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Just Another Day's Work for David Rockefeller

On November 9th, our country may again elect a member of the Trilateral Commission as president of the United States. With the prospect of George Bush following Jimmy Carter as a Trilateralist chief executive, it's time to re-examine this organization: what it is, how it operates, and what it intends for us.

"David Rockefeller is the most conspicuous representative today of the ruling class," said Bill Moyers, "that multinational fraternity of men who shape the global economy and manage the flow of its capital. Rockefeller was born to it, and he has made the most of it. But what some critics see as a vast international conspiracy, he considers a circumstance of life and just another day's work."

On one of his work days in 1973, Rockefeller founded the Trilateral Commission (TC), an alliance between the ruling elites of North America, Western Europe, and Japan (which is where the "Tri" in Trilateral comes from) for increased profits and power through bigger government, including world government. The members include about 300 politicians, international bankers and businessmen, and academics from the three areas. An early and highly influential member was George Bush.

"The public and leaders of most countries," said a TC report in 1977, "continue to live in a mental universe which no longer exists--a world of separate nations--and have great difficulties thinking in terms of global perspective and interdependence. The [classical] liberal premise of a separation between the political and economic realm is obsolete: issues related to economics are at the heart of modern politics." Or ought to be, from the power elite's standpoint.

The Trilateral Commission is not the only elite group to take this view, of course. The Council on Foreign Relations,

founded in 1918 by J.P. Morgan and later taken over by the Rockefeller family, is still a powerful force in shaping foreign policy. The CFR said in 1919 that it would be a "Board of Invention" that would "cooperate with government and all existing international agencies to bring them into constructive accord." It schemed the entry of the U.S. into World War II, and planned such postwar international economic initiatives as the Marshall Plan, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund--all of which benefited the power elite. But it is solely a U.S. group.

Also important is the European-oriented Bilderberg Group, named after the exclusive resort where it had its first meeting in 1954. Bilderberg was founded to implement the Atlantic alliance as the key to elite control. But with the rise of Japan as an economic power, a new structure was needed, and David Rockefeller provided it.

The new organization selected the then-obscure Jimmy Carter as a member, and then promoted him for president. He in turn filled his administration with Trilateralist appointees, including Zbigniew Brzezinski as national security advisor.

A Commission document written by Brzezinski, its first executive director, said that "every effective international system requires a custodian." Today's must be a "transnational elite composed of international businessmen, scholars, and public officials" unhampered by "national concerns."

Samuel Huntington of Harvard--another Trilateralist academic--noted in another TC publication that "Truman had been able to govern the country with the cooperation of a small number of Wall Street lawyers and bankers." But this is no longer possible, since the people now question the "legitimacy of hierarchy, coercion, discipline, secrecy, and deception," the "attributes of the process of government." Unfortunately, the American people "no longer felt the compulsion to obey" those of "superior rank."

The problem, said Huntington, is "an excess of democracy." The solution? 1) Muzzling the press, especially newsmen skeptical of "authority and institutions"; 2) greater federal control of higher education, which too often works "at cross purposes" with elite authority and institutions; and 3) restoring the presidency to dominion over "foreign policy and international economics."

After Ronald Reagan criticized Trilateralist involvement in the Carter administration during the campaign, and promised that there would be none in a Reagan administration, he named Trilateralist George Bush as his vice president, and a host of TC appointees including Caspar Weinberger, Frank Carlucci, John Whitehead, and Howard Baker.

There is no "excess of democracy" this year, of course. The

banksters have seen to it. One choice is George Bush, the Rockefeller candidate, and the other, Michael Dukakis, the Kennedy candidate. No matter who is elected, the big bankers will be able to continue their policies of looting us.

Private Quayle

Wealthy Senator J. Danforth Quayle III of Indiana can't be faulted for pulling strings to avoid the Vietnam War draft. There is no moral obligation for a young man to be killed in that unconstitutional morass. Nor can serving in the National Guard, descendant of the Founding Fathers' beloved militia, ever be considered a disgrace.

The only disgrace is that Quayle wants to send other young men--who aren't worth \$200 million in inherited money--to be killed in future Vietnams all over the world.

The draft, which is involuntary servitude, can never be justified. As Daniel Webster said in the House of Representatives during the War of 1812: "Where is it written in the Constitution, in what section or clause is it contained, that you may take children from their parents, and parents from their children, and compel them to fight the battle in any war in which the folly or the wickedness of government may engage it?"

The answer today, as 176 years ago, is Nowhere.

But even without the draft, no young American should ever be asked to risk his life in the armed forces unless the liberty or property of the people of the United States, in the United States, is threatened. Anything else only harms our liberty and our security, not to speak of killing innocent 18-year-olds.

As a former Air Force flight surgeon, I saw the mutilated American kids from the Vietnam war. We need to remember them next time a politician like Bush or Quayle, Dukakis or Bentsen, advocates foreign meddling.

The Last Temptation of Christ

No movie that was offensive to powerful minority interests could ever be made or distributed by Hollywood, nor would liberals defend it as great art. Christians are another matter, however.

Universal Studios probably thinks it will make millions off the blasphemous Last Temptation of Christ, and it may. Certainly it has reaped a publicity bonanza. But I think that in the long run the studio may suffer, since many Americans will not only refuse to pay to see this movie, but other Universal products as well.

Protests and boycotts aimed at this movie have been