

# THE FIRSTS TO

By Joel Bleifuss

## The South Rises Again

Haley Barbour, the just-elected governor of Mississippi and the former chairman of the Republican National Committee, accepted many endorsements in his recent campaign. George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Bob Dole, Rudolph Giuliani, and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush all visited the state to lend their support to Barbour. He also got some down-home help from the Council of Conservative Citizens (CCC), a St. Louis-based white supremacist group at whose gatherings Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss.) has spoken.

Up until November 5, the homepage of the CCC website ([www.cofcc.org](http://www.cofcc.org)) featured a photograph of Barbour at an annual barbecue sponsored by the group's Mississippi chapter to raise money for school buses to take white kids to Christian schools. Despite demands during the campaign that he disaffiliate with Mississippi's unreconstructed racists, Barbour refused to ask the CCC to remove the photo, which pictures him with CCC Field Director Bill Lord.

In addition to highlighting the Barbour photo, the CCC Web site explains that the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* is in fact a compilation of "lectures addressed to Jewish Luciferians" that detail "an incredible plan to overthrow western civilization, subjugate mankind, and concentrate 'all the wealth of the world in our hands.'"

The CCC also frets about the feminist threat: "With thanks to liberal Jews like Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan, [American women] have become foreigners in their own land. Welcome to Amazon America, 'where we celebrate the castrat-

ing of the dreaded White male daily.'"

And the CCC features a proposal that parcels out the United States among the races in what it calls "The Racial Compact" ([www.racialcompact.com/partitionmap.html](http://www.racialcompact.com/partitionmap.html)). Racial separation is needed to protect the genetic integrity of the "Nordish" race (those of northern European ancestry). Not convinced? The article explains, "To describe the situation in biological terms, the habitat of the Nordish race is being invaded by competing life-forms or races." In this partition



Haley Barbour, middle left, posing in July with white supremacist leader Bill Lord, right.

scheme, the "Latin Amerindians" (Latinos) would be relegated to southern Texas and New Mexico. "Congoids" (African Americans) would get Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and North Texas. Other human "subspecies" would be settled along the Mexican border and in Southern Florida as a racial barrier. The "Nordish-American" race would reside in the rest of the country. The CCC does not spell out where it would put the "extra-territorial non-indigenous European ethnic groups" (Jews and Gypsies). Perhaps it has other plans for them.

Controversy about racist statements is nothing new to Barbour. In 1982, when he was unsuccessfully running for the U.S. Senate, the *New York Times* reported:

The racial sensitivity at Barbour headquarters was suggested by an exchange between the candidate and an aide who complained that there would be 'coons' at a campaign stop at the state fair. Embarrassed that a reporter heard this,

Mr. Barbour warned that if the aide persisted in racist remarks, he would be reincarnated as a watermelon and placed at the mercy of blacks.

## A Brand New World's in Birth

The Socialist International is the global organization of the world's diverse 141 socialist, social democratic and labor parties ([www.socialistinternational.org](http://www.socialistinternational.org)). The most influential of these parties are currently governing, among other places, Germany, the United Kingdom and Portugal. Others members, like the Democratic Socialists of America, try to maintain a socialist leaven in the Democratic Party politic.

In late October, the XXII Congress of the Socialist International gathered in Sao Paulo, Brazil—the first time in Latin America—at the invitation of Luiz Inácio "Lula" da Silva. Lula's Workers Party has not joined the Socialist International, which some Workers Party members consider too moderate, though negotiations between the two organizations are now under way.

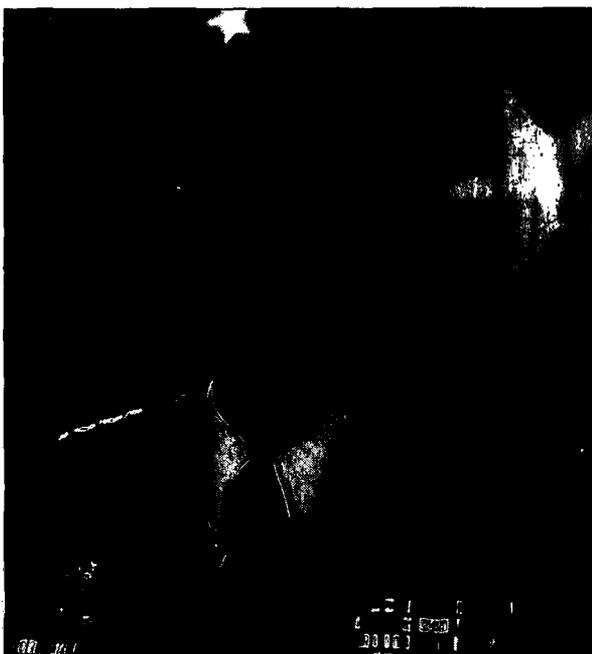
Nicaragua's socialists, however, are members. And the Nicaraguan delegation, which included former Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, unsuccessfully tried to get

the British Labour Party expelled for Tony Blair's support for the war in Iraq. The war was a topic on delegates' minds. In his address to the congress, Lula said, "The only war we should be waging is against hunger and inequality. That's a war worth fighting."

Congress delegates issued the "Declaration of Sao Paulo." This 2,700-word manifesto eschews the word "socialist" for "progressive." The lexicon may have changed since the Socialist International was founded in 1889, but a new internationalism similar to that which motivated 19th Century socialists has taken hold.

The "Declaration of Sao Paulo" warns that "neoconservatives are attempting ... to dismantle all forms of global governance, to minimize the role of the United Nations, to undermine multilateral institutions, to promote unilateralism and the consecration of the market and to impose the will of the powerful to decide the future of mankind." To counter this threat, the Congress issued the following call to action:

The Socialist International ... calls on all socially and politically progressive people and organizations to come together in a global coalition to promote a new world order based on a new multilateralism for peace, security, sustainable development, social justice, democracy, respect for human rights and gender equality. ... The International is steadfastly working to mobilize all the world's progressives ... to establish an effective system of multilateral governance, based on the rule of law and a more balanced, more just architecture of international relations, with a reformed and modernized United Nations as its cornerstone.



Lt. Gen. William G. Boykin is gunning for the devil.

### God Save Us

Lt. Gen. William G. Boykin, recently named deputy undersecretary of defense for intelligence, is an evangelical Christian who has said Muslim terrorists are "after us because we're a Christian nation." But the real enemy, says Boykin, is not Muslim per se, but the devil working through them. "The enemy is a spiritual enemy," Boykin says. "He's called the principality of darkness. The enemy is a guy called Satan."

In response to the resulting furor, the Pentagon had Boykin issue an apology. However the Pentagon PR people edited out the general's oft-repeated assertion that "George Bush was placed in the White House by God."

"Why is this man in the White House?" Boykin asked at one of his many church appearances. "The majority of Americans did not vote for him. Why is he there? And I tell you this morning that he's in the White House because God put him there for a time such as this."

Was God behind those hanging chads? In an open letter to Boykin, Jim Wallis, editor of *Sojourners*, writes:

General, I really don't want to blame you for the lack of Christian teaching that you have obviously suffered. ... When a high-ranking military officer espouses a zealous religious nationalism

that claims the name "Christian" for both his nation and his army, and when he invokes the name of Jesus—not to love our enemies as he instructed, but rather to target them for destruction—the church must discipline that errant brother and name his public statements for what they are, not mere political incorrectness, but idolatry. General, you have substituted your nation and your army for God, your faith is more American than Christian, the Jesus you claim is not the Jesus of the New Testament, and his kingdom will not be ushered in by the U.S. military.

### The Fox in the News Room

Charlie Reina is a six-year veteran of Fox News. In a letter he wrote to Poynter's Web columnist Jim Romenesko, Reina describes what it was like working for Fox News Chairman Roger "Willie Horton" Ailes.

"The roots of Fox News Channel's day-to-day bias are actual and

direct. They come in the form of an executive memo distributed electronically each morning, addressing what stories will be covered and, often, suggesting how they should be covered," writes Reina. "If, on any given day, you notice that the Fox anchors seem to be trying to drive a particular point home, you can bet The Memo is behind it."

For example, the March 20 memo, informed newsroom personnel:

There is something utterly incomprehensible about Kofi Annan's remarks in which he allows that his thoughts are "with the Iraqi people." One could ask where those thoughts were during the 23 years Saddam Hussein was brutalizing those same Iraqis. Food for thought.

In an interview, Reina told the *Los Angeles Times*' Tim Ruttin: "Fox doesn't 'seem' conservative and Republican. It is conservative and Republican." And he had this take on Fox News' young staff: "Many of them wanted to be on television but not necessarily in news. They haven't had the benefit of traditional journalist training, so they're easily molded. Time after time, I watched what management's politics did to the young anchors. As they near the time to get their own show, the hair gets blonder and the bias gets clearer."

### Blonder and Scarier

Skinny, blond and mini-skirted, she can be yours for \$29.95—the Ann Coulter Action Figure, that is. Press her button. "Why not go to war just for oil?" asks the Coulter talking doll being sold by [www.talkingpresidents.com](http://www.talkingpresidents.com). The company markets Coulter as "a blond haired beauty with the brains and backbone to send the staunchest Liberal running for the hills." Another of Talking Coulter's 14 witticisms: "Liberals hate America. They hate flag wavers." Not included in the doll's repertoire are remarks Coulter made describing NBC's Katie Couric as "the affable Eva Braun of morning television," or Tipper Gore as "gaudy white trash." ■



# Autism in a Needle?

## The Toxic Tale of Vaccinations and Mercury Poisoning

By Annette Fuentes

**L**yn Redwood's son Will was a healthy, happy baby who met all the normal developmental standards—he was walking and talking by one year.

About three months later, however, he began to regress, losing speech, avoiding eye contact and appearing miserable. “He didn’t seem happy anymore,” Redwood said in a recent interview. “He just wanted to sit in his infant seat and watch videos over and over again.”

Doctors initially blamed hearing problems for Will’s decline. Neurologists told the parents that their son had global and receptive speech delay. At age 5, the boy was diagnosed as autistic by his school.



Lyn Redwood  
and her son Will.