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**TODAY: QUAYLE BLASTS LIBERALS
FOR RUINING AMERICA'S CITIES**

HEADLINES

- Clinton takes illegal \$400,000 from DNC; addresses United Auto Workers Union, California
- Perot (Special attachment, page 3)

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

President Bush meets with Albanian President Sali Berisha.

Vice President Quayle meets with Cardinal John O'Connor; attends Republican National Committee meeting and addresses Manhattan Institute in New York; attends Victory '92 roundtable in New Jersey.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CLINTON TAKES ILLEGAL \$400,000 FROM DNC Republican National Committee Chairman, Richard N. Bond, characterized as, "illegal and hypocritical," Bill Clinton's acceptance of the reported \$400,000 from the Democratic National (Con't, Pg. 2)

Congress Thwarts President

REAL CHANGE STARTS BY CHANGING CONGRESS

"If you give George Bush a Republican Congress...all of the reform and change-oriented domestic agenda items that George Bush and Dan Quayle and Jack Kemp have had on the table for about 1,200 days, which have been blocked by the Congress, will pass," predicted Republican National Committee Chairman Rich Bond on CBS's "Face The Nation."

Bond, a featured guest along with Bush Campaign Senior Advisor Charlie Black, pointed out the Democratic Congress continually thwarts the Republican reform agenda advanced by President Bush. Last week, the House failed to pass the Balanced Budget Amendment desired by the President.

"The President's programs do represent change, and they're new until they're tried. The Congress has refused to try his economic growth reforms. They've refused to try education reforms, including choice for parents of students. They've refused to pass his tougher measures for crime and drugs," Charlie Black said. (6/15)

TODAY'S TALKING POINTS

PEACE DEPENDS ON DEMOCRACY IN FORMER SOVIET REPUBLICS

With the Cold War over, we stand at the threshold of world peace. President Bush, who guided the Soviet Union toward peaceful democratization, meets with Russian President Yeltsin in Washington this week.

- Friday was the first anniversary of Yeltsin's historic inauguration as the new Russia's first president. He is moving steadily forward with a market-based program to privatize Russia's industries, service enterprises and small businesses.
- The Russian people want freedom. In December, a United States Information Agency poll found that more than 90 percent of Russians believe they should have the right to live wherever they wish. More than 80 percent support freedom of the press.

Never in history have democracies gone to war with each other. If Russia turns its back on democracy, it will be costly to all of us. President Bush realized early on that America, to maintain peace in the world, must nurture democracy in Russia.

- The threat of nuclear war is diminished. The former Soviet republics have agreed to eliminate nuclear stockpiles by the turn of the century. Even now, fewer countries in the region have access to nuclear weapons.
- In March, The London Financial Times reported that western nations last year spent \$400 billion to defend themselves against communism. During the nearly half-century of the Cold War, the United States alone spent \$12.4 trillion. Now that the Cold War has been won, funds once used for our nation's survival are available for domestic programs.

President Bush's aid package for the republics of the former Soviet Union is an investment in peace. "The issue isn't economics," editorialized The Washington Post. "It's preserving the momentum of the most important democratic revolution of this century."

- President Bush's Multilateral Financial Assistance Package calls for the West to provide \$18 billion to help Russia to create a market economy and \$6 billion to bolster the ruble. It will help Russia privatize its economy, reduce its budget deficit, and halt inflation.
- President Bush's 1992 Freedom Support Act would provide \$620 million to the emerging democracies behind what once was the Iron Curtain.

(Clinton, con't) Committee in Washington for a June 12th television broadcast.

"Bill Clinton...cannot accept this \$400,000...for what they call, 'our general election strategy,' and still raise contributions from private donors before he is nominated. This is patently illegal. If it is not illegal then Bill Clinton is creating a huge new loophole for special interest contributions," Bond said. (6/13)

QUAYLE: LIBERALS HAVE RUINED NEW

YORK Warning that Americans must not let the liberal establishment ruin America as it has ruined New York City, Vice President Quayle urged the "decent, hardworking people" of New York to reject the liberal "value free" leaders and install a government that they deserve. Quayle noted the irony that the Democrats are holding their national convention in New York City. "I want to leave a message for the Democrats: Take a good look around you. Look at what your own tired old ideas have done to this city." (6/15)

REBUILDING AMERICA'S CITIES "The downward spiral in our cities begins the moment someone believes that he or she doesn't matter," wrote George Bush on the state of American cities. The President believes his New America program will provide long-term solutions to the problems plaguing America's cities. One of the elements, aptly named, Weed and Seed, will "weed criminals out of neighborhoods and plant seeds of hope and ownership."

"A city is no stronger than its neighborhoods." President Bush concluded, [and]...we can build a New America. We need to let traditional values and contemporary experience guide; and we must restore the fundamentals of a good life, safe streets, effective schools, neighbors who care and government that works." (Los Angeles Times, 6/15)

EDITORIALS

FINGER POINTING DEMS LACK EDUCATION REFORM AGENDA

"While complaining that President Bush lacks a domestic agenda, congressional Democrats have taken an axe to his ambitious education reform initiative. First, the Senate gutted Bush Administration proposals for school choice, national tests and experimental schools. Then a House committee pretty much trashed Bush's central ideas of higher standards for students and decreased bureaucracies for schools..."

Instead the committee authorized...more of the same failed approach...It's apparent that, on the education issue, it's congressional Democrats who lack a true reform agenda. The president wants change, but Congress remains committed to a stand-pat strategy." (Greenville News, North Carolina, 6/10)

PEROT DOUBLE-CROSSING RETIREES "[Ross Perot] is talking about means-testing Social Security - 'the real test is who needs it' - thereby double-crossing retired workers who built up savings for retirement...[Perot] would cut off all benefits to older couples with a household income of \$60,000 or more. These people do not deserve to be penalized now for a lifetime's work and thrift....Perot treats Social Security insurance as a form of welfare: you should get it only if you need it." (William Safire, New York Times, 6/15) (SEE SPECIAL ATTACHMENT, PAGE 3)

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

AN AGENDA TO BE PROUD OF "[President Bush] has an agenda that I'm proud to take anywhere in the country and identify as a significant change agenda." Congressman Vin Weber (R-MN) (CNN's Evans & Novak, 6/13)

CLINTON RUBBER STAMPS LIBERAL AGENDA

"The voters should understand that if you liked this Congress, you'll love Bill Clinton, because the agenda they will come up with will be the same liberal, big spending proposals that the Congress has been trying to pass, that President Bush has been obstructing. And now Clinton has volunteered to be a rubber stamp for Congress." Charlie Black, Bush/Quayle '92 Senior Political Advisor (CNN's Evans & Novak, 6/14)

BALANCING ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

"The President has for the last three years laid out an agenda on the environment leading up to Rio...It is a consistent line that he has taken from day one, balancing the economy with the environment. And in the Clean Air Bill, what made it passable was George Bush's approach -- you can protect the environment without gutting the U. S. economy." Former White House Chief of Staff John Sununu (CNN Newsmaker Saturday, 6/13)

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