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Security and Prosperity Partnership Would Severely Undermine America's Sovereignty

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In our last two articles on this subject, we uncovered the Security & Prosperity Partnership (SPP) for North America and the almost unbelievable movement to merge the United States, Canada and Mexico into another European Union super-state. You will be shocked to learn about progress being made toward creating the North American union and some of the plans aimed at eliminating our rights and our national sovereignty.

International Criminal Court

For obvious reasons, President Bush has long fought against the International Criminal Court sponsored by the United Nations. How can a court – set up by nations which, in many cases, deny their own citizens basic rights and protections – possibly be a fair judge of actions on the part of U.S. citizens, soldiers and elected officials? Despite the President's apparent disagreement with such a notion, however, and international court appears to be one of the building blocks of the SPP. The working groups of the SPP have recommended, among other things, a North American Court.

Imagine a U.S. citizen, charged with some infraction by another country – Mexico, for example – tried by a judge in a court where citizens' rights fall far short of those here in the U.S.A. What part of our laws – and more importantly, our *Constitutional protections* – would be dropped in favor of the prevailing laws in Mexico – or in Canada, if that happened to be the country trying the U.S. citizen?

North American Defense Command

Another idea coming out of the SPP group is a North American military defense command. Consider the fact that, on a regular basis, Mexican military personnel have been spotted in the United States – in some cases, suspected of smuggling narcotics into the U.S. Do we want a military command made up of U.S. military officers serving alongside Mexican officers who have easy access to lucrative connections with Mexican drug cartels? The Mexican officials involved in formulation the SPP proposals have even gone so far in their "brainstorming" sessions as to suggest that an SPP paramilitary group be set up to keep the U.S. Congress out of the way!

Banking Operations

Other proposals emanating from the SPP groups include a North American Executive Commissions (the purpose of which is not clear to us at this point), and a North American Development Bank. This banking operation, we suspect, would be much like the World Bank that U.S. taxpayers have subsidized with billions of dollars – only to have those funds end up in the hands of third-world despots.

Mexican Customs Office – In Kansa City!

Then there is a proposal for a North American Customs Office. This last one is of particular interest, in view of the fact that we are presently engaged in a global war against terrorism, and the types of goods and materials being shipped into our country are a critically important factor. The SPP group desires to have at least two twelve-lane trade corridors splitting the United States, beginning at the Pacific coast of Mexico and running through Texas and all the way to Winnipeg, Canada. One very significant issue that many are not fully aware of is that the Mexican government wants to move their Customs office (which ostensibly would check cargo leaving their country) from the Mexican-Texas border to Kansas City, Kansas! Get the picture? Nearly 1,000 miles of U.S. territory would be traversed before the first U.S. Customs agent had an opportunity to inspect cargo trucks from south of the border!

Recently the SPP website posted a "Myths v. Truths" section to counteract the legitimate concerns of U.S. citizens. Tom DeWeese of the American Policy Center notes that vague terms are being used in explaining this horrendous project. Words such as "dialogue" are used as a "carefully selected euphemism design to make the SPP sound like an innocent discussion among friend." (See DeWeese articles on this subject at www.americanpolicy.org.)

The SPP officials say the plan will not change our courts or legislative process and that it respects national sovereignty. However, Mr. DeWeese believes this is an attempt to deflect the reality of the plans. He writes, “That defense is almost laughable in light of the massive activity taking place in the SPP office located in the Commerce Department.”

Bear in mind that the EU was also sold to the nations on the European continent as simply a “trade and security” framework. A few years later they needed a common currency. Then, working groups organizing EU policy began to morph into a European Union parliament, which now is working to create a means of taxation, regulation of commerce and a court system.

American citizens must educate themselves and others about the schemes unfolding behind the scenes that could potentially destroy the nation that we know as America.