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THE PRESIDENCY

FOLLOW UP – RIGHT WING REPORT HEARINGS – Too many times it seems, social conservative groups in Washington deal with the “outrage of the week” and just do not stay on message long enough to win any real battles. The Religious Freedom Coalition has tried to avoid this trap. We organized groups to fight Janet Napolitano’s “Rightwing Extremist Report” and we had enough cooperation to run ads in the Washington Times. We showed members of Congress that we were serious about fighting the “Rightwing Extremist Report” which labeled virtually all social conservatives as threats and warned law enforcement agencies to beware of us. According to Napolitano’s Justice Department, even returning veterans from Iraq were a threat. We pushed until Napolitano was forced to “withdraw” the report.

But this is not enough, and we must not let it drop. We need to expose those in the Justice Department who prepared the report and expose their motives. This can only be done with a congressional hearing.

While virtually every other conservative organization has “moved on,” we have kept up the pressure. I have personally talked to members of the leadership of the Republican Party, urging them to pursue the issue. I have talked to the Democrat chairman of the committee that would hold the hearings. Documents have been requested by the Homeland Security Committee to determine who authorized the “Rightwing Extremist Report” and why it was released, (according to Secretary Napolitano) “without authorization.” And if it was released “without authorization” then why did she stand by it for months before withdrawing it? We want answers!

We must push until the Obama Administration is afraid to try this again. Unless we keep up the pressure, the far left will think they can move forward with their slanders and eventually will try to outlaw the very existence of conservative groups. To win, we must stay focused.

ANOTHER VICTORY– Barack Obama had ordered that his pro-homosexual “hate crimes” legislation be added to a spending bill as an amendment. By passing the legislation this way, as an amendment to another bill in the Senate, there would have been no public debate. This was important to Obama and left-wing Senators because they did not want the public to become aware of the anti-Christian agenda in the legislation. As written, the legislation could be used to literally make portions of the Bible illegal to read in public.

So many calls and letters have been received by Senators that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary announced it would hold a hearing on the “Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009” on Thursday, June 25, 2009. This is a major setback for homosexual groups who had hoped that no opponents of this thought crimes legislation would have an opportunity to speak at hearings. The Religious Freedom Coalition and other social conservative groups are urging conservative Senators to filibuster the bill when it hits the floor of the Senate for a vote. We may not be able to stop this “thought crimes” legislation from being passed, but we may be able to make changes to it that will protect pastors from becoming criminals if they refuse to cooperate. Just getting congressional hearings for a debate was a major victory, considering the number of pro-homosexual Democrat Senators such as Harry Reid.

OBAMA'S GAY TIMES– Barack Obama must repay homosexuals for all the money they gave to him to win the election. He is pushing the homosexual agenda as fast and as hard as he can. In mid-June President Obama granted benefits to homosexual "partners" of federal employees, using an Executive Order. As a result, for the first time in our nation's history, homosexual partners of federal employees will receive benefits just short of health insurance and retirement funding.

The benefits granted by Obama to homosexuals do not include health care and retirement because of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) signed into law by Bill Clinton. The benefits do provide long-term care insurance and sick leave to take care of homosexual "partners." Obama has stated he wants to overturn DOMA to allow homosexual marriage and to force all employers to provide full benefits.

EVEN MORE OBAMA GAY TIMES – Did you know that the month of June is now specially designated to honor homosexuals and other sexual perverts?

President Obama issued a proclamation declaring June to be "LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgendered) Pride Month." In his proclamation the President stated, "LGBT Americans have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of American society." What contributions could Obama be talking about? Does he mean sexual relations in the men's room of every major airport, or perhaps the destruction of young men's lives through forcible sodomy?

MORE SAME-SEX BENEFITS - Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who works directly under Barack Obama, this month issued an order granting diplomatic passports, medical care and U.S. government jobs overseas to homosexual "partners" of U.S. diplomats. In effect a homosexual "partner" of a diplomat will be given employment preference over other applicants, even if he has no experience.

Since these homosexual "partners" will receive diplomatic passports, they can no longer be arrested in the vast majority of nations in the world where homosexuality is illegal. This will allow American homosexuals in the State Department to flaunt their perverted nature in nations that outlaw sodomy. The same day Secretary Clinton issued the directive she fell on the way to the White House, breaking her elbow.

OBAMA ANNOUNCES DEATH OF THE WEST IN CAIRO - When I read the speech delivered by Barack Obama in Cairo it became apparent to me that it was not a "new beginning" but rather an end. Obama was announcing the surrender of Israel to the Muslim mobs with their violent, hate-filled "religion," in return for a peace that will never come. Obama in effect offered to surrender Western style democracy in return for a "peaceful" world.

After announcing the surrender of the West, Obama downgraded the Jewish Holocaust by comparing it to the experiences of Palestinians in Gaza. In a clever use of words read from his teleprompter, Obama compared the murder of over 6 million Jews in Europe by the National Socialists (Nazis), to the current "plight" of Palestinians.

Obama had already made his point of downgrading the US relationship with Israel clear by overflying Israel to visit Muslim states where he made this pronouncement. During the trip the White House and State Department emphasized his full name, Barack Hussein Obama, in order to acknowledge his Muslim background.

“PEACE BE UPON THEM” - When referring to the dead prophets, including Mohammed, Muslims are required to say "peace be upon him" or "peace be upon them."

In his Cairo address, President Barack Hussein Obama used “peace be upon them” after reciting the names of Moses, Jesus and Muhammad. If he is a Christian as he claims, why is he referring to Jesus as a dead prophet? If he has even a dim knowledge of the Christian faith he would not refer to Moses, Jesus and Muhammad as equals, nor would he use a phrase that is only used by Muslims. The question must be asked: was Obama merely trying to impress Muslims with his knowledge of Islam during his visit to the Middle East, or was he telling the Muslim world that he is not a true Christian?

In most Muslim nations the punishment for homosexuality is death. It is a strange contradiction then, when Barack Obama promotes homosexuality in the United States and then visits Muslim nations proclaiming his kinship to Islam.

COURTS, CONGRESS AND CULTURE

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER TO DISPLAY “IN GOD WE TRUST?”- The new Capitol Visitor Center is mostly underground adjacent to the Capitol Building. The construction was authorized after an intruder shot and killed a Capitol policeman guarding then Majority Leader Tom DeLay. Prior to its construction, metal detectors were just feet from the offices of officials. Now all visitors to the Capitol must pass through the new Capitol Visitor Center (CVC). When it opened, congressmen and Senators noted immediately that there was no reference to the religious heritage of the nation, not even our national motto, *In God We Trust*.

The House Administration Committee last week unanimously approved a resolution by Congressman Dan Lungren (R-CA) directing the Architect of the Capitol to engrave "In God We Trust" and the Pledge of Allegiance inside the Capitol Visitor Center. This is not a done deal and must still pass the Senate. Senators Brownback and DeMint are working to pass a similar resolution in the Senate. The Religious Freedom Coalition supports and is working with Senators to pass the resolution.

NOT MUCH PELOSI NOISE – Outspoken left-wing nut case Nancy Pelosi, who is third in line to the presidency, has not made many pronouncements lately. Being from San Francisco, she is the number one promoter of the homosexual agenda in Congress. But ever since she accused the CIA of lying to her, that is all the media wants to talk to her about, and that has just about shut her up.

On Tuesday, June 16th, her Democrat controlled House voted to table a Privileged Resolution offered by Congressman Rob Bishop (R-UT) to create a four member bi-partisan panel to examine Speaker Nancy Pelosi's accusations that she and the rest of Congress were lied to by the CIA. The creation of the panel was denied by a vote of 247-171. The Pelosi Democrats continue to protect her outrageous accusation against those who protect our nation. Without the panel there can be no investigation that would reveal if Pelosi's remarks were untruthful.

MEANWHILE- Congressman Randy Forbes' floor speech, “Our Judeo-Christian Nation,” has received 1,391,977 hits on YouTube, making it one of the most widely-viewed floor speeches in YouTube history! As July 4th approaches, I urge you to view it and share it with others. The link is located at: <http://www.youtube.com/reprandyforbes>.

INTERNATIONAL

TAXPAYER MONEY FOR GAZA TERRORISTS - In the War Supplemental Bill just passed by the House in June, \$550 million was allotted to Israel and \$600 million to the Palestinian Authority for use in the "West Bank" and Gaza. Please note that those who wish to destroy Israel received more funding from the United States in this bill than did Israel.

The commander of a Gaza organization called Ansar Jund Allah (or Jund Ansar Allah) broadcast a message on June 17th to "all Jews" in which he said, **"We have come to you... with people who love death more than you love life."** Is this where our money will go?

It's too late to stop this injustice in the House, but I have asked two Senators to try to amend the bill in the Senate by allotting \$50 million of the Palestinian funds to the "religious minorities" in the West Bank and Gaza. This would assist Christians, who face daily persecution at the hands of the Muslim majority. Christians were a majority in Bethlehem until Israel was forced to hand it over to the Palestinian Authority by Bill Clinton. Now less than 20% of the population of Bethlehem is Christian.

Although our emphasis has been on Iraqi Christian refugees for the last few years, the Religious Freedom Coalition continues to assist Christians in the West Bank. We continue to support Christian schools in Beit Jala and Bethlehem as well as a Christian ministry in the city of Ariel in Samaria.

MUSLIM "TOLERANCE" - *"And throughout history, Islam has demonstrated through words and deeds the possibilities of religious tolerance and racial equality."* -- Barack Obama, Cairo, June 4, 2009.

Not long after Obama delivered this astounding statement, a Christian man was beaten to death for using a cup designated for Muslims. Ishtiaq Masih, a Christian, ordered tea at a shop in Punjab, Pakistan, during a bus stop. When he paid for the tea the owner saw that he wore a cross, and he and 14 of his employees beat, stabbed and kicked the Christian man, who later died at a local hospital. Ishtiaq had not noticed a sign warning that the shop did not serve non-Muslims. Is this the "religious tolerance" to which President Obama refers? The United States gives billions of dollars a year to Pakistan to fight "terrorism." Was this not terrorism?

HELPING IRAQI CHRISTIANS – We are still conducting a petition drive asking Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to formulate a policy to stop the persecution of Christians in Iraq and to aid those Iraqi Christians who have been forced to flee.

If you have not signed the paper version of the petition, please consider signing the online version at: www.iraqichristianrefugees.org. We also have a Facebook site that has almost 600 members. We are getting the word out about Iraqi Christians while helping them as best we can with medical supplies and food distribution in Amman, Jordan.

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