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*"We invoke the blessings of Providence on a just cause."
Jefferson Davis*

President's message. . . .

Michael Hill
Killen, Alabama



What's Going On . . . ?

LS Conference: The 15th annual League of the South national conference will be held 31 October through 1 November 2008 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Details will be forthcoming in *The Free Magnolia*, the electronic *Southern Patriot* newsletter, and on our Dixienet website. Please make plans now to attend. Thus far, we have three confirmed speakers: Michael Peroutka (former Constitution Party Presidential candidate); Mike Crane (founder of the Southern Party of Georgia); and Pastor John Weaver (author and speaker from Georgia).

Free Magnolia: The latest issue of *The Free Magnolia*, the League's quarterly tabloid, is almost ready. We apologize for the delay in getting this first issue of 2008 out to you. Place your order (\$20 per 100 copies postpaid) to The League of the South, PO Box 760, Killen, Alabama 35645.

Hedge School: The Georgia LS and the Southern Party of Georgia are co-hosting The Institute on the Constitution each Saturday from April through June. For information, contact Ben Davis via e-mail at bendavis@windstream.net

LSI: The League of the South Institute for the Study of Southern Culture and History (LSI) has a new Director, Dr. David Aiken (AikenD@cofc.edu) of Charleston, South Carolina. David replaces Dr. Mark Winchell of Clemson, who is suffering from cancer. We encourage your prayers for him and his family. Mark has done a fine job in heading the LSI despite his lingering health problems, and we appreciate his dedication and courage.

Summer Institute: The LSI, in cooperation with the Georgia LS, will sponsor the Georgia Summer Institute in Macon on 11-12 July. For more information, contact Ed Wolfe via e-mail at bookman@planters.net

LS Book: The League national office is producing a new book—*The Best of the Southern Patriot*. As the title suggests, it takes the best articles and stories from the League's newsletter from 1994 to 2000. I cannot begin to tell you how impressive a collection this is. It should be available to order from the national office by late May or early June. By the way, we do plan a second volume that runs from 2001-2007.

Alabama: The Alabama LS held the seventh annual Confederate History and Heritage Day on 19 April at Gold Star Park on the banks of the beautiful Coosa River in Wetumpka (Elmore County). I had the privilege of giving the keynote

address to over 400 good Southerners who attended. Thanks to Alabama LS Chairman Mike Whorton and his lieutenants for another great event.

The Alabama LS has purchased a four-acre-plus tract of land on US Highway 231 in Elmore County and plans to construct a League headquarters and store on the property. Again, Mike Whorton has spearheaded this project, and LS members from all over the Heart of Dixie have contributed money, time, and effort. If you'd like to make a contribution, please contact Mike or his son Caleb via e-mail at whorton10524@earthlink.net or DixieCowboy1861@aol.com

Tennessee: The Tennessee LS will have their annual State meeting on 7 June in Lobelville. I have been asked to speak and plan to do so. For more information, contact Tennessee State Chairman David Jones via e-mail at chairman@freetennessee.org

The West Tennessee LS chapter held its most recent meeting on Saturday, 19 April, at Range USA in Bartlett. Collin Houseal, the chapter leader, is conducting a series on "Personal Secession." This includes personal and family "abjuring of the realm." The meetings are open to the public. For information, contact Collin via e-mail at collin@housealcreative.com

Georgia: The East Georgia LS chapter will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, 28 April, at RJ's Restaurant in Statesboro. For more information, contact chapter leader Ed Wolfe via e-mail at bookman@planters.net

Missouri: The South-Central chapter

of the Missouri LS held its monthly meeting 21 April at 6:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Community Center in Mountain View. Also, the Missouri LS will hold its annual State meeting on 27 September at the Wade Raburn Farm. For more information, contact State Chairman Bob Mills via e-mail at rockytop16@hughes.net

Florida: The Florida LS is currently working on a series of region-specific letters to encourage the widely dispersed membership to work together with other members to form local chapters. Chairman Mike Tubbs is also preparing a recruitment letter to be sent out to 140 former Florida LS members to urge them to renew membership in the organization.

The Southwest Florida chapter, headed by Joe Cole, participated in the annual Swamp Cabbage Festival in LaBelle (Hendry County) in February, where they distributed over 200 copies of *The Free Magnolia*. The same chapter also attended the Lehigh Acres Spring Festival on 5 April and handed out some 150 copies of *TFM*.

North Carolina: The NC LS State chapter is now having quarterly State meetings. For information on the activities of the NC LS chapter, contact Chairman Bernie Thuersam via e-mail at Bernhard1848@att.net.

The League has some terrific merchandise located on the dixienet.org website under the Merchandise heading on the Main Menu. Check it out.

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Yes, We Can!

The League of the South
Political Committee
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For months Americans have been saturated with news of the Presidential race. It's impossible not to pay it some heed, even if you feel as we do that it's all a cynical charade. When asked, as inevitably we are, "Who's the best choice?" we're forced to reply, "None of the above." Or more to the point, "It really doesn't make any difference."

Still, we admit it has been an unusual campaign. "Junior Super Tuesday" has just produced two remarkable turn-arounds. Six months ago John McCain was broke, laying off key staff, and his Presidential prospects were deemed hopeless. Now he's the Republican nominee. In like manner Hillary Clinton was given up for lost after Senator Obama's eleven straight primary victories. But he failed to land the knockout punch and lost to her unexpectedly in Ohio and Texas. She's baaaaaack. The race for the Democratic nomination may go down to the wire at the convention this summer.

Senators McCain and Clinton are both testaments to perseverance, but we can't decide whether to indulge a natural grudging admiration for their superhuman, underdog efforts or to be appalled at their boundless, consuming ambition. For be not deceived — as the great Southern wit H.L. Mencken observed, "The urge to save humanity is almost always a false front for the urge to rule."

Barack Obama still leads Hillary in pledged delegates. The possibility can't be dismissed that he will become

America's first black President — if you discount Bill Clinton, that is. This is remarkable not just because he's black, but also because his victory would represent the ultimate triumph of style over substance. His music video, "Yes, We Can!" with its parade of A-List celebrities and hopeful message has revolutionized the way politics is done, motivated tens of thousands, and raised tens of millions in campaign cash. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjXyqcxmYY>). It's reassuring when Obama and his myrmidons tell us, Yes, We Can. But the video doesn't even ask, much less answer: we can do *what*, exactly?

Nevertheless, Senator Obama's oratory is inspiring, if empty. He's poised, intelligent, and clearly comfortable in his own skin, while Hillary makes your skin crawl. He trumps her with unstudied ease, revealing her as the shrill, hectoring harridan we all know she is. Whether it's her tears or her grating cackle, her words and gestures seem calculated and false. George Orwell's *Big Brother of 1984* is bad enough, but can you imagine anything worse than *Big Sister*? We're fascinated to observe how Left-wing identity politics is going to sort this one out; for whose official victim status takes precedence, the African-American or the woman?

What does Obama really *stand for*, besides his vaunted "change?" By what principles would he govern if elected? This brings us back to our opening thought. The only change Obama or Clinton or McCain embody is the change that has been go-

ing on steadily ever since Father Abraham destroyed the Old Republic with his war of aggression against the people and States of the South. He set in motion an inexorable assault on the liberties of all the American people, starting with us Southerners. He launched the rise of an oppressive state that overturned the constitutional republic of 1789 with its limits on the powers of the central government. The campaign of 2008 is the culmination of that process, the realization of socialism or 'soft' Marxism. It's the consolidation of an all-powerful Empire no longer bound by checks and balances, subject only to its own will as the final judge of its authority. Election day in November 2008 will see an even stronger "unitary Executive," a President who is above the law and can make sweeping life-or-death decisions that involve the whole country, on his own and without accountability.

None of the three lead players in this squalid spectacle have said anything about this threat to our liberty; they embrace it. They've said nothing honest and true about the many crises bearing down on us like a tsunami, converging economic and foreign problems so dire and so numerous that space doesn't permit us to catalogue them. Their campaigns are all about increasing the scope and power of the state. All three are committed to continuing America's disastrous imperial enterprise, which will give us more war, globalism, and socialism; or as Robert E. Lee foresaw after Appomattox, an empire that would be "...aggressive abroad and despotic at home." Even Obama's much-touted posture as the anti-war

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candidate is exaggerated. When Bill Clinton described it as a “fairy tale,” for once in his life he spoke the truth. So, whether it’s Queen Jezebel, Barack O’Bomber, or Bomber McCain, it doesn’t seem to make much difference to us.

Congressman Ron Paul, whom we admire for his vision and courage, has been totally ignored or ridiculed as a crackpot. Ditto for Dennis Kucinich, Mike Gravel, and Ralph Nader. Ron Paul is living proof that when a slick set of lies has been sold to the masses generation after generation, the truth seems utterly preposterous and its speaker a madman — or worse, a traitor, since truth is treason in an empire of lies. The blackout and suppression of dissenting candidates reminds us of the old proverb, “If voting could really change anything, it would be illegal.”

But even if by some miracle the good doctor were to be elected, does anyone think he could restore the Constitution and the Old Republic? He may be a fine physician, but even he can’t resurrect a corpse. Let’s face facts—the Old Republic of a free self-governing people under a Constitution that limits the central state and guarantees the God-given liberties of the people is dead. Dead, dead, dead.

All Americans, but we Southerners in particular, are now brought to a sorry pass — faced with choices that are virtually indistinguishable and equally horrendous. The GOP of course wants Hillary to win; they believe McCain will run better against her. You can see it shaping up again, as clear as Lucy

and Charlie Brown and the football. The Republican Establishment expects to appeal to us once again to “Vote for the lesser of two evils!” It has worked so well in the past, especially with us Southerners. They scare us with the prospects of a Democratic win, and we line up like sheep and march bleating into the polls while the GOP *apparatchiks* smirk and grin behind their hands. The more loyal we are, the more they despise us.

Until recent years, until the dark days of Dubya, they hadn’t worried that we’d catch on. However, now we’re beginning to get it. The GOP’s stewardship of government has been so wretched and contemptible that the prospect of the Democrats doesn’t scare us quite so badly any more. We’re like children who’ve come to see that the bogeyman used to terrify us into obedience doesn’t really exist.

Hillary or Obama in the White House will no doubt behave with the same criminal folly as Bush has, although it’s hard to see how they could be worse. But the GOP is no longer an alternative. It’s not a true choice; it represents no genuine or principled opposition to the limitless state and its criminal abuses and usurpations. In fact, the GOP is now arguably the worst proponent and enabler of the Empire. Dubya has done far more damage to our liberty and prosperity than Bill Clinton ever did, and more than Al Gore could likely have done had he been elected in 2000.

We Southerners must understand today’s GOP is merely the outcome of the classic dialectical process, in which two opposing ideas, thesis and

antithesis, clash and then interact to produce an outcome called a synthesis. Conservatives, and especially us Southerners, have a genetic pre-disposition to defend the status quo, *any* status quo. So the cycle keeps repeating itself, with yesterday’s synthesis becoming today’s thesis. Conservatives, even in the act of “winning” (as they falsely believe) get co-opted into defending the last synthesis that’s now the new status quo. The enemy takes up a new position even further to the Left as their new antithesis. The dialectical process spins again and produces a new increment of progress toward subjugation, national socialism, and Empire.

This election cycle represents the near-final triumph of the dialectic, which is another name for choosing the lesser of two evils. The dialectic has brought us to where there’s no longer any real distinction between the candidates. The presumed differences have been blurred beyond recognition. The two parties no longer represent genuine alternatives but are simply rivals for power, two sides of the same (counterfeit) coin.

We who understand this, who see the game is rigged, and rigged to always favor the Empire, must opt out of it and seek another paradigm. That paradigm is an end to the vast, unitary Empire, which is collapsing of its own folly and corruption in any case. Why not get off the sinking ship and into the lifeboats? Why not Southern liberty? Why not Southern independence?

We must no longer let Those People fool us into playing this rigged game

through their litany of threats and dangers. The greatest threat to our freedom and way of life is no longer external; it's our own government. If we let the Regime continue to terrify us, we forfeit the hope of ever fixing things in the long term. Always taking the short view forecloses any future hope of breaking out of this self-made trap, of which the hinges are fear. Why do we Southerners who pride ourselves on our courage, not to mention our stubbornness and independence, put up with it? Why do we let fear mongering stampede us like cattle? Are we so timid and pusillanimous? Or are we not the spiritual heirs of Patrick Henry and George Washington and Francis Marion; of Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and Bedford Forrest?

We are not helpless, despite the Regime's constant efforts to make us believe we are. First, we have the truth; or by God's grace, *some* truth. Then, we have our minds, our discernment, our knowledge, our determination, and our voices. These are formidable if we'll employ them together. Third, we have courage, or if we lack it we can dip into the surplus deeded down by our Southern ancestors. Fourth, we have sovereignty, limited though it may be, which is control over our own immediate sphere, including our time, resources, to some extent our children; and above all, *the individual choices we make*. That is, we have control over how and to whom we give our consent, our compliance, our obedience. We can give it or withhold it.

Withholding consent is a principle of enormous potential power, yet neglected and little understood. Even a

tyranny depends upon a sufficient number of its subjects giving their consent. If enough of us withdraw it and refuse to cooperate, this criminal Regime can't continue to oppress and exploit us. It's the strongest weapon we possess, especially in an election year. The most effective way to withdraw our consent is to withhold our vote *en masse*, dramatizing that we Southerners no longer ascribe any moral authority to the Regime. We should of course vote for local and State offices and participate as good citizens of our respective States in those races (and encourage voting only for pro-South candidates).

This principle has great moral force, as the early Irish Republicans, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, and many others have demonstrated. Moral force in the end can outweigh the naked political and military force of the Empire. It draws power from truth and clarity and gives us something meaningful to do rather than remaining docile, helpless victims.

Do we even need to say this program is aimed primarily at the McCainiacs, Bushites, and the GOP? They are our principal enemy because they more than the Democrats keep our natural Southern instincts for liberty thwarted by lies and imprisoned in the dialectic. And the dialectic enlists our people in the service of a lawless Regime that by tradition and history ought to be on the side of truth, morality, and liberty.

The pundits and shills of the Regime are always telling us, "If you don't vote you can't complain about the outcome." Actually, the reverse is true. If you *do* participate in the sham Presi-

dential election, you have no logical right to complain because taking part means you concede the process is legitimate. Only the person who withholds his vote can dissent, because only he has challenged the validity of the fraudulent process.

The Presidential race is like the stage act of a magician who keeps us distracted with his sleight-of-hand while the real action takes place somewhere else. No matter who wins, the fundamental result is always the same, to advance the power of the Regime and lead us steadily downward to dependency and servitude — to perdition.

Can we walk away from this corrupt fraud designed to keep us deluded and enslaved? Yes, We Can.

Can we Southerners take responsibility for ourselves, our liberty, our prosperity?

Yes, We Can.

Can we few Southern patriots, without resources, ignored, ridiculed, and vilified, but with courage and principle and dedicated to liberty, really make a difference?

Yes, We Can.

Traditional party politics won't save us. Indeed, it's part of the problem, part of what keeps us from seeing clearly and acting soundly. But can we save ourselves?

Yes, We Can. If We Will.



Three States Subjected To “Martial Law Sweeps”

All in the name of keeping us safe:

Federal law enforcement agencies co-opted sheriff's offices as well state and local police forces in three states last weekend for a vast round up operation that one sheriff's deputy has described as “martial law training.”

Law-enforcement agencies in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas took part in what was described by local media as “an anti-crime and anti-terrorism initiative” involving officers from more than 50 federal, state and local agencies.

For those shivering under their beds where the Islamomeanics can't hurt them, take a moment to consider what's the real threat here, terrorism or uncontrolled government power? As we wrote earlier, the terror threat is wildly exaggerated:

“...the total number of people killed worldwide by genuine al-Qaeda types and assorted wannabes outside of war zones since 9/11 averages about 300 per year. That is certainly 300 a year too many, but that number is smaller than the yearly number of bathtub drownings in the United States.

Here's what scares me: the very real threat of “pre-emptive” arrests and mass round-ups — which this latest Federal exercise seems to be rehearsing for:

While some business owners feel they are being targeted, law-enforcement officers said they are just trying to track down possible terrorists before something big happens.

“What we have found traditionally is that terrorists are involved in a number of lesser known type crimes,” said Mark Luttrell, Shelby County sheriff.

Oh, as long as these militarized law-enforcement officers are “just trying to track down” bad guys, I guess it's all ok.

Meanwhile, the number of immigrants from the Middle East, legal and illegal, is expected to double by 2010. Remember, with government, solutions are not the answer. More power for our rulers is the answer to every problem.

From *The Rebellion Blog*—Mike Tuggle

Food Rationing Confronts Breadbasket of the World

Food shortages — they're not just for Third World countries anymore. Now, angry customers scrounge through stores in places like New York and California:

From *The New York Sun* (21 April 2008): “Many parts of America, long considered the breadbasket of the world, are now confronting a once unthinkable phenomenon: food rationing. Major retailers in New York, in areas of New England, and on the West Coast are limiting purchases of flour, rice, and cooking oil as demand outstrips supply. There are also anecdotal reports that some consumers are hoarding grain stocks.”

Makes the idea of supporting local farmers seem a little less silly, doesn't it?

From *The Rebellion Blog*—Mike Tuggle

War is a Racket

If you can't convince your children not to join the Empire's legions, then insist they read General Smedley Butler's book. It can be found at Bill Huff's website, www.warisaracket.com. Mr. Huff writes:

‘In my opinion, no young person who cannot intelligently discuss General Butler's book, *War Is A Racket*, should be permitted to join any of the armed forces. I would further insist that all military personnel be schooled in “War Crimes Avoidance.” This would primarily be centered on teaching the difference between lawful and unlawful orders and lawful and unlawful wars. Most military personnel do not consciously think about this until perhaps after their service — or never — according to Smedley Butler. They just follow orders. That is why Michael New is such an anomaly.’

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The LS Papers Series Update

The LS Papers Series, which together make a very strong case for Southern independence, will soon be available to download as e-books on DixieNet. We have almost sold out of printed copies of one in the series of seven, and supplies of the others are dwindling as well. If you have never read them and would like to have the original printed copies (rather than e-copies), you will need to order soon.

Available in the series are: No. 1: **Secession & the Modern State**, by Don Livingston; No.2: **Knowing Who We Are: Southern Literary Tradition**

and the Voice in the Whirlwind by James Everett Kibler; No. 3: **The Union League: Washington's Klan** by John Chodes; No. 4: **From Union to Empire** by Clyde N. Wilson; No. 5: **The Abolitionists of the Old South** by John Remington Graham; No. 6: **The Paradox of Jabez L. M. Curry: State Sovereignty to Federalised Schools** by John Chodes; and No. 7: **What Makes Southern Manners Peculiar?** by Ward S. Allen (very limited availability on No. 7).

All titles are \$5.00, except No. 6, which is \$6.00, and all may be ordered by mail or on DixieNet.

The Rebirth of DixieNet

Recent statistical data indicates that as the political and social outlook becomes more uncertain, the public is taking a serious look at the viability of political devolution and the message of the League of the South.

KILLEN, AL (LSNS) - The figures for website visitors to the LS National website, DixieNet.Org, reveal a sharp increase during the month of March 2008 as well as the early days of April, according to official statistical data compiled by the DixieNet website project team. "We are very pleased with this latest report," said LS President, Michael Hill. Dr Hill continued, "DixieNet traffic has been on a steady increase since October 2007 without any sign of slowing down. This trend indicates to us that the public is taking a serious look at our message of political devolution in these very uncertain times." Thanks to public interest generated from the Second North Ameri-

Exciting New Project Needs Funding

A sophisticated automated telephone polling program is being developed for the League by the amazingly talented, Mike Crane (League member and driving force behind the Southern Party of Georgia). The program, which Mike calls "a perpetual recruiting machine," will allow us to target certain areas of the South with a series of poll questions designed to: 1) determine the level of support for the League's goals; and 2) capture the contact information of those who give favourable answers to the poll questions. The contact information will be put on a permanent database, and the respondents will be solicited for League membership. Demographic information captured will enable us to aim our marketing efforts at areas where they are likely to be most successful.

Nothing, however, is free—although this system will cost only a fraction of what the national polling services charge and will give us some flexibility where they can't. It will cost at least \$1,000 per month to run a test program, which we think can be ready by early summer. The League Board is currently developing the poll questions, and the Board and State Chairmen will determine the state(s) in which the test polls run. We expect initially to make around 20,000 calls per month in a particular state; and we estimate that, from this number, approximately 1,000 prospects should result. If only five percent of prospects joined the League at \$50 each, the program would pay for itself and for the next 20,000 calls.

In addition to *The Free Magnolia* which debuted in January 2007, this project is one of the League's most promising and important to date. Please help us fund it! Your generous donation should be marked, "Polling Project," and sent to the LS office at PO Box 760, Killen, AL 35645. Thank you in advance for your support.

Michael Hill

can Secessionist Convention and the League of the South National Conference held in Chattanooga, TN, October was one of the most productive months for the League in recent memory and has served as the catalyst for an ever growing flow of traffic to DixieNet.

"While we are excited about our progress thus far, we are in no way prepared to rest upon our laurels," said

Terry Compton, DixieNet website project leader. "In fact," Compton continues, "Mike Crane, Mike Tuggle, and I are working harder now than ever before to make DixieNet the gold standard for online public relations, not only among Southern Movement websites, but within the realm of social and political activism in general."

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