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"... whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it."
- Patrick Henry

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Council for National Policy

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Clothed in secrecy since its founding in 1981, the Council for National Policy is a virtual who's who of the Hard Right. Its membership comprises the Right's Washington operatives and politicians, its financiers, and its hard-core religious arm.



The Hard Right utilizes the CNP's three-times-a-year secret meetings to plan its strategy for implementing the radical right agenda. It is here that the organizers and activists meet with the financial backers who put up the money to carry out their agenda.

Because CNP rules state that "meetings are closed to the media and the general public" and "our membership list is strictly confidential and should not be shared outside the Council," the mainstream press knows very little about the CNP. Through this site, and the Freedom Writer, the Institute for First Amendment Studies is, for the first time, revealing the activities and current membership of the Council for National Policy.

We suggest that readers check your state list for CNP members and contact your local newspaper. We encourage you to use our press release, "Cover Lifted on Secret Conservative Group," available from this site. **IFAS Council for National Policy**

The Council for National Policy

Nelson Bunker Hunt and Bill Bright were boardmembers of the SIL associate, International Linguistics Center in Dallas, in which board meetings "a Rockefeller business partner like Trammel Crow could rub shoulders with an ultrarightist like Nelson Bunker Hunt." Bunker Hunt was/is also a trustee of ILC, a board member and leading financier of the John Birch Society, a major supporter of the Campus Crusade for Christ and third president of the Council for National Policy.

The **board of directors and early membership** of Ed McAteer's Religious Roundtable reads like Who's Who in the future Council for National Policy. In 1981, the CNP was founded as a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization by Tim LaHaye of the Religious Roundtable, who was also the first CNP president, with funding from Nelson Bunker Hunt who served as third CNP president from 1983-84. Bunker Hunt was also among several principals of the Western Goals Foundation, the domestic surveillance arm

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of the John Birch Society, who also served on the newly-formed CNP Board of Governors.

In 1972, the JBS promoted the book, ***None Dare Call It Treason*** by John Stormer, which identified the Council on Foreign Relations as a pro-Communist Rockefeller-funded Trojan Horse on American soil. The Council for National Policy was formed ostensibly to be the conservative alternative to the Council on Foreign Relations and John Stormer is currently a member.

Since its inception, CNP membership directories have been 'confidential,' CNP meetings are closed to the public and media and the very existence of the Council for National Policy is denied by high profile Evangelical leaders who publicly clamour for conservative policies in government. Responding to an inquiry by researcher K.E. Barr regarding the nature of the CNP and the reason that meetings are closed even to Christian media, a vice president of Focus on the Family presented the confused image of a Christian organization that is not involved in policy-making [only education] and yet cannot risk media exposure:

"[Paul] Hetrick repeatedly described the organization as a 'meeting of like-minded people.' He claimed that the CNP is a group of conservatives concerned about the direction of the country, who felt the need for an organization to counter the liberal agenda. He told me the network of leaders across the country meet two to three times a year to discuss issues involving '1) free enterprise, 2.) defense, and 3.) traditional western values.'

"In response to being asked how the CNP implements their policies, he said the title of the group may be misleading, and doesn't properly describe their activities. He claimed that they don't actually develop policies. They are, according to Hetrick, 'strictly educational' in nature. Regarding the secrecy of their organization's purpose and membership, he stated that the only reason Christian media is not allowed in their meetings is that: 'you can never tell if they are really Christians or not.'"

Early CNP membership directories were obtained by enterprising researchers, however, and these revealed that the early leadership of the CNP was, in fact, also represented in the Council on Foreign Relations -- the very organization of globalists to which the CNP was to be the conservative alternative! On the first CNP Governing Board there were no less than three, and possibly more, members of the CFR: **George F. Gilder**-CNP Board of Governors (1982) ; **Dr. Edward Teller**- CNP Board of Governors (1982); and **Guy Vander Jagt** - CNP Board of Governors (1982).

Robert Waring Stoddard who also served on the 1982 CNP Board of Governors was affiliated with the CFR through his Boston newspaper. Although we lack confirmation of this, Ron Miller, author of *Distant Drums*, stated that "sources in high places" have identified **Jesse Helms**, who served on the original CNP Board of Governors, as a CFR member in 1972. Later CNP directories list CFR members **J. Peter Grace** (CNP, 1984-85; 1988) and **Arnaud deBorchgrave** (CNP, 1988).

The 1984-85 membership directories advertised the CNP Board of Governors quarterly meetings at the following world class resort hotels: **The Breakers** [Palm Beach, FL], **Marriott Rancho Las Palmas Resort** [Palm Springs, CA], **Camelback Inn Marriott Resort** [Scottsdale, AZ], **The Broadmoor Hotel & Resort** [Colorado Springs], **The Homestead** [Hot Springs, VA], **Le Bonaventure Hilton** [Montreal], Colonial Williamsburg [Williamsburg, VA], **The Westin** [Dallas].

After CNP membership directories were obtained by researchers and copied for distribution to Christians who support CNP organizations, venues of future meetings were not included in their directories. However, researchers were made privy to a 1998 CNP meeting that was held at the luxury **Ritz-Carleton Tysons Corner** hotel in McLean, Virginia. [See **IFAS: News Reports** for information on this meeting.]

Profiles of other prominent CNP officers and members reveal a shocking number of CFR connections, such as the aforementioned William Rusher who was editor of CFR member William F. Buckley's National Review. Even so, these revelations should not be surprising since the CNP was an extension of the John Birch Society whose early leadership consisted of members either directly or indirectly associated with the CFR. In 1976, **The Belmont Brotherhood**, an expose published by former JBS officers, identified the following glaring conflicts of interest:

- * **William Grede** - Founding JBS Council Member and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Council was also director of the CFR-created and controlled 7th Federal Reserve Bank.
- * **William Benton McMillan** - First Life Member of the JBS was also a member of the St. Louis Committee of the Council on Foreign Relations
- * **Robert Waring Stoddard** - JBS Council Member and Chairman of the Board of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette whose editors belonged to the local Committee of the Council on Foreign Relations. Stoddard was also on the Board of Directors of the National Center for Privatization.
- * **J. Nelson Shepherd** - JBS Council Member and a member of the Newcomen Society, whose president Charles Penrose, Jr. was also a member of the **Pilgrim Society and the English-Speaking Union**, whose elite membership -- Paul Warburg, J. P. Morgan, John W. Davis, Bernard Baruch, Otto Kahn, Jacob Schiff, and John D. Rockefeller, to name a few -- founded and financed the Council on Foreign Relations.
- * **Spruille Braden** - JBS Council Member and a resident member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a director of the W. Averell Harriman Securities Corporation, and an advisor to Paul Warburg, a principal architect of the Federal Reserve System.
- * **Louis Ruthenberg** - JBS Council Member and Director of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
- * **Cola Godden Parker** - JBS Council Member and a member of the Newcomen Society, whose president, Charles Penrose, Jr., belonged to the Pilgrim Society and the English-Speaking Union.
- * **Martin J. Condon, III** - JBS non-Council member who was on the Editorial Advisory Committee of American Opinion magazine and also a member of the Newcomen Society.
- * **Charles Edison** - JBS non-Council member who served on the Editorial Advisory Committee of American Opinion and was a member of the Pilgrim-connected Newcomen Society.

Additionally, the youth organization of the John Birch Society Young Americans for Freedom [YAF], was founded by William F. Buckley, who is also a Skull & Bonesman and Knight of Malta. Various JBS and CNP members have been involved with YAF, including Lynn Bouchey, Connaught Marshner and William Rusher. Howard Phillips, head of the U.S. Taxpayers Party (U.S.T.P.) and The Conservative Caucus (TCC) appointed many YAF members while acting director of the Office of Economic Opportunity under Richard Nixon. 47. Richard Viguerie, who with Weyrich, Phillips, Blackwell, Falwell and McAteer founded the Moral Majority, was the Executive Secretary of YAF from 1961-64.

Besides CFR and Religious Roundtable members, the upper echelon of the Council for National Policy were basically refugees from the defunct **Western Goals Foundation**, the domestic surveillance outfit of the John Birch Society which included high-ranking members of the fascist World Anti-Communist League, Knights of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon and Freemasonry. There is some overlapping of Western Goals operatives who formed the early CNP Governing Board who were also CFR and/or Religious Roundtable members:

- * **John Singlaub** [CNP Board of Governors 1982-83]. Member of national policy board of the American Freedom Coalition [AFC], a front for Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church.
- * **Daniel O. Graham** [CNP Board of Governors 1982-83]. Member of national policy board of AFC.

- * Mildred Faye Jefferson [CNP Board of Governors 1982-83]. Member of national policy board of AFC.
- * **Sherman Unkefer** [CNP Board of Governors 1982-83]. Served as an adviser to Chile's regime under Augusto Pinochet and reportedly worked closely with Chile's secret police organization, DINA.
- * **Hans Sennholz** [CNP Board of Governors 1982-83]. A decorated pilot in the Luftwaffe, Adolf Hitler's elite air corps.
- * **Robert Stoddard** [CNP Board of Governors 1982-83]. Listed in **The Belmont Brotherhood**, as Chairman of the Board of the Worcester Telegram and Gazette, whose editors belonged to the local Committee of the CFR. Board of Directors of Willard Garvey's National Center for Privatization.
- * **Larry McDonald** [CNP Board of Governors 1982-83]. President of the John Birch Society; Chairman of the Board of Directors of Western Goals Foundation, and served on the Congressional Board of Christian Voice, a front for the Unification Church.
- * **Nelson Bunker Hunt** [CNP President 1982-83, Executive Committee 1984-85, 1988]. Knight of the Order of Malta. Member of a racial eugenics organization, the International Association for the Advancement of Eugenics and Ethnology, that was headquartered in Scotland. IAAEE was established in the U.S. by Lord Malcolm Douglas, a member of the British Cliveden Set which supported Hitler during World War II.
- * **Oliver North** [CNP Governing Board 1984-85] Formed the Military Assistance Group-Special Operations Group (MAG-SOG), a political murder unit, and participated in Operation Phoenix which killed about 100,000 civilians in Southeast Asia. North received aid from the Unification Church and Knights of Malta for Contra operations in Latin America.
- * **Howard Phillips** [CNP Executive Committee 1984-85, 1988] Director of The Conservative Caucus, served on advisory board of the United States Council for World Freedom (USCWF) of the **World Anti-Communist League**, a multinational network of Nazi war criminals, Latin American death squad leaders and North American neo-fascists. Conservative Caucus board member and funder, **Richard Shoff**, is a former Grand Klux Klan.
- * **Major F. Andy Messing, Jr.** USAR (Ret.). Former chairman of The Conservative Caucus; Board of USCWF; Director of the National Defense Council Foundation. Collaborated with Linda Guell of CAUSA (a political arm of the Unification Church) and its head, Bo Hi Pak. to provide funds for Oliver North's operation in Latin America.
- * **J. Peter Grace** [CNP Board of Governors 1986] Council on Foreign Relations; Head of Order of Knights of Malta in the U.S.; Chairman of W.R. Grace Co which focuses its business activities in Latin America and assisted the Contra operation in Latin America.
- * **William E. Simon** [CFR; Knight of Malta]. Secretary of the Treasury under Richard Nixon; Chairman of the Nicaraguan Freedom Fund (NFF), a fundraising organization set up in 1985 by the Washington Times, a newspaper owned by the Unification Church. Trustee of the Heritage Foundation. According to Sidney Blumenthal, Simon is or was a member of the CNP. **IRC: Americares**
- * **Frank Shakespeare**, [Knight of Malta]. Council U.S. Information Agency director and director of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, a Nazi front established by Hitler's espionage officer, Reinhard Gehlen. Trustee of the Heritage Foundation.
- * **Dr. Edward Teller** [CNP Board of Governors 1982] Council on Foreign Relations. Hungarian-born American physicist who became the architect of the hydrogen bomb. During World War II he was a member of the Manhattan Project for the development of the atomic bomb. Teller was a

member of the Citizens Legal Defense Fund for the FBI, Ad Hoc, and advisor to the Western Goals Foundation. It is significant that Nelson Bunker Hunt, the founder and main funder of the Wycliffe Bible Associates and Council for National Policy, like many founding CNP members, is a Knight of the Order of Malta. According to Russ Bellant, "Although it poses as a Catholic organization, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem is a Masonic group that claims to be the real Knights of Malta. It's Grand Master for fifty years until his death several years ago was Charles Pichel, and adviser . . .to Hitler aide Ernst Hanfstaengl."

Occupying a position in McAteer's Religious Roundtable, 33^o Mason Jesse Helms was also a key figure in founding the CNP. With his top aide, attorney Tom Ellis, Helms had put together a national political machine that was unprecedented for the ultra-right. Tom Ellis -- who directed the agency which funded racial science for the purpose of eliminating inferior races -- was president of the CNP after Tim LaHaye.

"Tom Ellis was former director of the Pioneer Fund, a foundation which finances efforts to prove that African-Americans are genetically inferior to whites. Recipients of Pioneer grants have included William Shockley, Arthur Jensen and Roger Pearson, who has written that 'inferior races' should be 'exterminated.' All three and others were funded during Ellis' directorship on the Pioneer board. Yet Ellis served on the CNP's thirteen-member executive committee with Holly Coors, Paul Weyrich, and Heritage Foundation president, Edwin Feulner until June 1989. Oliver North and Reed Larson recently joined the executive committee."

With the help of the Viguerie Company, Helms and Ellis' organization, the Congressional Club, funded candidates and solicited support on favorite issues through direct-mail campaigns. Helms' popularity increased during the Reagan era, when ideological conservatism experienced a resurgence at the same time traditional values of fundamental Christians were under siege.

"The National Congressional Club is Jesse Helms' PAC based in Raleigh and directed by Helms' senior advisor, attorney Tom Ellis. The Congressional Club began after the 1972 Senate campaign, when Ellis retained **Richard Viguerie** to help pay off the Helms campaign debt. Ellis and Viguerie built the Congressional Club mailing list to more than 300,000 regular contributors -- a constituency for Helms and a major financial resource within the conservative movement. . .Helms has used his political organization to build connections with New Right and conservative political activists. Besides Viguerie, Phillips, and Dolan connections, Helms is actively represented in Weyrich's coordinating groups. Helms is the chief legislative strategist for the conservative social agenda. . .Helms also occupies a central position in the religious right as a member of the Religious Roundtable, a lay preacher, and a former radio and television evangelist."

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