushed the envelope. Thus, he was one of only four representatives to vote against increased pensions for state employees. Then, in another issue which should ring bells among Michigan voters, Greg Kaza introduced an amendment to strip \$1.2 million in tax dollars "for the college education of maximum security prisoners," in the supplemental appropriations bill for 1992-1993. Good God! Over a million dollars to provide college education for maximum security prisoners! The Engler machine, responsible for this outrage, helped deny Kaza's request for a roll-

call vote on the issue, after which his amendment failed on a voice vote by the cowardly legislators. Why not save the taxpayers the money and simply grant every rapist and murderer in Michigan prisons an immediate Ph.D? That, along with convicting police for attempting to do their duty (as in Los Angeles) should assuage the "rage" of the "community" and buy off some riots! After this fiasco, Kaza fought until the end, being one of 11 Representatives to vote against the entire supplemental appropriations bill.

Bravo Greg! And the next time Governor Engler appears on one of his handpicked stages, such as the Kempians Empower America of which he is a leader, why doesn't someone ask him about his support for free college education for rapists and murders? It would be interesting to see how this "conservative" or "progressive conservative" or whatever he calls himself these days, will reply. ■

On "Taking Responsibility" For Waco

by M.N.R.

I see that Attorney-General Reno and President W. J. Clinton are loudly "taking responsibility," even "taking full responsibility," for the massacre at Waco. I've often wondered: what exactly is "taking responsibility" supposed to *mean* these days? Does it mean that we

get to string them up for mass murder? Or what? ■

On The King Beating Trial: A Note

by M.N.R.

Most Boring Non-News Headline (and TV shows) of the Year: "LA Awaits Trial Verdict."

Best Comment on the 2nd Trial Verdict (by an old friend): "Well, I guess we should be grateful that they didn't have to try [Koon and Powell] five times before they got a guilty verdict."

And whatever happened to the ban in the Bill of Rights against double jeopardy? ■

Stealing the Pennies Off Dead Men's Eyes

by Llewellyn H. Rockwell, Jr.

When I think of taxes, I remember the old Jack Benny radio routine. A thief stops Benny on the street, points a gun at him, and demands, "Your money or your life." After a long pause, the famously frugal comedian says, "I'm thinking, I'm thinking!"

When the tax police take more of our money, so that the government has more to waste and do damage with, it also takes a little of our life, for this is the fruit of our labor. We might