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Party Leaders Hold Fall Meet in Chicago

*by John Pittman Hey
AFP National Secretary*

On October 25, 2003, the America First National Committee met in the Chicago suburbs to conduct crucial business and to plan the future of the party.

The National Committee, which meets by teleconference throughout the year, is required by the Party Constitution to meet in person to conduct certain business, such as the election of party officers. In addition, the in-person meeting permits an in-depth, face to face discussion amongst the party leaders, and provides an enjoyable time to socialize as well.

Party leaders and members traveled to Chicago Thursday and Friday at their own expense. Friday evening, many of us met at the love-



Some party leaders who attended the Chicago meeting. Rear row (left to right): John Pittman Hey, Secretary; Jon Hill, Vice-Chairman; John Francis, Chairman; Tom White, Party Building Chairman; Front row (left to right): Larry Carroll, Platform Chairman; Dan Charles, Chairman Emeritus; Maureen McHugh, Treasurer.

ly home of Ed and Maureen McHugh for a tasty home-cooked meal.

The National Committee met most of the day Saturday to conduct business. Dan Charles, the Party's Chairman *Emeritus*, welcomed the members with an inspiring speech describing where the Party has been and pointing the way into the future.

Reports were received from the party officers and several standing committee chairmen. The Rules Committee presented a comprehensive revision of the Party Constitution, especially designed to protect the Party and its platform from attack and subversion. The proposed changes were debated and adopted by overwhelming vote of the National Committee. (The Party's Constitution may be viewed on the Party's web site at www.americafirstparty.org.)

The Committee recessed for lunch at the Silver Stallion restaurant and returned in the early afternoon to hold elections for new party leadership.

Mr. John Francis, Founder and State Party Chairman of AFP-Ohio, was elected as the new National Chairman of the Party. Mr. Francis delivered a short acceptance speech in which he stressed the need for dedication to the goals of the Party. He laid out an agenda to organize in every county in every state, so that the Party can be prepared to take on the corrupt politicians and bureaucrats at all levels in our country.

Mr. Jon Hill, State Party Chairman of the AFP-Massachusetts, was elected to serve as the new National Vice-Chairman for the Party. In addition,

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Message from the Chairman

by John Francis
AFP National Chairman

America is positioned at this moment for the greatest expansion of third party politics in over 100 years.

As more and more churches, church organizations, social organizations, etc., are advising their members to vote for anyone but a Democrat or Republican (Demonican), and as more people throughout the U.S. become aware that the Demonicans are fastened at the hip and are taking our country into a transnational socialist democracy at best without any of our Constitutional Rights, we are poised in America for an explosion of third party activity.

The beneficiary of this growing political reaction to big government and corrupt politics will be the third party with the ideas and solutions similar to what the good people of America conceive to be their ideas and solutions.

Our Mission Statement and Principles fulfill, I believe, what good Americans conceive their ideas and solutions to be. My question to all in the AFP is: what are we going to do about? All success in any endeavor can be attributed to two things: (1) determining exactly what your goal is, and (2) establishing a plan to accomplish that goal.

Our Goal -- is very simple; to save our Constitution, our culture and our very way of life.

Our Plan -- is just as simple, BUT it will take a lot of determination.

1. We must establish a State Political Organization (SPO) in all the remaining states where we have none as soon as possible.

2. We must establish a County Political Organization (CPO) in every county, parish or district in every state. Every member of this party should be working towards that goal in their county, parish or district. If you don't have an SPO, start working there, and then work for a CPO in your county, parish or district.

3. After you have your SPO and your

CPO in place, start recruiting precinct captains for each precinct in your county just like the Demonicans have.

4. Do what ever it takes to get ballot access.

5. Put together a new list of people to invite to the next meeting.

When we get CPOs in every county, parish or district, we will have candidates coming out of the woodwork to run for all offices--city, county, state, governor, even for president. If we can do that in the next couple of years, we will have many candidates who will run for president in 2008, and we will choose the one we want to run against Hillary.

If we can't get this organization in place, or we don't do it in time because we procrastinated or didn't care, I believe we can kiss our country good-bye, and our kids and grand-kids, maybe even we ourselves, will live in chains.

If our Christian Culture dies, many of us could very well die with it. I choose not to die on my knees begging. I will die on my feet fighting like a junk yard dog. We all know what happened to Judge Roy Moore. If we allow our government to become a secular government, we can anticipate what has been common in nearly all secular governments throughout history -- MASS GRAVES!

When you get involved, this fight must become like a religion. You need to work and live it every day of every week. TIME...is of the essence.

Mark Twain once said, "In the beginning of change, the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds however, the timid join him, for then, it costs nothing to be a patriot."

Are you willing to pay the price to be called a patriot? If you are, stand with us. We have a country to save!

John Francis
John Francis, National Chairman



John Francis
AFP Chairman

Mission Statement

We, the members of the America First Party, pledge ourselves to restore and revitalize the great American Experiment for the benefit of our nation and all its people.

We commit ourselves to elect honest people to public office who adhere to principles based on the wisdom of the Founders and expressed in the United States Constitution and our party platform.

We hold to the steadfast beliefs that the means to revitalizing our nation is to revitalize our people and the means to restore our nation is to restore just and Constitutional governance. To this end, we obligate our party:

- To preserve and protect our people and our sovereignty
- To promote economic growth and independence
- To encourage the traditional values of faith, family, and responsibility
- To ensure equality before the law in protecting those rights granted by the Creator
- To clean up our corrupted political system

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America First Party at
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Statement of Principles

Preserve and Protect Our People and Our Sovereignty

- Support a military whose mission is to protect our nation, not police the world
- Strengthen our borders and promote rational immigration policies
- Protect English as our common language
- Seek friendship with all nations, but avoid entangling alliances
- Work to maintain our nation's sovereignty and oppose all attempts to make our nation subservient to the precursors of global government
- Apply American values to our foreign policy

Promote Economic Growth and Independence

- Restore accountability and Constitutionality to budgets and taxes
- Promote tax policies that adhere to the Constitution, enhance individual freedom, encourage savings and investment, and promote the family
- Eliminate unconstitutional portions of the federal government
- Rebuild our manufacturing base and protect American workers
- Protect our right to fair trade and oppose free trade, exit NAFTA and the WTO
- Help American businesses stay in America
- Promote a Buy American policy
- End taxpayer bailouts of corporations and foreign governments
- Implement a self-sufficient energy policy

Encourage the Traditional Values of Faith, Family, and Responsibility

- Protect and recognize the sanctity of all human life
- Defend the traditional family unit based on one man and one woman
- Promote the primacy of parents in the lives and education of their children
- Respect the free exercise of religion

- Recognize the Judeo-Christian heritage of our shared values

Ensure Equality Before the Law in Protecting Those Rights Granted by the Creator

- Defend the self-evident truth "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"
- Preserve and protect all of the Bill of Rights
- Oppose all quota systems - merit and behavior must prevail
- End judicial tyranny and restore balance to our political system
- Restore property rights and restrict government land confiscation

Clean Up Our Corrupted Political System

- Remove the primary source of corruption by sharply reducing the size and scope of the federal government to its limited powers under the Constitution, and return control over all other matters to the states
- Require that all political donations be promptly disclosed and come from voters
- Enforce fair, uniform standards for ballot and debate access to give voters more choice
- Implement clean election practices-restore paper ballots
- Reform the lobbying system so that the only organizations permitted to lobby are those organizations whose money is acquired strictly from voter donations. Reasonable individual voter donation amount limits must be established
- End lavish Congressional pensions-put them on Social Security
- Ban taxpayer funded Congressional campaign mailings
- Restore the rights of states in the manner of choosing Senators and Representatives and promote the citizen legislator

The Statement of Principles of the America First Party was adopted at the first meeting of the National Committee on April 20, 2002.

The Principles provide an outline for the party's Platform, which contains a section for each of the Principles headings. Each Platform section then expands upon that particular set of principles.

The Statement of Principles is the core statement of beliefs of the America First Party. As such, a two-thirds vote of the National Committee is required to adopt any change to the Principles.

The Party Constitution binds both the National Committee and the National Convention to adopt a platform consistent with the Principles.

All party leaders are required to support and advance the Principles as a condition of holding a position of trust within the America First Party.

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Dan Charles
Chairman Emeritus
Rules Cmte Chairman



Larry Carroll
Platform Cmte Chair

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A Time to Choose

by Dan Charles
Chairman Emeritus

For nearly 50 years, Democrats controlled both houses of Congress. They promoted an ever intrusive, greedy, controlling, and socialist government at home and empire abroad using American tax dollars and the blood of America's finest to enlarge and maintain it.

Conservatives were told that when the Republican Party got control of Congress, things would be different. The revolution at the Cow Palace in San Francisco in 1964 and the later election of Ronald Reagan gave us hope.

For years, at election time and from the floor of the Congress, we heard GOP rhetoric to warm our hearts, delicious words to sate our hunger for constitutionalism. We were lied to.

In 1994, Republicans took control of both houses of Congress and have held it ever since, with the exception of a few months of Democrat control of the Senate. Yet nothing had changed.

***We have been betrayed
by a Republican Party and
a Republican Congress
who seek to control your life
and buy your vote with
other people's money ...
just like the Democrats.***

Indeed, not a single government program or unconstitutional government agency has been shut down.

The Departments of Education, Labor, and Agriculture still try to control our children, our workplace, and our farms--taking their orders from teachers' unions, corporate lobbyists, and other special interests who care little for the concerns of everyday Americans.

Fiscal responsibility has fallen by the wayside. In the decade of GOP control of Congress, the size of the budget has doubled. As Senator Frist recently crowed, Republicans deliver what the Democrats

only promise.

Don't even get me started on taxes. 90% of the burden rests on about a third of the population, and the Republicans expect to be hailed for the "achievement" of cutting rates by less than 2%?

I could go on for pages and pages like this, and so could many of you. Conservatives have been betrayed. And not just by a Republican President who calls for both guns and butter (just like Lyndon Johnson did) -- we have been betrayed by a Republican Party and a Republican Congress who seek to control your life and buy your vote with other people's money (or other people's votes with your money)...just like the Democrats.

At a recent National Committee meeting, *Chronicles* Editor Thomas Fleming told our body that conservative movements have failed in the past because they have failed to be true to their core principles. It is clear that this fate has befallen the Republicans, as they place a higher value on personal power than on core principles.

It is time to make a choice. We could give up, but there is too much at stake. We could try to reform the GOP, but that has been tried before, only to find that the leadership is mostly beyond hope.

So, we must build something new. That is what we are doing in the America First Party. We need you to help us. You can no longer stand on the sidelines--time is too short.

The first thing you must do is join us--call our toll-free number or go to our web-site to find out how.

Second, get out there and spread the word. If your eyes have been opened, then don't you owe it to your fellow Americans to clear the sleep from their eyes? We have ideas and can help.

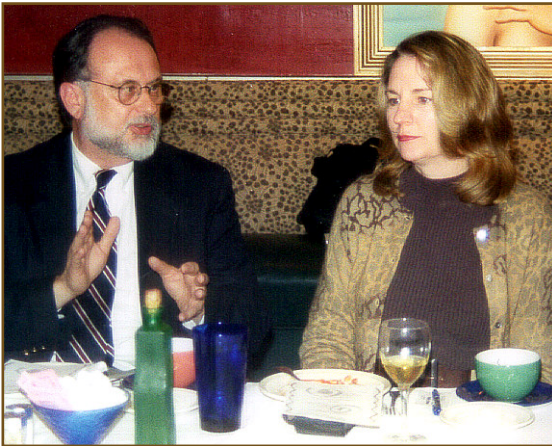
Third, support our candidates or run for office yourself. Our founders believed in the citizen legislator--everyday Americans for whom service was just a part of their lives, not a career.

Finally, if you need a reminder as to why you are doing this, simply look into the eyes of your children or grandchildren.

Dr. Thomas Fleming Addresses Party Leaders

By Jon Hill, AFP Vice-Chairman

National Committee Members and guests were privileged to hear a talk by Dr. Thomas Fleming, the editor of *Chronicles Magazine* and the President of the Rockford Institute, an organization which has championed the principle of putting America First, and which has had a role in bringing this ideal back into prominence. The Rockford Institute has been attacked by both liberal Democrats and "conservative" Republicans, who describe Fleming and others who oppose U.S. globalism as "unpatriotic conservatives".



Dr. Thomas Fleming (left) discusses political philosophy with Maureen McHugh (right).

Fleming congratulated all present, "...for forming a party whose name announces its agenda. This is not a movement or a party that wants to put business first, [or] international business first, like the Republican Party; it doesn't want to put the workers first, or the poor, or the disenfranchised, or minorities first; it doesn't put international human rights and global justice first, but the name announces putting America First, which is the only legitimate position for a decent patriotic American, whether left or right."

He said, "This is an agenda which would seem very strange if it were announced at a meeting of any major party". But he believes that both parties have many members who would "embrace this agenda if they were not lied to....by the ridiculous pundits on the left at the *New York Times*, or the ridiculous pundits

on the right at the *Washington Times*, or Rush Limbaugh, and the liars on Fox News, which is the most disgraceful media outlet....in the history of the United States."

In discussing the prospects for a movement like ours, Fleming reviewed the failures of the conservative movement. He mentioned that in his lifetime, he is not aware of "any conservative or libertarian movement that has accomplished anything". He stated that if we can not recognize that these movements have been failures, then we "can't do anything good".

Fleming discussed the philosophical cleavage between conservatives like Samuel Francis, "who wish to restore the old republic, with its moral virtues and its principles", and "ultra-radical anarchist" libertarians like Murray Rothbard, who he described as "the best libertarian thinker in the past 50 years", but who he said is representative of a philosophy which does not "believe in government, morality, or nations." Fleming linked his attempts to bring the two factions together with the ideological confusion and conflict that made, in his opinion, the Buchanan campaign movement untenable, and which led to much of the strife within the Reform Party.

Fleming congratulated all present "for forming a party whose name announces its agenda... putting America First...."

Dr. Fleming spoke at length about foreign policy issues, including the current war in Iraq, the previous U.S. involvement in Bosnia, as well as the effect of what he termed "the pseudo-christian zionism of George Bush's followers on the so-called Christian so-called right". An interesting reference was given of his meeting with the CIA Station Chief in charge of Balkan policy about our activity in that region, which, he explained, has included very extensive practical support for the organi-

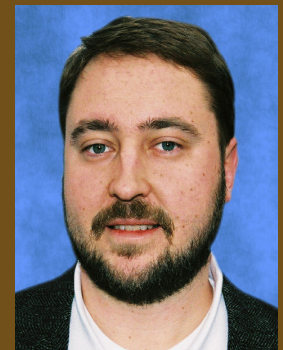
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he was also tapped to continue serving as Finance Committee Chairman.

Other actions taken by the National Committee resulted in the retention of John Pittman Hey as National Secretary and Maureen McHugh as National Treasurer.

The National Committee elected Dan Charles as the new Rules Committee Chairman. Romelle Winters was retained as Public Relations Committee Chairman, and Trey Golmon as Ballot Access Committee Chairman.

Tom White, a founding member of the party, was selected to hold the all-important Party Building Committee Chairmanship. Larry Carroll, an attorney in Colorado and State Party Chairman of AFP-Colorado, was tapped to chair the Platform Committee.

The National Committee conducted a lengthy discussion about the new direction in party building strategy. The new membership committee will be used to funnel prospects into the Party, where they will be provided with a host of new activities to help build the Party in their communities. Rather than searching for leadership in the unorganized states, the new strategy provides for growing and recognizing emerging leadership within the new Party membership. The National Committee will oversee the entire process to ensure that new leadership in the states is proven and mature.

The National Committee debated a Resolution calling for the Impeachment of the President for waging an illegal war in Iraq. The Resolution was adopted by an overwhelming majority of the Committee members. (See Resolution text inset on this page.)

The National Committee adjourned its meeting late Saturday afternoon. Along with guests and various state party members, the party officers and National Committee members attended a four-star banquet featuring Filet Mignon, Grilled Swordfish Palermo, and Chicken Marsala, along with a complement of fine desserts (all paid for out of the participants' own pockets). This excellent event, indeed, the

entire weekend of activities, was organized by Maureen McHugh, the Party's Treasurer. Dr. Thomas Fleming, editor of the magazine *Chronicles*, was the featured guest speaker (see accompanying article, page 5).

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR IMPEACHMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Whereas, The America First National Committee has adjudged the War Against Iraq to be an unnecessary, improper, illegal, unconstitutional, and immoral misuse of the power and might of the United States Armed Forces and the brave men and women who have volunteered to serve as protectors and defenders of the United States of America and her people; and,

Whereas, The America First National Committee has adjudged the War Against Iraq sets a dangerous precedent for our nation that must be resisted and never allowed to happen again; and,

Whereas, It is only through assuring that the brave fighting men and women of the United States Armed Forces are not misused that we can best support their mission to protect and defend the United States of America;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the America First National Committee on this 25th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Three:

That We demand that no actions be taken that would endanger the lives and well being of our troops currently involved in combat; and,

That We call upon the Joint Chiefs of Staff to refuse orders they know to be immoral and illegal as required by the Uniform Code of Military Justice; and,

That We demand that Congress refuse to fund preemptive wars of colonial conquest; and,

That We demand that our government refocus its national security efforts on securing our ports and our borders to prevent future terrorist attacks; and,

That We demand that Congress immediately impeach the President and remove him from office for waging war without constitutional authority; and,

That We pledge to work for the replacement of every member of Congress who aids, abets, or shields the President in these impeachable offenses.



Romelle Winters
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Committee
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Maureen McHugh
National Treasurer



John Pittman Hey
National Secretary

Wall Street Journal vs. America

by Patrick J. Buchanan

Commentators have lately begun to point up parallels between the presidency of George W. Bush and that of his father. Both enjoyed extraordinary approval in their third years after triumphs over Saddam Hussein. Both began to slide due to a sickly economy. Both won office on Reaganite rhetoric. But both then left themselves open to a populist revolt by embracing the counterfeit conservatism of the Wall Street Journal.

In 1992, Ross Perot tore off a third of the Reagan coalition, leaving George H. W. with the smallest share of the presidential popular vote in 80 years. Were the son to face a third-party challenge from the Right, he too would be going home after one term.

The mega-issues on which the Bushes abandoned conservatism for the Hong Kong values of the Wall Street Journal are free-trade globalism, open-borders immigration, and Wilsonian interventionism.

***Time to say it:
Loyalty to the New World
Order is treason
to the Republic.***

Unlike the patriarch Sen. Prescott Bush, George H. W. and his son are free traders who simply cannot see the industrial ruin before them from a decade of NAFTA, GATT, MFN for Beijing, and U.S. subordination to the Yankee-baiting Eurocrats of the WTO.

But the returns from 10 years of free trade are in. America is running huge trade deficits with Canada, Mexico, Japan, China, and the EU. Manufacturing jobs have been disappearing at the rate of 83,000 a month every month Bush has been in office. Under George W., one in every six manufacturing jobs has vanished.

Is there no amount of bleeding of jobs that will jolt Mr. Bush into grasping that the Journal's free-trade fanaticism is denuding his country of its industrial base

and could kill his presidency, as it did his father's?

The second issue is immigration. For years, the Journal has pushed to amend the U.S. Constitution to read, "There shall be open borders." The Journal wants to tie the hands of the President and Congress to guarantee that the Third World invasion of America is unstoppable. Yet, mass immigration is bankrupting California, as millions of poor immigrants have poured in and millions of middle-class Californians have fled to Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, and Idaho.

Ten million illegal aliens now live here. Their crime rates and social-service demands are higher and tax payments far lower than those of our native-born. As California is fast becoming a Third World state, America is becoming a Third World country. Why is President Bush welcoming this radical transformation of America into a giant replica of the UN General Assembly? What was so wrong with the country we grew up in?

Can the Bushites not see the consequences of blindly following Journal ideology? The Clintonites could. They evaded the law to get millions of Latinos naturalized and registered. In 1996, it paid off. First-time Hispanic voters went 91 percent against Dole-Kemp.

The third issue on which Bush II has embraced Journal neoconservatism is foreign policy. For a decade after Desert Storm, containment had worked with Saddam. Iraq had not invaded a neighbor nor launched a single terror attack against Americans.

Yet, no sooner had the World Trade Center towers fallen than the Journal was shrieking for strikes on "terrorist camps in Syria, Sudan, Libya, and Algeria, and perhaps even in parts of Egypt." This was warmongering. None of these countries had anything to do with 9/11.

After the overthrow of the Taliban, the Journal began beating the drums for the war it always wanted and the cause it never abandoned: "On to Baghdad!"

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Patrick J. Buchanan

Mr. Buchanan is a political commentator, magazine editor, book author, television personality, and three-time candidate for President of the United States.

Buchanan is a well-known advocate of traditional, patriotic, conservative values. A life-long Republican, he left that party in late 1999 when it became apparent that it was committed to the same New World Order globalist agenda as the left-wing Democrats.

Mr. Buchanan's latest book, "The Death of the West", is prophetic in its warnings about the failure of Western, Judeo-Christian culture to defend itself against alien, anti-Christian ideologies.

Mr. Buchanan is Founder of the American Cause, and editor of *The American Conservative*.

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Impose a “MacArthur Regency”! Now we have Baghdad and the Bremer Regency. And if Mr. Bush cannot extricate us from this new war of suicide bombings and sniper shootings we warned him would follow a U.S. invasion, he may not be re-elected.

What President Bush and many conservatives do not realize is that the Wall Street Journal is to true conservatism what Eisner is to Disney, a cow bird that flew in to sit on the nest another bird built.

Journal editor emeritus Robert Bartley once told author Peter Brimelow, “I think the nation-state is finished.” In June, Bartley flew to Italy for the 10th Santa Colomba Conference hosted by Journal guru Robert Mundell. Topic: “Does the Global Economy Need a Global Cur-

rency?”

“World money, with a world central bank, seems a next logical step,” chirps Bartley, who dreams of a New World Order currency replacing the U.S. dollar. Yet, as Margaret Thatcher told this writer, a nation that gives up its currency gives up its sovereignty and independence.

Time to say it: Loyalty to the New World Order is treason to the Republic. But why is Bush blindly following the counsel of faux conservatives leading him down a path that ends in the abolition of America? Why, Mr. President?

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zational activities of Usama Bin Laden.

“With the failure of American policy in Iraq, and in the entire Middle East, which is so clear....why is there not a massive popular uprising against these failed policies, or at least why don't we see the formation of a serious political coalition that would oppose these destructive policies”, as well as failed domestic policies which are gutting the manufacturing base and turning the U.S. into a high-unemployment area? “Why can't there be a movement which combines concern for our trade policies, concern for immigration policies, concern for our loss of national sovereignty through globalism”, and which refocuses attention away from globalism back to the American interest?