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We Make The Big Time!

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RRR has been honored by being the focus of a great column, syndicated in 200 papers throughout the country, by Pat Buchanan ("Crackup of the Conservatives," May 1). Buchanan's noteworthy column focuses on the thorough, blockbuster article in the March *RRR* by Professor Paul Gottfried, "Scrambling for Funds." For the first time ever, Gottfried details the sinister takeover of the conservative movement by the neocons, not by using persuasion and argumentation, but by seizing control of the enormously wealthy "four sister" foundations: Olin, Bradley, Scaife [Mellon], and Smith-Richardson [Vicks], and then by channeling those foundation funds to neocons and their institutions. This process is particularly ironic and tragic in the case of Olin and Bradley, whose founders were wonderful Old Rightists, libertarians and isolationists. Mr. Olin and Mr. Bradley would never have countenanced the capture of their wealth by partisans of the welfare state, social democracy, trade unionism, and globaloney. As Pat Buchanan sums it up, the "four sisters, [Gottfried] argues, have been co-opted by neocons the same way liberals co-opted the great foundation of Henry Ford."

Pat then asks: now that "a

tiny handful of neocons control the money spigot of the American Right," who are they, and what do they want? Johnson-Humphrey liberals, they want; the welfare state and Big Government; the anti-private property tyranny of "civil rights"; and foreign aid, "especially for Israel." In short, instead of calling for a rollback of the monstrous New Deal and the Leviathan State, they want still more of the same. And they also "want to use America's wealth to promote 'global democracy' abroad and impose 'democratic values' in our public schools." Neocon heroes, Pat underlines, are "Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt, globalists and architects of the mammoth modern state."

And what do they hate? Above all, they hate the Old Right, the proud and eternal enemy of Wilson and F.D.R., and they are especially hostile to the Old Right's foreign policy of America First. And the neocons brought to that hatred, as Pat points out, the vicious smear tactics, all the " nastiness of the far Left"—specifically, of the Marxist-Leninist-Trotskyist movement from which they were spawned. Since the neocons

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THE EAR

By Sarah Barton

O how the mighty have fallen! Just got news that Steve Fielder, the humorless, lowering,

sneering, walrus-mustachioed character who looked and acted like a villain in an 1890's melodrama; Steve Fielder, once head of the minuscule but mighty West Virginia Libertarian Party, who parlayed that post into becoming the most popular and influential leader of the National L.P.; Steve Fielder, whose very word once made LP politicians quake and tremble; Steve Fielder, attorney; once head of Ballot

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Access; Steve Fielder, none other, has just been forced out of his top position of Treasurer of the L.P. Under pressure for not preparing financial reports, admitting his inactivity, Fielder is now out of national office for the first time in God knows how long. One by one, all too slowly but surely enough, the Top Dogs of the Libertarian Party are Getting Theirs. Exactly as predicted in

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were for their own sectarian reasons opposed to the Stalinists and the New Left, the conservatives, as Buchanan notes, "brought these ideological vagrants in off the street and gave them a warm place at the fire." The neocons characteristically repaid that hospitality, not with gratitude, but by using their Leninist cadre training to take over the funding, and therefore the control, of the unsuspecting, and up till recently unheeding, American Right. For there has always been a fundamental innocence, a lovable trusting quality, in American conservatives, which the neocons saw and were able to exploit.

It is particularly exhilarating that Pat's column has not only spread far and wide Paul Gottfried's expose of the neocons in *RRR*. He has also taken the occasion to sound a mighty trumpet call, a veritable call to arms against the neocons, an exhortation to take back the movement for genuine conservatism. The time for that uprising is at hand since the old "unifying issue of anti-communism has been fading." Pat concludes his column with these stirring words: "the time to split the blanket has probably arrived. Before true conservatives can ever take back the country, they are first going to have to take back their movement." Exactly. Let the housecleaning begin. •

Long Live The Queen!

by Joseph Sobran

American interest in the British royal family, judging by the tabloids, is exceeded only by that of the English, who have even more

tabloids than we do. As I write, Queen Elizabeth, who has just turned 65, is about to arrive on our shores for a visit, one purpose of which is to reaffirm the "special relationship" between England, alias Great Britain, and the United States. The durability of the alliance has been proven again by the fact that the English have managed to draw us into yet another war.

George Bush, lest we forget, said right after Iraq grabbed Kuwait that he had no intention of "intervening." (The word gives the lie to the hawks' later insistence that Saddam Hussein had "started the war," meaning the war with the U.S. in which he barely fired back.)

Bush only became belligerent a few days later, after a confab with Margaret Thatcher.

The royal family pretty much avoided involvement in the war. In fact one of the English newspapers chided Prince Philip for going grouse-hunting as English boys were going off to war. Even now it remains one of the duties of royal personages to pretend to take public affairs seriously. The Queen herself may be only a symbol, as they say, but at times the politicians find her a very useful symbol. Precisely because she seems "above" politics, she can bestow a seemingly transcendent blessing on certain political causes—such

UNCONVENTIONAL WISDOM WATCH

Democrats: The Early Line

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RRR Wisdom

Sen. George McGovern	↔	Well, what would <i>you</i> do if your motel went bankrupt?
Sen. Paul Tsongas	↔	True, another Greek liberal from Mass. But post-cancer, favors capital punishment and tax cuts.
Mario Cuomo	↓	What: <i>another</i> northeastern liberal governor in budget crisis?
Rep. Richard Gephardt	↓	Not until he gets himself some eyebrows.
Jesse Jackson	↓	Getting stale, Operation PUSH in deep doo-doo, outshined by Gov. Wilder.
Gov. Doug Wilder	↑	Smarter, less threatening than Jesse. Could get Veep spot.
Sen. Al Gore	↔	Darling of the left neocons, but let's face it, another loser.
Sen. Bill Bradley	↓	And out. Ed Crane's favorite Democrat knocked out in 1988.
John Silber	↓	"Qualified" by loss for Mass. Governor. Come on, give us a break.
Rep. Steve Solarz	↓	Threatens to run if Gore doesn't. In trouble in Brooklyn, so why not go for it all?
None of the Above	↑	In this group of retreads and losers, looking better all the time.