Sieg heil!...with a smile

by Paul deParrie

This month we are looking at the inauguration (and canonization by the media) of President Bill Clinton. As pro-life, pro-family people, we look at it and shudder.

The possibilities of federally funded child-killing, the closure of crisis pregnancy centers, the Freedom to Kill Bill, homosexuals in the military and schools, and dozens of other concerns loom large.

Speculation looms larger.

But I am reminded of what degradation this nation rightly deserves for the innocent blood shed within its borders and I realize that if all our nightmares about the Second Reich (Carter's was the First) come to pass, we will not have gotten half of what we have coming. Even with both houses of Congress goose-stepping to Herr Clinton's every whim and saying, "*Sieg, heil!*" with a smile, it is a far cry from the "price of blood" that God's justice demands.

In last month's Publisher's Column, Andrew Burnett advanced the notion that, with the passage of Freedom of Choice Act and the subsequent nullification of all state restrictions on abortion, rescue— pro-life activity aimed at saving individual babies rather than at changing laws — will become "the only game in town." There is a lot to be said for this observation. We evidently have not learned from *Webster* or *Casey* that our salvation in this matter is not to be found in the courts or legislatures.

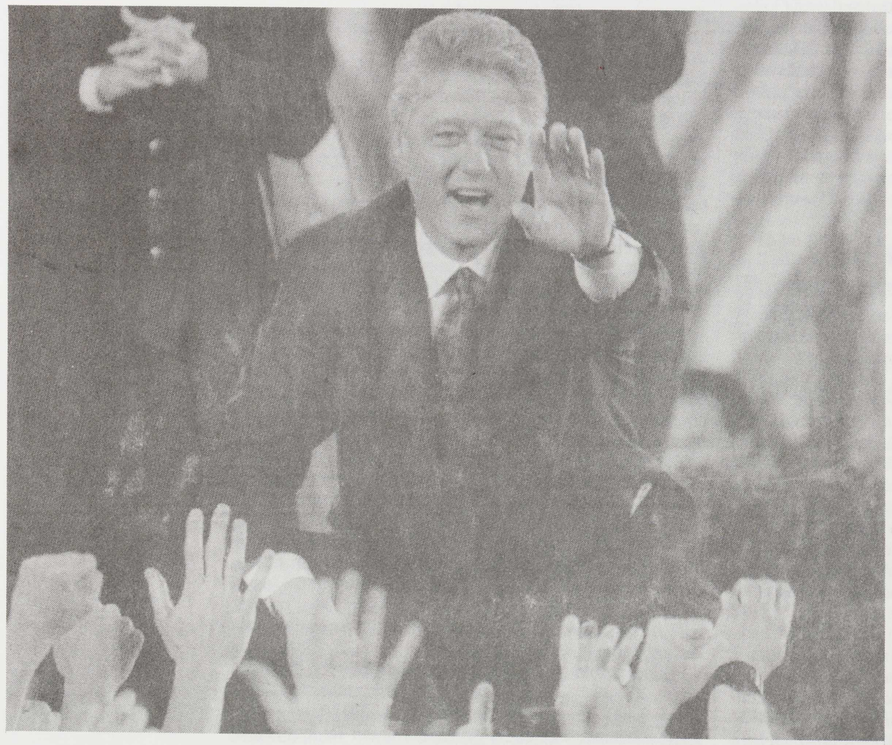
We were warned of this. The warning was sounded long by many — and went largely unheeded.

THIS JUDGEMENT OF GOD IS TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER — IN FACT, IT MAY BE A GENTLE REPROOF.

America's problem for many years has been a pride that excluded God as the source of its blessings and victories. Romans 1:18-32 has come to pass here — "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against men...for they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him...since they did not think it worthwhile to retain God in their knowledge, He gave them over to a depraved mind..."

This judgment of God is true and righteous altogether — in fact, it may be a *gentle* reproof.

God gave us eight good years of Reagan conservativism and four more of Bush while the legislative and court strategists worked on overturning the child-killing industry. If such machinations were the *real* solutions — as some insist — the strategists either failed to take full advantage of the situation, or their inordinate dependence on the legislature and the courts was simply the wrong road.



For instance, what becomes of all the years of labor that went into the Pennsylvania restrictions (upheld in *Casey*) when the Freedom to Kill Bill is signed by Herr Clinton?

Many of these same people and groups that insisted on legislative and court action to the exclusion of all else, also insisted that God and religion be bleached from the fabric of the pro-life movement for fear of offending one of the 15 pro-life atheists in the U.S.

Whatever happened to, "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight," from Proverbs 3:6?

None of this is to say that these efforts should not be made; rather it is to say that our first duty in this ministry is to save babies — not change laws. Also, we cannot hope for God's help, without which we will surely fail, if we refuse to testify that it is He who moves us.

Remember, Jesus told us, "If you deny me, I will also deny you before my Father in heaven."

Under Clinton, the pro-life activities we have engaged in up to this point will be more personally costly, but none would be as costly as that!

The 1992 elections: a door closes and a new window opens

By Judie Brown and Brian Young

The election of Bill Clinton to the Oval Office confirms the lesson we learned from the Supreme Court's *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* decision: Pro-lifers can no longer rely on "the powers that be" to save babies. The challenge — and the opportunity - to bring protection to preborn girls and boys now rests where it started: with pro-life America.

For pro-lifers, this means it's time to stop talking about "regulating" the abortion industry and time to start talking about saving the lives God has created.

It is time to seize the initiative.

Clearly, the new President will not save the babies. The days are gone when pro-lifers could say, literally, "Let George do it." And the courts now offer little more than ways to slow down abortion-on-demand's "disassembly line."

Protection for the lives of babies will not come from the top down; it will come from the grass-roots up. And it will not spring forth from a message of abortion regulation and toleration.

The voices for the preborn must now speak with power and with moral authority. Each and every pro-lifer must say, without qualification and without apology, that a baby is a baby —no matter how small, no matter how conceived, no matter how sick. The bitter fruits of a more "moderate" approach are all too apparent.

The November Elections

The election of Bill Clinton means, to say the least, that preborn babies no longer have an advocate in the White House. Clinton has promised to repeal the Reagan and Bush administrations' Title X regulations that would have prohibited abortion promotion in federally funded family-planning clinics.

Clinton has also vowed to support the importation of the French abortion pill RU 486, and to lift the ban on taxpayer funding of experimental research using tissue taken from babies killed by induced abortion.

More ominously, our new President favors the Freedom of Choice (i.e., the Abortion-on-Demand-in-All-50-States) Act (FOCA). He also wants to move legislatively against those who would rescue babies.

Whether this "comeback kid" will be successful in putting *some* people first will depend in part on Congress. The 1992 elections for the House and Senate were a mixed bag.

In the Senate, pro-lifers gained one, perhaps two votes. The loss of pro-lifer Bob Kasten in Wisconsin is offset by the victories of Lauch Faircloth in North Carolina and Judd Gregg in New Hampshire. North Dakota's new senator, Byron Dorgan, may provide more pro-life votes than did his predecessor, Kent Conrad.

In the House, pro-aborts gained 8 to 20 seats. Yet, while more representatives will identify themselves as favoring abortion, it is not certain that they will be inclined to vote for a Freedom of Choice Act that bans any and all types of state laws restricting abortion. In the previous Congress, the pro-aborts found that they had insufficient votes to pass FOCA. With the arrival of 109 new representatives and 12 freshman senators, the bill's fate is still unpredictable.

What About The Future?

Obviously, given the lives threatened by legislation pending in Congress, the pro-life movement has a mighty task before it. But it is work that, if successful, will ultimately save little boys and girls from death.

The loss of a pro-life President was in no way something to be desired. But the reality of a hostile administration and unfriendly federal courts does, in fact, create a new freedom for the pro-life movement. In effect, pro-lifers are now unbound from presidential politics and free from a judicial system that no longer holds out the carrot of a *Roe* overturn.

PROTECTION FOR THE LIVES OF BABIES WILL NOT COME FROM THE TOP DOWN; IT WILL COME FROM THE GRASS-ROOTS UP.

The pro-live movement must now set the rules and define the terms.

When a baby is conceived by rape or incest, America must hear the pro-life movement say, "This child is innocent. She should not die."

When a lawsuit-fearing doctor tells a mother that the son in her womb threatens her health, even though such a connection is not a medical reality, America must hear the pro-life movement say, "The little boy and his mother can live. We can save them both."

When a preborn child may have a deformity or disability, America must hear the pro-life movement say, "This baby is God's creation. All are equal in God's sight."

And when a baby is created while her mother is using a deadly birth control chemical or device, America must hear the pro-life movement say, "The smallest, newest member of the human family should not be killed by an IUD or birth control pills. Some so-called contraceptives actually cause abortions."

Spending time in jail effectively: *cont. from page 25*

6) Read Good Christian Books

You know all those books you've been wanting to read for so long? Well, in jail you will have the time to read them. In some areas you will want to rescue and go to court with your books on you because you can't get books into some jails any other way.

7) Write Pastors

While in jail, use some of your extra free time to be salt and light to pastors. Many pastors won't take the time to talk with you on the outside, but they will sit down and read your letter while you are in jail.

8) Exercise

Exercising on a regular basis relieves stress. Exercising will also help keep you in shape since your activity level will probably be lower while you are in jail.

Because each jail operates differently from other jails, you may have to modify some of the redeeming factors that I have listed, but this should give you a good foundation in being effective while in jail. Now that you know how to redeem your time in jail, discipline yourself to do so. Both your life and the lives of the inmates will be drastically changed for the better because of it.■