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A Tragic Revolution that must be Stopped!

by Jonathan Hill, Massachusetts AFP Chairman

There is a revolutionary movement embedded in both major political parties which is working to overthrow our constitutional government. The basis for this conclusion is not conspiracy theory, but the voting records and public positions of the vast majority of our elected political leaders. It is a movement which threatens our heritage, traditional moral society, the constitutional protections of individual rights, our economic well-being, and the independence of our nation. Just as a similar movement was allowed to run its course in 1930s Germany with disastrous results, so to will disastrous consequences continue to multiply if patriots fail to respond to this crisis.

Our nation's participation in arrangements like the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) are a small fraction of the undeniable evidence of the prevailing disrespect for the founding principles of our nation. Article 1, section 8 of the Constitution clearly specifies that the Congress has the authority to "regulate commerce with foreign nations". A careful reading of the

constitution makes it clear - there is absolutely no authority to delegate governance of trade matters to the international community, as Congress has done in these two cases. Adding to this affront is the fact that NAFTA was never even ratified by a 2/3rds vote of the Senate, which is required of all treaties.

A loyal patriot, Congressman Ron Paul of Texas, sponsored a bill during the last congress to terminate our membership in the WTO. Although the bill was defeated,

it required all congressmen to tip their hand, and show where they stand. A sad state of affairs unfolded when about eighty percent (80%) of the House Republicans and eighty five percent (85%) of House Democrats voted in favor of remaining in the WTO. This is a clear indicator of the extent of the ranks of the revolutionary movement, as it is now imbedded in our federal legislature.

Are these lawmakers unaware of their wrongdoing? Clearly, we should let God judge the disposition of a person's heart, but nevertheless, we should still consider what is probable. Anyone who has read the

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"A similar movement was allowed to run its course in 1930s Germany"

Speaker Event a Success!

On February 1st, the Massachusetts state party organization hosted a speaker/buffet breakfast event at the Lord Wakefield Inn, in Wakefield. Principle speaker was Dan Charles, National Chairman of the America First Party. Speakers representing the state party were State Chairman Jon Hill and National Committee Member Tom White.

Mr. Charles spoke at length about the party platform and responded to issues raised by those present. He pointed out that we are a grassroots organization which is dedicated to making government work for the people again, and stated his belief that James Madison, who played a major role in drafting

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"The sacred rights of mankind....are written, as with a sun beam in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of divinity itself; and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power."

Alexander Hamilton,
1775



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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

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The Evolution from Reform Party to America First Party

Last year brought a series of unexpected changes. It ended a period of hopefulness that the Reform Party could be the means to launch a patriotic political movement, which would result in the restoration of America's sovereignty, and renewed protection of the traditional values and rights of all Americans. Hope was renewed in this objective, however, when from the ashes of the old party a new party was born. It is important to be aware of the sequence of events that led to the present situation, and the important differences between the old and new organization.

At the 2001 Reform Party National Convention in Nashville, a nearly complete revamping of the party's platform occurred. For the first time, elements were introduced into the party's platform which related to so-called social issues. These took an uncompromising stand against abortion, homosexuality, and cloning/genetic manipulation, and for parental rights and religious expression. The new platform also incorporated positions on restricting immigration, on education, and in favor of gun rights. It appeared that the Reform Party had been transformed from a party advocating fiscal responsibility, a restrained foreign policy, bilateral trade agreements and political reform, to one with a much broader appeal. This, doubtlessly, irritated a portion of the "old guard".

Little did we realize that a few individuals in key positions would be able to subvert the will of the majority of the National Committee. For example, there were a number of mail-in votes of the National Committee pending, when the Reform Party National Chairman threatened to dissolve the party through the Federal Election Commission, in such a way that it could never be restarted, if the National Committee did not vote in the way that he preferred! Also, when it was clear that a vote on a pending resolution was not going his way, Chairman Moan unilaterally ruled that the business of the National Committee was "suspended", even though the Committee was not actually in session; the vote was being conducted by mail.

After this controversy, another developed over the issue of the "election" of a Regional Representative from South Carolina. One faction proposed a candidate who appears to not have been elected to the National Committee in accordance with South Carolina election law. When the regional caucus refused to recognize his credentials, and then elected another representative, an opposing faction

developed which claimed to have elected still another representative. Regional representatives serve on the Executive Committee, and so this important committee subsequently became divided and deadlocked, with the two factions disagreeing over who was the validly elected Southeast Regional Representative. The last Executive Committee meeting that this writer is familiar with generated competing sets of minutes.

It became obvious that the deadlock and paralysis probably would not be solved except through time consuming and expensive federal litigation. Given that it was not an election year, it would probably have taken a year or more for the case to have been heard, and there was a high risk that the court would merely have instructed the complainants to use the constitutional processes of the party to correct the problem. In theory it was possible to do this. The National Chairman could have been removed, but it would have required an in-person meeting of the National Committee and a two-thirds vote. The likelihood of gathering enough members was remote after the previous sequence of demoralizing events. It would have required a heroic effort for these unpaid volunteers, with the ensuing travel/lodging cost and loss of work.

Given the tendency of the National Chairman to arrogate powers to himself, and his stated unwillingness to submit to the National Committee's decisions, it became obvious that there was a need for another plan. Under the provisions of the Reform Party Constitution, the National Chairman appointed the Chair of the Convention Credentials Committee, and that Committee served at his pleasure. Therefore, the Credentials Committee could have been shut down by him if he disagreed with its decisions, and so there would be a continued likelihood of unethical interference at the National Convention, the highest governing body of the party, as long as the Chairman remained in office.

As a result of this debacle, a plan for a new party was developed and executed on April 15th of 2002. Since that date, ten state party organizations disaffiliated from the Reform Party USA and affiliated with the new one, and nearly 30 Reform Party National Committee members, and six of the 11 members of the Reform Party National

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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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Affiliations
with the
America First
National Committee

April 15, 2002
Arkansas, Colorado,
Georgia, Illinois,
Iowa, Mississippi,
New Hampshire,
Tennessee

June 1, 2002
Texas

June 26, 2002
Connecticut

July 2, 2002
Florida, Missouri

July 30, 2002
Maryland, New York,
North Carolina, Ohio

August 4, 2002
Michigan, Virginia

August 8, 2002
Massachusetts

August 25, 2002
Minnesota, Oregon,
Pennsylvania

September 28, 2002
California

November 19, 2002
Wisconsin

Jan 14, 2003
New Jersey

February 4, 2003
Idaho

February 18, 2003
Utah

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How can it be done?

Many wonder if it is possible to develop a grassroots organization and win grassroots political campaigns. Obviously, there is little probability that the major media companies will give us support, given their record, and given the values that we stand for. How, then, can a political party be established that will successfully challenge the established political and media trends?

Fortunately, the values espoused by our platform tend to resonate with the American people, a fact which is reflected in the numbers of hits on our web site, which average well over 100,000 per month. Our principles and platform resonate because they resemble the foundational values of our nation, and because people are becoming increasingly disenchanted with both parties.

Both parties are heavily involved in the global "free trade" movement which is selling out our country, workers, and industry. Both parties show little interest in operating in accord with the constitution. The Republican party has done little to reverse the status quo on abortion, and despite its pro-life platform, its candidates sometimes announce that they have not read it. Under the auspices of Republican and Democratic leadership, the homosexual agenda is advancing in various state legislatures, and is beginning to threaten the family institution. Under two-party control, there also appears to be an increasing degree of defiance by state legislators of our state constitution and the clear will of the electorate.

People see these facts, and a percentage are beginning to understand that the situation is becoming critical. Furthermore, as the effects of globalist trade policies and immorality become more and more acute, more and more people are likely to personally experience the immediate and painful effects of these. There is virtually no possibility that these effects can be avoided, as our unrestricted and unconstitutional trade policies continue to decimate are nations industry; this will continue to be the trend as long as voters continue to elect severely flawed candidates thinking that they are the "lesser of two evils", or merely because they promise to satisfy some special interest.

This and other issues are causing people to become uneasy, and are affecting them in such a way that they are becoming more open to political alternatives, and to becoming more active politically. We hope that we are now on the leading edge of this development, and that we will be able to increase our membership roles by 1,000 - 2,000 this year in Massachusetts. This goal is critical, because to run campaigns with minimal media support, we need volunteers to go door to door, the second best method for publicizing candidates after being on-the-air.

Individuals involved with the America First

Partybuilding Committee have estimated that to run a candidate for a State Representative position, it would require 50 to 100 active volunteers. These are people who would give about 2 hours a day, 5 to 6 days per week, during the final 30 days of the campaign. Similarly, a successful candidate for Congress is estimated to require about 100 to 200 such activists. Since there tends to be about a 1 to 10 ratio between active and passive members, it would require an increase in state party membership of about 1,000 to 2,000 to develop a pool of activists of this size.

Is it a realistic goal to attempt to recruit that many members? Again, our message tends to resonate with the American people. And in this state, we currently have a prospect list of 1000+ contacts. After calling about 50 of them, one individual found that 10 stated a willingness to be active, a 20% hit ratio! In another state, one member is recruiting at a rate of about 160+ members per year. It is clearly possible to develop the members that we need, but it will require a membership subcommittee, staffed by about 6 to 12 dedicated volunteers who are willing to make phone calls and mail membership forms.

There are many examples of successful grassroots campaigns. In our state, Earl Henry Sholley, who is very close to our political ideology, has been making increasing headway in the race for State Senate against incumbent Cheryl Jacques, despite being heavily outspent by a ratio of 2 to 1. He initially estimated that it would take three attempts, and believes that, after the second attempt, he is right on track. In 2000 he garnered about 30% of the vote, and in 2002 about 40%. Eric Bleicken, another candidate who is close to our values, was able to garner about 30% of the vote in his 1998 and 2000 district 10 races for Congress, despite being outspent by his opponent, William Delahunt, by about 30 to 1.

Because the Republican State Committee in this state does not seem to provide much practical assistance to candidates with our values, the electoral performances cited indicates what can be done with very limited support. What would result if candidates of this quality had a sizable force of volunteers and a party infrastructure that supported them? We would clearly have an opportunity to move our interests forward, and begin taking back the corrupt legislatures at both the state and federal levels.

Having a sizable volunteer force would not just permit door-to-door campaigns, but would enable electioneering campaigns like those with groups of 5 to 10 activists holding signs on street corners, malls, and other high-visibility locations. Eventually, as the party and candidate

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Constitution, as all voters and elected officials probably should, will discover that it is a fairly short document, and fairly simple. This is not to deny that there are constitutional issues that are not made explicit in the document, and which require careful evaluation, but many of the principles are undeniable after one or two readings.

Consider also that these lawmakers take an oath to God to "uphold and defend" the constitution, and have therefore taken upon themselves this grave duty. Can there be much doubt that a person of integrity would not take this oath, if he had not read and studied the constitution at least enough to have a basic understanding of it? And if a congressman has not acquired this basic understanding of it, then is he not either unconcerned about his responsibilities or incompetent? The answers to these questions are clear to me, and so there is little doubt in my mind that our federal lawmakers are mostly deliberate lawbreakers or incompetent, and because of the simplicity of the constitutional issues involved, it is likely that deliberate wrongdoing is the prevalent problem.

In addition to the probability that congressmen understand the unconstitutionality of NAFTA and the WTO, there is the intrinsic revolutionary character of these "free trade" trade arrangements that should shock most patriots, and which again calls into question the motives of our leadership. "Free trade" is clearly about more than trade and the economy, although the economic and trade impact is severe, causing jobs and industry to leave the country at an alarming pace. However, the damage that has resulted to our nation's industry and employment testifies to only one reason why this issue is urgent and critical, and these problems merely reflect the radical nature of these trade arrangements and the globalistic agenda behind it.

A quick look at the nature of the WTO makes the point. Participation in the WTO, a United Nations subsidiary organization, involves a transfer of our ability to regulate trade with over 140 nations, a huge and critical portion of our national government's authority, to the international community. Under this new framework, over 140 nonelected, noncitizens, individuals who have relatively little interest in the well-being of the United States, meet in secret to decide the terms of our trade policies. The WTO agreement also provides the means to make these decisions stick, because it grants this body the ability to levy billions of dollars in fines for noncompliance. Prior to the transfer of this power, WTO advocate Newt Gingrich testified before the House Ways and Means Committee that it represented a "transformational moment" for the country. He also stated that it is "not just another trade agreement, ... [and] is a very big transfer of power. We are not likely to take our authority back" To his

credit, he objected to the near secrecy under which the agreement was adopted.

Again, this is about more than trade. It is a stealthy transfer of power to the United Nations governmental system, of which the WTO is a small part. This is not conspiracy theory. One may visit the WTO website online, read its charter, and discover there that it is registered under a certain article of the U.N. Charter. By reading the U.N. Charter, one can determine that the WTO's decisions are required to be in accord with the Security Council. It doubtlessly reassures some that our nation currently has veto power in the Security Council, thereby giving us some measure of overall control, but what if the charter is eventually amended to strip us of the veto? If the world tires of the United States exercising power, as it appears to be during this current Iraq crisis, might this not happen?

We have already listed some of the outrageous violations of the constitution by Congress and the executive branch, but many more could be cited to emphasize the degree to which our constitutional republic is being subverted. The McCain-Feingold "Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act" recently passed both houses of Congress, and was signed by the President. Even the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has declared it to be unconstitutional, with its draconian restrictions, more characteristic of a totalitarian state than our Republic, on criticism of incumbent politicians 30 days before a primary election, and 60 days before the general election. What does it say about the prevailing mentality of the congress when garbage like this passes both Houses? Let us also not forget the unconstitutional war resolution which Congress recently passed, which seeks to delegate to the President the authority to make a determination that would put this nation in a state of war with Iraq. Article 1, section 10 unmistakably gives that sole authority to Congress.

It is not an exaggeration to say that a revolution is in progress which is overturning our constitutional government, and that it is most probably being deliberately carried out by elected representatives with a high-degree of awareness of this revolutionary agenda. Their tactics also suggest this conclusion. Although it is theoretically possible for the constitution to be amended to allow our nation to legally participate in the current trade policies, our elected leaders have chosen to not give the American people an opportunity to voice their opinions through this amendment process, but have preferred to promote their revolutionary global "trade" agenda in virtual secrecy, and again, to the grave detriment of the economic well-being of Americans. As usual, this probably could not be done without the silence of the major media.

There is another aspect to this which is rarely mentioned, and that is the danger that may result in the future from the imposition of an ungodly social agenda on the

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State Party Update

On March 1st, the State Committee had a historic three-hour session which resulted in some dramatic changes for the state organization that hopefully will contribute to its stability and attractiveness.

These changes resulted from extensive changes to the state party bylaws, the most notable of which are:

1. A change in the organization's name from "Reform Party of Massachusetts" to "America First Party of Massachusetts".
2. A change in the conditions for membership, which will likely remain in force until the state organization is legally recognized as a state party organization. Membership is now conditioned on the signing of a membership form denoting acceptance of the Founding Principles (see sidebar, page 2) of the party and every aspect of the platform which relates to the Founding Principles. Prospective members will still have to register with their local registrar of voters.
3. A change instituting a detailed process for credentialing Delegates to the State Convention, which incorporates the change mentioned in item 2 above.

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citizens of this nation. As already implied, our participation in the WTO is a clear sign that our political leadership is pushing our nation into a UN-based global governmental system. We are with little doubt in a preliminary stage of what many hope will be a continued trend to a UN-controlled world, and since so much progress has been made in this direction, it should not be presumed that this goal can not be achieved; it is in danger of being realized as long as an unwitting public continues to elect its proponents, who are so often promoted as the "lesser of two evils".

We should therefore recognize that some of the UN's treaties seek to overturn fundamental traditional Judeo-Christian moral values. For example, some of the signatory nations of these treaties have already been advised to provide the means to children to sue their parents when they wish to challenge their authority. Under UN standards, children are to have a "right" to abortion and contraception, and some nations have been criticized by a UN treaty implementation committee for the observance of Mother's Day, while another has been encouraged to legalize prostitution. There are a plethora of examples like this which space does not permit a description of here, and when taken in their totality, would convey a greater understanding of the extent and danger of this radical social agenda.

This all demonstrates that a great deal is at stake. It is very clear that virtually all of our elected representatives at the federal level need to be replaced with people who value the constitution and American independence. We are now at a critical juncture. Just as a movement developed in the 20s and 30s in Germany which eventually succeeded in overturning their constitutional government, the Weimar Republic, so to will a combination of inaction and a continuation of the present voting patterns result in the overturn of our beloved Republic, the endangerment of our liberties and rights, and a green light to those who are striving for an ungodly UN-based global government system. The Bill of Rights will surely not protect individual freedoms if there is only a small minority left in our government who take the constitution seriously.

Fortunately, there is much that can realistically be done. It requires, however, that there are still enough citizens who possess the "Spirit of 1776", which was one of personal responsibility, sacrifice, tenacity, and a desire for freedom from tyranny. I am confident that there are many who have this spirit, who, if provided with sufficient information, would be eager to join this movement. With sufficient participation, we can still overcome the obstacles that we face to electing truly patriotic Americans.

God often works through his people, and when they have enough faith, mountains can move. If we have faith, there will be great days ahead!

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Executive Committee also resigned. Presently, there are 26 America First state affiliate parties and 13 organizing committees in states without parties. The party web site has been averaging about 100,000 hits per month!

Important lessons were learned, and incorporated into the new party's constitution. The most major difference is that the new party is significantly decentralized, and operates under a system of federalism at its highest level. It has accomplished this by making the National Committee, with its three elected representatives for every state party, the highest governing authority. The National Committee also serves as the Credentialing Committee for the National Convention, averting the risk of one or a few individuals being in a position to manipulate the Convention and overturn the platform. The National Committee meets at least monthly, and so is truly in a position to monitor and control the governance of the party.

After the onerous and distracting experiences of combat in the Reform Party, many of us are excited to be part of a party that should provide a stable platform for political action, and which supports our moral and constitutional values. In addition to the built-in stability of the new organization, we are an ideologically unified group, strongly united behind our founding principles. We are now moving forward in this state and others to position ourselves for the 2004 elections. ■

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names acquired more and more visibility through these methods, as well as through low-cost radio and newspaper ads, we could approach "critical mass". That is, the party, through its enhanced visibility, credible organizational activity, and attractive positions, would start to attract volunteers, donations, and votes to the degree that the general public would begin to consider it to be a credible force.

This can only be done when individuals regard it as their responsibility to become informed and take action. A prevalent "wait-and-see" attitude would cause the failure of this effort, and any similar political effort. Conversely, when the Spirit of 1776, which was one of responsibility, tenacity, faith, action, and resistance to tyranny, is truly alive in the hearts of a sufficient number of the people, then a political revolution can be sparked which could take our state and nation back. ■



2002 Founding National Convention Delegation in Orlando, Florida

From left to right:
Tom White, Jon Hill



2001 National Convention Delegation

This delegation was 100% Pro-Life, and played an instrumental role in passage of the RP Pro-Life Plank

From right to left:
Abel Arias,
Charlie Cipollini,
Jon Hill, Tom White,
Bill Higgins

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Ambassador Ray Flynn to Speak Saturday, April 26th

Ambassador Ray Flynn, and others, will speak at the America First Party event, on Saturday April 26th. Charlotte Iserbyt, formerly a Senior Policy Advisor in the U.S. Department of Education during the first Reagan Administration, and author of The Deliberate Dumbing Down of America, has also been invited.

The event is scheduled to start at 10:30 am, and will be held at a location near Route 128 (see the insert to this newsletter for exact details). To help us with planning, please call 508-997-3606 before attending, or mail in the reply form by April 23rd. Although space may be available without a reservation, it can not be guaranteed. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested to cover costs.

Ambassador Raymond L. Flynn is a simple man and simply a legend. Flynn was born on July 22, 1939. His father, the late Stephen Flynn, was a union longshoreman, while his mom, the late Lillian (Kirby) Flynn, was a cleaning woman. He is married to Catherine Coyne, and they still reside in South Boston, where they raised their six children.

After a legendary basketball career at Providence College, Flynn served in the House of Representatives from 1971 until 1978, and then served on the Boston City Council from 1978 until 1983. In 1994, he was elected as the Mayor of Boston and then was reelected two more times. In 1991, Ray Flynn captured every ward and precinct in the city, the first mayor ever to achieve this distinction, a politically rare footnote in mayoral history that will probably never be duplicated. In the end, his favorability ratings forced political historians to modify their thinking on such matters.

Flynn's day-to-day, grass roots style of governing the city, his endless energy and drive, and his boundless enthusiasm earned him the title of "Mayor of the Neighborhoods." He wanted the people in the neighborhoods to enjoy the same prosperity being sampled by downtown interests, and he set in motion the spirit of greater racial harmony for the people of Boston.

Flynn inherited a huge deficit and low bond rating, but his competing, caring, and professional approach helped him to balance eight consecutive city budgets. His policies helped raise the city's bond rating "to the highest level in history," and his billion-dollar capital improvement plan "rebuilt or renovated nearly every park or playground, school building, police and fire station, and municipal building across the city."

Flynn's thoughts turned to Rome as he served as a United States Ambassador. Flynn worked with Church officials in securing the establishment of full diplomatic ties between the Vatican and the state of Israel. He also represented U.S. interests, which helped win Vatican support for the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, for U.N.

peace-keeping efforts in the Balkans, and for U.S. efforts to bring democracy back to war-torn Haiti.

Flynn is currently the President of the Catholic Alliance of Washington D.C., and Boston. He has made guest appearances on Meet the Press, Nightline, PBS, Jim Lehrer Hour, CNN, CBS News, MSNBC, and Fox. He previously hosted a national political radio talk show, is a regular political commentator for American Catholic Television of New York City, and can now be heard locally on radio station WROL (950AM). ■

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the U.S. Constitution, would be at home in the America First Party.

Mr. Hill spoke with a sense of urgency about the unconstitutional global agenda, and gave some examples of the unconstitutional behavior which characterizes the leadership of most of our elected officials on Capitol Hill. He also spoke about some of the practical things that need to be done in order to run effective campaigns in 2004, and gave examples of successful grassroots campaigns. It was pointed out that individual involvement and membership development is crucial for the success of the party.

Mr. White spoke about the need for people to get involved, irregardless of how much experience a person may or may not have, citing the example of his campaign. He mentioned that people in the America First movement are people with heart who are involved because they believe in this cause.

People who participated in the event not only heard some great speakers, but were able to see something of the organizational ability and leadership of the America First Party of Massachusetts. It seems that all left favorably impressed, and many with a sense of excitement. We were also pleased that a significant number of individuals expressed a strong interest for future involvement.

The event was proceeded by four different radio appearances on WROL AM 950, which advertised the event and purpose of the party. These interviews of Dan Charles and Jon Hill were both in-studio and via phone on the Ray Flynn and Chuck Morse shows.

The event was organized within a two-week window, and some did not receive the notice in time to participate. This was largely because it was unknown to us that nonprofit mailings can take two or more weeks. For those who were not able to participate because of this glitch, we apologize, and hope that you will be able to attend the next event. ■



Chairman Hill, and other AFP Representatives, occasionally make radio appearances on WROL. AM 950.

To hear interesting opinions that major media sources often do not represent, tune in to the Ray Flynn Show at 3 to 5 pm weekdays and the Chuck Morse program from 5 to 6:30 pm weekdays.



Mr. Charles addressing Feb. 1st Meeting



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