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HOME RULE — RUSSIAN STYLE USSR Is Regrouping Its 15 Republics

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The Soviet Union has begun regrouping its 15 republics into seven big planning regions in connection with a 15-year plan that will outline basic investment and development policies for the Soviet Union until 1990.

The regional system which may ultimately lessen the significance of individual ethnic Soviet republics is part of an effort to achieve more efficient coordination and long-term planning of the government-run economy.

The local planning of economic development is expected for the time being at least, to continue at the republic level. But the overall policies of national development will be based on the new regional planning units.

Soviet party leader Leonid I. Brezhnev foreshadowed the regional reform last December in a keynote speech marking the 50th anniversary of

the formation of the Soviet Union as a nominal federation of republics.

Brezhnev said that future economic decisions in the 15-year plan should be made for the good of the nation as a whole rather than focussing on the interests of individual republics.

Following Brezhnev's statement of policy, various economic and technical publications came out, suggesting that the boundaries of the USSR's 15 republics might be modified eventually, if they were not in keeping with efficient economic regions.

Soviet information media have been trying to shift the emphasis from the political sensibilities of the various ethnic areas to one of national efficiency. These publications have been attempting to generate an overall "Soviet" nationalism and a national pride in economic achievements to replace the old

ethnic loyalties.

The new regional planning program is generally regarded as an effort to depart from existing republican boundaries in allocating capital investment to the development of the overall Soviet economy.

The decision to set up new consolidated national planning regions was disclosed in the April issue of the government's planning journal, *Planned Economy*.

Of seven projected consolidated regions, three would be situated in European part of the Soviet Union and the remaining four in the Asian sector.

The three European regions are a combined north-central region, a southern region and a combined Volga-Urals sector. The four Asian regions comprise Siberia, the Far East, Kazakhstan and Central Asia. (More on Page 4)



NEW PLANNING REGIONS TO BE FORMED

The plan may eventually lessen the significance of individual ethnic Soviet republics
The scheme is linked to a 15-year plan to outline the Soviet Union's basic investment and development policies until 1990

Soviet Party Leader
Leonid I. Brezhnev

NEW NIXON EXECUTIVE ORDER 11731

That our country is in some state of constant crisis, few would deny. Citizens everywhere throughout this great country, all seem to agree that, somethings wrong! However, with all sorts of diversions that seem to abound, they just can't seem to get to the core of this National Predicament of ours.

Some of our elected Representatives are well aware of this predicament, and for years have been trying to alert their constituents of what is really happening, and where we are headed.

Of this group of Representatives one of the most knowledgeable and courageous is Hon. Congressman John R. Rarick of Louisiana. He has for years been making entries into the Congressional Record to alert concerned citizens of dangerous Legislation past and present. Dangerous, in how it affects our Rights and Freedoms.

He was among the first in this country to alert Americans to Nixons (New Federalism program), i.e. 10 Regions instead of 50 states. We present here another entry of his, that fully reveals, how dedicated he is to preserving our Constitutional form of Government. A concern and dedication that all Americans must eventually assume, if they and their children are to remain free.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT BY EXECUTIVE ORDER ON THE MARCH

HON. JOHN R. RARICK
of Louisiana

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 30, 1973

MR. RARICK. Mr. Speaker, on February 10, 1972, President Nixon signed Executive Order 11647, titled "Federal Regional Councils," and embarked this Nation on a course of Regional government, dividing the country into 10 Federal regional districts.

At the time, I remarked in the Record of—

The vast powers which, without congressional approval . . . placed in the hands of the President and his heads of departments and agencies (control) over food supply, money and credit, transportation, communications, public utilities, and other facets of the lives of our people. (Congressional Record, Feb. 16, 1972.)

This EO divided the United States into 10 separate and distinct Federal regions, to be administered and controlled by 10 Federal Regional councils. All the administrators are appointed and serve at Executive pleasure and are not subject to voter approval. Additionally, Congress has no review of the activities of these Regional functionaries.

The power of the Federal Regional councils was recently extended and amended by Executive Order 11731 issued on July 25, 1973. Under the new order, the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior are now "Regionalized." Other changes will be noted in new Executive order, which I request to follow my remarks.

The Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations set up the groundwork for the 10-Region concept. Congress, in drafting the legislation establishing the ACIR, exempted this important Commission from legislative oversight. The ACIR, therefore, is sheltered from congressional inquiry into its activities and spending

of taxpayers' money. The voters have no investigative powers over the Commission which takes credit for laying out the controversial 10 standard Federal regions.

Earlier this session, I introduced H.R. 6869 which would include the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations within the definition of "advisory committee," and thus bring it under legislative oversight. It would remove the special exemption the commission now enjoys.

It is interesting to note that the chairmanship of the Regional government bureaucrats is under the control of the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, another agency not under congressional oversight.

Regionalization of our sovereign States with control centralized in Washington will inevitably reduce the status and power of State governments. The impact of "Regional government" by Executive order has a far-reaching and revolutionary affect on the ideal of "government by laws rather than men."

Executive Order 11731 follows:

Presidential Documents
Title C—The President
Executive Order 11731

Amending Executive Order No. 11647 Relating to Federal Regional Councils

On February 10, 1972, I formally established Federal Regional Councils for each of the ten Federal regions, and established an Under Secretaries Group for Regional Operations to strengthen and improve services to the public at the regional level. I have now determined that the mandate of the Federal Regional Councils should be broadened to include the coordination of direct Federal program assistance to State and local governments (as well as grant assistance as now provided), that the membership of the Councils and the Under Secretaries Group for Regional Operations should be changed, and that the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget should be substituted as Chairman of the Under Secretaries Group in place of the Associate Director of that agency.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States of America, sections 1, 2, and 3 of Executive Order No. 11647 *(1) of February 10, 1972, are amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Federal Regional Councils. (a) There is hereby continued a Federal Regional Council for each of the ten standard Federal regions. Each Council shall be composed of the principal regional officials of the Departments of Labor, Health, Education and Welfare, Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, the Interior, and Transportation, the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

The President shall designate one member of each such Council as Chairman of that Council and such Chairman shall serve at the pleasure of the President. Representatives of the Office of Management and Budget may participate in any deliberations of each Council.

(b) Each member of each Council may designate an alternate who shall serve as a member of the Council involved whenever the regular member is

unable to attend any meeting of the Council.

(c) When the Chairman determines that matters which significantly affect the interests of the Federal agencies which are not represented on any such Council are to be considered by the Council, he shall invite the regional director or other appropriate representative of the agency involved to participate in the deliberations of the Council.

Sec. 2 Functions of the Council. Each Federal Regional Council shall be constituted as a body within which the participating agencies will, under the general policy formulation of the Under Secretaries Group, and to the maximum extent feasible, assist State and local government by the coordination of the Federal program grants and operations through:

(1) the development of better ways to deliver the benefits of Federal programs over the short term;

(2) the development of integrated program and funding plans with Governors and local chief executives;

(3) the encouragement of joint and complementary Federal grant applications by local and State governments;

(4) the expeditious resolution of conflicts and problems which may arise between Federal agencies;

(5) the evaluation of programs in which two or more member agencies participate;

(6) the development of more effective ways of allocating Federal resources to meet the long-range needs of State and local communities;

(7) the supervision of regional interagency program coordination mechanisms; and

(8) the development of administrative procedures to improve day-to-day cooperation on an interagency and intergovernmental basis.

Sec. 3 Under Secretaries Group for Regional Operations. The Under Secretaries Group for Regional Operations is hereby continued and shall be composed of the Under Secretaries of Agriculture, the Interior, Labor, Health, Education, and Welfare, Housing and Urban Development, and Transportation, the Administrator of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the Deputy Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, an Associate Director of the Domestic Council, and the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Group. When the Chairman determines that matters which significantly affect the interest of Federal agencies which are not represented on the Group are to be considered by the Group, he shall invite an appropriate representative of the agency involved to participate in the deliberations of the Group. The Under Secretaries Group for Regional Operations shall, consistent with the objectives and priorities established by the President and the Domestic Council, establish policy with respect to Federal Regional Council matters, provide guidance to the Councils, respond to their initiatives, and seek to resolve policy issues referred to it by the Councils. The Under Secretaries Group, under the Chairmanship of the Office of Management and Budget, shall be responsible for the proper functioning of the system established by this order.

Richard Nixon

The White House, July 23, 1973

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*(1) 37 FR 3167; 3 CFR, 1970 Comp., p. 146

FLORIDA MAYOR FIGHTS REGIONALISM

In last months 'Crier,' we announced a new out of state associate member to our Pa. Committee, Dr. John L. Grady, Mayor of Belle Glade, Florida. We also included an article that revealed how he and his associates were successful in getting Forty Florida Counties to reject REGIONALISM.

We would like to present at this time, the following statement made by Mayor Grady, speaking before the Governor and cabinet of the state of Florida, sitting as the Florida Administration Commission, on February 20, 1973 at Tallahassee.

BELLE GLADE MAYOR HELPS FLORIDA COUNTIES

The past year has brought radical change to traditional government in the State of Florida and throughout the nation. It saw the passage of the FLORIDA STATE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ACT OF 1972 and the FLORIDA STATE LAND AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1972. These two bills, along with other legislation recently enacted at both state and national levels, together with corresponding directives from our chief executive officers, have established REGIONAL GOVERNMENT in the United States of America and in the sovereign state of Florida. Many of the legislators who voted for these two acts now admit that they did not know then the true nature and future impact of this legislation, and are just beginning to recognize the magnitude of their action. For regional government now seeks the dissolution of the Constitution and the death of our free and independent Republic.

On March 27, 1969, the President announced the division of the United States into ten federal regions, and designated a capital for each. Florida, together with seven other sovereign states, was placed in Region IV with its capital at Atlanta. Then, on February 12, 1972, by EXECUTIVE ORDER 11647, FEDERAL REGIONAL COUNCILS, the President authorized the staffing of these ten regional capitals with a council comprised of the heads of each of the seven super-agencies of the federal government: Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).

Meanwhile in Florida, the Florida State Comprehensive Planning Act of 1972 authorized the establishment of particular regional geographical boundaries for the purpose of state agency planning; and the creation of the Division of State Planning to coordinate these regions. The Governor's administration lost no time in designating ten geographic multi-county planning regions, "... for the purpose of preparing studies, reports and plans, and all other planning, programming and budgeting activities, including but not limited to the activities named in (appropriate) Florida Statutes." One Florida news publication stated that Governor Reubin Askew is establishing "sub states" which will develop regional systems in such fields as transportation, sewage treatment, garbage disposal, housing, water supply, day-care centers, and even regional police and regional jails. And lest anyone wonder about the scope of this new plan for the people of Florida, the administration states that it "shall apply to every department of

the executive branch of the government of the State of Florida; to every municipal corporation of the state; to every county government of the state; and to every board, commission, district, and agency, however denominated, which has been created by or pursuant to Florida Statutes or Laws of Florida."

Today we are in a public hearing relative to the establishment of "guidelines and standards for developments of regional impact" which will be used in implementation of the Florida Environmental Land and Water Management Act of 1972. The state administration proudly asserts that this act is the first of its kind in the nation. But pity our nation if this be its future. For we are here witness to the imposing of state control over any development, which in the judgment of the administration, would have a substantial effect upon the health, safety, or welfare of citizens of more than one county. As presently enumerated, state control and regulation over developments and property now under private operation would include airports; sports, entertainment and recreation facilities; arenas, stadiums, race tracks, tourist attractions, and amusement parks; hospitals; industrial, manufacturing and processing plants; mining operations; office complexes; petroleum storage facilities; port facilities; schools; shopping centers; and even residential developments. And if any area, operation or development has been initially overlooked, that too will be regulated. Because, the decision makers reserve the right to grab control over anything they may have forgotten.

This is REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. And, as any informed and objective citizen can plainly see, Regional Government means control. Control of all land, business, development, utilities, production, services, property and PEOPLE. Control by appointed councils and committees, not by elected officials. Bureaucrats, paid by federal grants, will direct programs effecting social and physical planning and federal regulation over cities and counties and their people. Even local police and county sheriffs will be controlled through Regional Criminal Justice Planning Councils of the Governor's Council on Criminal Justice, which will administer the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration program for the LEAA czar in Atlanta—paving the way for a dangerously powerful national police force.

The Governor's ten regional "sub-states" and their respective councils dovetail very neatly with the President's ten regional provinces and their ruling councils. And should anyone question our remarks here today, let them study the record and the statements of government leaders themselves, such as Robert C. Weaver, former chief, Department of Housing and Urban Development, who said, "Regional Government means absolute Federal control over all property and its development regardless of location, anywhere in the United States, to be administered on the Federal Official's determination. It would supercede state and local laws. . . Through this authority we seek to recapture control of the use of land, most of which the government has already given to the people."

And when the regional councils are soon functioning, with federal authority and federal funds, and there is no longer a need for mayors and city councilmen, and county commissioners, then the municipalities and counties will be dissolved. And, unnecessary too, will be state senators and representatives, many of whom did not even read, let alone understand, the enabling legislation which

they passed. But should the skeptical or naive citizen still fail to recognize the insatiable appetite for power and control over their fellow man that permeates the soul of some political leaders, our Governor gave that further indication last week in remarks widely reported in the press, in which he called for government control over all health insurance and emergency medical services, federal socialized medicine, a state controlled television network to provide services to remote areas, state control of all "wet lands" which supposedly would be all land in Florida on which water might stand from time to time, and government control of the use of energy, perhaps even to control of the temperature inside Florida homes by state regulation of thermostats.

The organizations I represent, and surely all freedom loving citizens of Florida and the United States, condemn this seizure of power and usurpation of individual rights and freedoms, by government agency and high officials. We deeply fear and resent this establishment of regional government and simultaneous moves toward totalitarianism under the guise of ecology, pollution control, conservation, community development, upgrading of local police, or whatever camouflage is used to distract and deceive the citizen until he finally awakes to find he has been enslaved. We do not agree that our money once taken by Tallahassee and Washington, becomes someone else's money with which to control us. And, we do not believe that Tallahassee or Washington bureaucrats, many of whom have never run a private business or practiced a profession, and others who have failed in their personal attempts to do so, suddenly become wiser and more capable than those of us at home, simply because of their proximity to the Capitol dome.

Therefore, we firmly oppose these government rules, regulations, standards, guidelines, orders and codes; and the misguided thinking and misdirected legislation that established them. Moreover, we urge all responsible citizens, councilmen, mayors, county commissioners, state representatives and senators, and even cabinet members, to join with us in our efforts to stop the spread of regionalism, repeal all regional bills now enacted, and return

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It seems that with the betterment of U.S. and Soviet foreign relations, and with the growing detente between them, that Russia has begun to examine different aspects of our American Government. The Russians however, generally claim that they were first in all important finds; technological, scientific, etc. They may even claim that they were the first to discover REGIONALISM.

That this malignancy is now manifest in that Country also, no longer can be doubted. The Associated Press release with accompanying map and story, is quite revealing.

In examining the REGIONALIZED map and its accompanying article, we can readily see that the REGIONAIRES in the Soviet Union, (not to be outdone) by their American counterparts, have also been busy, (doing their thing).

In reviewing the release, one most important fact stands out; i.e., that the citizens of the Soviet Union, (like the citizens of America) have little or no voice over the IMPOSED REGIONS.

The release interestingly states, "The Local planning of economic development is expected for the time being at least, to continue at the republic level. But the overall policies of national development will be based on the new regional planning units."

We ask our readers to thoroughly digest the above paragraph. We say the American Plan is identical. We have stated all along that the unconstitutional Regional Commissions Imposed upon Americans have been created for one purpose only; i.e. to gradually phase out the 50 states and all local citizen autonomy.

That the Russian Planners are the envy of their American counterpart, i.e. REGIONAL PLANNERS—is not to be denied. We present here excerpts of an article that appeared in the Phila. Bulletin, 5-16-71, page 1, Sec. 1, by Peter H. Binzen of the Bulletin staff, titled, "Regional Planning Left Toothless by Intransigence of Local Officials".

This story concerns a group of visiting Soviet Planners to Philadelphia in the Spring of 1971. They came here to get a briefing on Regional Planning, American style.

"In this country, the Russians were told, planning is only one of the "inputs" affecting governmental decision making. In advancing their views, American planners must compete with private landowners, industrialists, developers, local politicians and other forces demanding to be heard".

The Russian planners, whose word is virtually law in their country, nodded impatiently.

"Da Da" said one. "We know-and we're sorry. But what do you accomplish?"

As our Soviet friends had pointed out, their job is much easier.

The difficulties are recognized by the American planners, as related by Mrs. Ann Louise Strong, professor of city and Regional planning at the University of Pennsylvania, who stated in the article, "Unless you have regional planning that means something and controls that make it stick, you've got nothing. The whole problem is that we don't have the will. Why should Congress or the State Legislature do anything if the people don't want them to?"

Since that day in 1971, we have shown in the 'Crier' that Mrs. Strong's problems are not as great today as they were then. Through Executive Orders, at the Federal and State levels, and the economic controls available to the clearinghouses of the 10 Federal Regions, the problem is being solved.

REGIONAL NEWS — OTHER STATES

At a meeting in Olympia, Washington, reported in (The Post Register) 2-25-73 — Idaho Falls, Idaho Govs. Tom McCall of Oregon, Cecil Andrus of Idaho and Dan Evans of Wash., heads of the Pacific North West Regional Commission, conferred on backing this Tri State Planning arrangement, to attack problems, that know no borders. "We're moving as a region into some of the areas where we've always competed in the past," Evans said.

Evans said British Columbia may be invited to participate in the commission but not as a voting member.

Premier Dave Barret expressed an interest in the commission when he met with Evans last month.

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government to local control, where it belongs and where government works best.

We ask all honest and just men to help us in our fight to preserve that unique Constitution our forefathers so wisely provided, which assured that government shall be the servant of the people, not their master. We citizens must not tolerate the transformation of our Republic into a federal socialist dictatorship. REGIONALISM BRINGS TOTAL GOVERNMENT, AND TOTAL GOVERNMENT BRINGS TYRANNY. There is no place for either in a land of free men.

Note: A University Professor from Washington, D.C., proponent and promoter of Regionalism, testified at Tallahassee that over 40 states had become Regionalized and over one-half of them by Governors' Executive Orders, by-passing Legislators and the legislative process because "it was too slow." He admitted local governments would have to be abolished, but he felt the "gains" made up for the "loss of local control of local affairs."

—Dr. John Grady

NIXON FORSEES ONE WORLD BY 1981

... reads a headline in the Phila. Inquirer, 5-20-71.

With this obvious world wide move to Regional structures, could this be the foundation that our President Nixon envisions: i.e. ONE WORLD by 1981!

REGIONAL NEWS — PENNSYLVANIA

Phila. Inquirer 3-9-73

"Agencies Get Order to Regionalize"

"All state agencies were ordered by Gov. Milton Shapp to submit plans "within the next four months" for moving some of their activities to various regions of the state."

"Speaking at a state wide planning conference, Shapp said regionalizing state functions will make state programs, "more responsive to local needs".

"Regionalization is a key part of a comprehensive investment plan that, Shapp said, must be implemented if Pennsylvania is to stop lagging behind many other states in growth. Completion of the comprehensive plan is several months away, the governor said".

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