

International Crime Commission

This Global Court of No Appeal Intends to Place Itself Above the Laws of God and Nations

by Joe Ferrara

Delegates from nearly 160 nations and observers from over 200 NGO's (non-governmental organizations) participated in the much-heralded June 15 - July 17 International Crimes Court meeting being held in Rome, with the official blessing of Pope John Paul II. Their expressed goal, as stated by presiding UN Secretary-General Kofi Anna, is to establish the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal. The ICC (International Crimes Court) would differ radically from the ad hoc crimes tribunals which investigated the crimes of rampant genocide in

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Rwanda and Bosnia. It would be a permanent court established to punish criminals protected with immunity by their own national criminal justice systems. The tribunal is seeking the unprecedented supranational power to extradite, try, convict and punish these criminals for their so-called "crimes against humanity".

The Spectre of Global Tyranny

The meeting has drawn mixed reactions ranging from high praise to sharp warnings about the potential for a global tyranny imposed by an international court beholden to no higher authority than itself. Taking a hard look at the agenda proposed by the corps of globally-oriented diplomats assembled in the Italian capital, even the UN-friendly *New York Times* was constrained to caution that "Many states at this conference seem intent on pushing for a supranational court that knows few jurisdictional bounds." However, on the eve of the conference, Pope John Paul II declared his hope that the future international tribunal would be inspired "by the desire to adequately safeguard fundamental and inalienable human rights". But how a humanist world court, which categorically denies both natural and supernatural law as a foundation for its jurisprudence, could ever prove a reliable safeguard of those fundamental and inal-

ienable human rights, is a troubling question which still remains unanswered.

The ICC statute took three years to draft; if approved by the conference and ratified by the participating nations, the crimes tribunal will be established in The Hague. The Court would try the worst crimes against humanity, and war crimes. The ICC will determine what constitutes a crime against humanity and could indict whomever they presume guilty — *even without legal cause*. It is axiomatic, however, that hard cases inevitably make for bad law. American legal scholars and constitutional experts have voiced deep concerns about the new tribunal's vast potential for bad law on an international scale — and with good reason.

Lee A. Casey, a former federal Justice Department Law counsel, confirmed the growing fears about the ICC's grab for unbridled juridical power. "As it is correctly conceived," he noted, "the ICC will combine in one institution the functions of investigation, fact-finding, prosecutions, judgement, sentencing, appeal and pardon." By every measure the crimes tribunal will be a "rigged court." The accused will have no right to a jury trial. Guilt and punishment will be decided solely by the judges of the case. The only avenue of appeal from their rulings will be the ICC's own appellate division. In effect, it will be a closed judicial system with little or no chance of escape from a tribunal judge's final ruling. This global court of no appeal intends to place itself above the laws of God and nations. "There will be no recourse from its decisions, no options for overturning the law the ICC will set for itself," Casey warned.

Clinton, the "One Worlder"

The participation of the U.S. in the ICC conference raises some crucial questions about the ultimate fate of our Constitution in this nightmare scenario of inverted law, and the constitutionality of delegating judicial authority to an international crimes court. Legal experts point out that Americans cannot be put on trial for crimes committed on American soil, in any court that has not been constitutionally convened in the United States. We are fur-

ther assured by these experts that the government cannot delegate judicial authority to a foreign court or institution in order to put an American citizen on trial. But if the ICC were ever to attain such overreaching power — *as it is now contriving to do* — it could extradite an American citizen for any alleged 'crime' in the U.S. The implications are mind boggling.

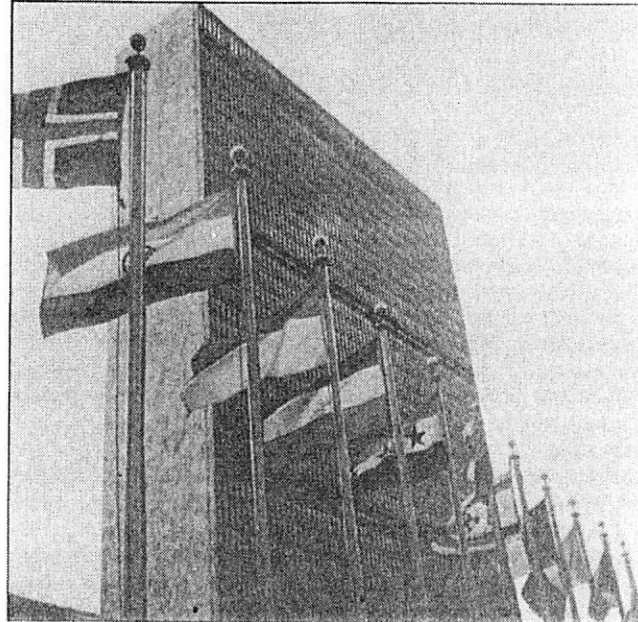
Other legal scholars have warned as well that whatever form the ICC eventually takes, it cannot honor the legal rights of an American citizen guaranteed under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, for to recognize those rights would contradict the very reasons for the ICC's creation.

The Sixth Amendment of the Constitution ensures that in all criminal cases the accused will have the right to be tried "by an impartial jury of the same state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed". The criminal courts at The Hague do not sanction the principle of trial-by-jury. A panel of judges will preside as both judge and jury. The Supreme Court has ruled in the landmark Yamashita case that "In any conflict between U.S. law and the laws

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of war, the U.S. law must prevail". Further, the Supreme Court has concluded that the Federal government cannot "authorize what the Constitution forbids". The ICC will be creating a new corpus of law which will surely sound the death knell for national sovereignty worldwide.

Why then has the White House sent an official delegation to Rome to negotiate the founding of a one-world Judicial body, if participation by the U.S. in that body appears to be constitutionally impossible? There is no ready answer to this puzzling question but this much we know for certain: Clinton, a Rhodes scholar, is an unabashed one-worlder. His entire administration from top to bottom is shot through with one-worlders. What remains to be seen is if they will have the raw audacity to ram through a deal with the ICC, and the constitution be damned. Can Clinton pull it off? Will Congress tolerate



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this usurpation of legislative and judicial power by the Executive as was done by the passage of the GATT, NAFTA and WTO treaties? Pointedly, without an international crimes court riding herd across the planet there can be no feasible world government. The ICC is that vital piece needed to complete the Machiavellian mosaic for a functioning, all-powerful, one-world order. And as far as the Clintonista one-worlders are concerned, national constitutions are made to be broken — one way or another!

An Evil Agenda

With the aid of favorable media coverage, the ICC is being extolled worldwide as a desperately-needed tribu-

nal which will try the most monstrous international crimes against humanity. But how the ICC will define the meaning of "international crimes" is giving ICC-watchers sleepless nights about its hidden agenda and long-range objectives. A peek at that agenda was given at a meeting of the 54th Session of the Commission on Human Rights, held in Geneva on April 21, 1998. At that meeting the Women's Caucus openly revealed that the term 'forced pregnancy' or 'enforced pregnancy' is the new 'code language' which will legitimize in the minds of a bamboozled world-populace an unchallengeable international

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'right to abortion' and that right will be unrestricted by the laws of any nation. And to attempt to prevent an abortion would be judged by the ICC tribunal as a high "crime against humanity".

Militant feminist Mary Robinson from Ireland, now the UN High Commissioner on Human Rights, in alliance with a group of 'experts' who helped to draft the ICC statute, informed us that the new court would enforce the norms adopted by the United Nations during the past 30 years. We now know that the crimes tribunal will be the legal enforcement arm of all UN global policies. For example, a member of the notorious UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, declared that "with the institution of the International Criminal Court it might be possible in the future to take direct penal action against countries and/or private actors who violate what the Committee deems to be "the best interests of the child". Note how the parents of the child have been redefined as 'private actors'. The ICC has deemed they are no longer the God-appointed guardians of their child's spiritual and temporal welfare, but have been legally reclassified by the new law as 'role-players' easily replaced by more competent and cooperative private actors. Under the guise of protecting the rights of the child, the ICC plans to annihilate the traditional family as ordained by Almighty God since the dawning of hu-

man history.

The potential of the ICC to impose its power globally, with a heavy hand, cannot be dismissed. The ICC, if successfully established in The Hague, will be the first permanent tribunal with the awesome authority not simply to settle disputes between nations, but to override the sovereign laws of governments and charge individual citizens with a wide array of so-called 'crimes'. Moreover, this new litany of 'crimes' will be interpreted

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by judges who have no grasp or sympathy with such notions as the natural and supernatural law and the reality of an objective moral order. Their rulings would assuredly be biased against the Catholic Church in its Divinely-appointed role as the moral authority in civil society. If the ICC world court is approved by the nations which attended the conference in Rome, they will have surrendered their sovereignty to a godless power from which there will be no escape, no reprieve, no mercy.

The ICC Will Impose a Masonic Creed

We did not arrive at this unholy juncture in human history in the course of a day. The enemies of God and man have worked for centu-

ries with satanic energy and dedication to launch a Masonic world revolution which would annihilate the last vestiges of the ancient Christian Order and set up a supranational organization in place of the Catholic Church. And Freemasonry's most effective strategy for conquest would be a universal Liberalism. The Declaration of the Rights of Man of 1789 — the bitter fruit of the French Revolution — gave us a new creed of freedom without responsibility, separation of Church and State, religious indifference, legalized divorce, secularized education, abortion-on-demand, same-sex marriages, confiscation of private property through crushing taxation and the unrestrained license of the press. In effect, the Rights of Man have abrogated the Rights of God. Appearing as an angel of light, Freemasonry would promise men all the allurements of the 'good life'. And these masters of deceit have boasted in their secret Masonic lodges that they would use law to corrupt the law. *And so they have!* The self-anointed 'experts' at the ICC conference plan to make this Masonic creed of freedom without moral responsibility the ruling law for all the nations of the world.

At the approaching end of the 19th Century, Pope Leo XIII visioned with a prophetic eye what had been prepared for the dawning 20th Century. In his Encyclical *Libertas*, June 20, 1889, he noted:

"In a society of men, liberty worthy of the name does not consist in doing everything that pleases us: that would be in the State an extreme confusion, a disorder that would result in oppression. Liberty consists in this, that, with the help of the civil laws, we can live

As we go to press:

News has come from Rome that on early Saturday morning, July 18th, the delegates voted 120-7 in favor of establishing the International Criminal Court (ICC). Twenty-seven delegates abstained. The United States and India were among the countries that voted against the court's establishment. *The Ottawa Citizen* praised Canada for voting for the ICC, and criticized President Clinton for not having the courage to overrule the opposition to the court by the Pentagon and by "right-wing" groups. The ICC will come into existence in The Hague, Netherlands, once 60 countries have ratified the treaty — a process diplomats said could take up to five years.

more easily according to the prescriptions of the eternal law."

We are reminded by this great and learned Pope that civil law is the handmaiden to the eternal law, and must always conform to the prescriptions of the eternal law.

The ICC cabal of 'experts' would undoubtedly take violent exception to Pope Leo XIII's teaching on the proper role of the eternal law in the ordering of human society. If the ICC succeeds in its drive

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for a crime tribunal, the very mention of the eternal law in public discourse would be condemned as an assault upon the authority of the World State and a disturbance of the public peace. The offender would deserve no better than to be bundled off to The Hague for a 'trial-by-judge'. The outcome of that Kangaroo trial would be readily predictable. The right to confront your ac-

cuser will be denied; no trial by jury and no bail will be set. The accused is considered guilty until proven innocent and the same court will hear all appeals. The prosecutor and judge, on the same team, will cooperate to create precedents for a transcendent, transforming 'world law'. The ICC will not be a court of justice but an irresistible force created to level what remains of all national barriers.

The Rosary — Our Most Powerful Weapon

Most Americans are blissfully unaware of what the ICC is all about and what it intends to accomplish. The best defense against this threatening tyranny is to pray the Rosary daily. In 1945, when Austria was occupied by Russian troops, some ten percent of the people listened to the Message of Fatima and prayed the Rosary, and, inexplicably, the Russians peacefully withdrew from the country. Nine years later, 600,000 women praying the Rosary in the streets of Sao Paulo caused President Goulart, the would-be Communist dictator of Brazil, to flee the country. The miracle of the Rosary was repeated again in Portugal in 1975, saving that country from a Communist coup. In this year of Our Lord, 1998, if a sufficient number of the Faithful pray the Rosary, the ICC plot to enslave the world through a demonically corrupt legal system will go up in a puff of smoke. *Mary promised that in the end, Her Immaculate Heart would triumph. And Our Lady always keeps Her promises!*

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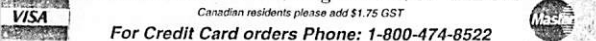
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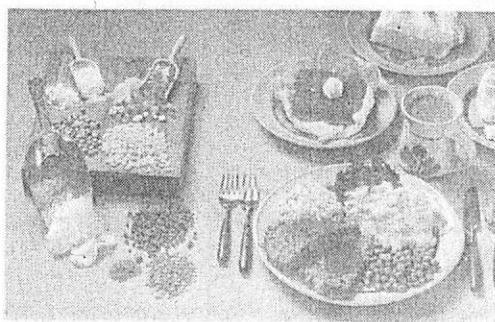
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