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## What's wrong with "CHARTER" counties?

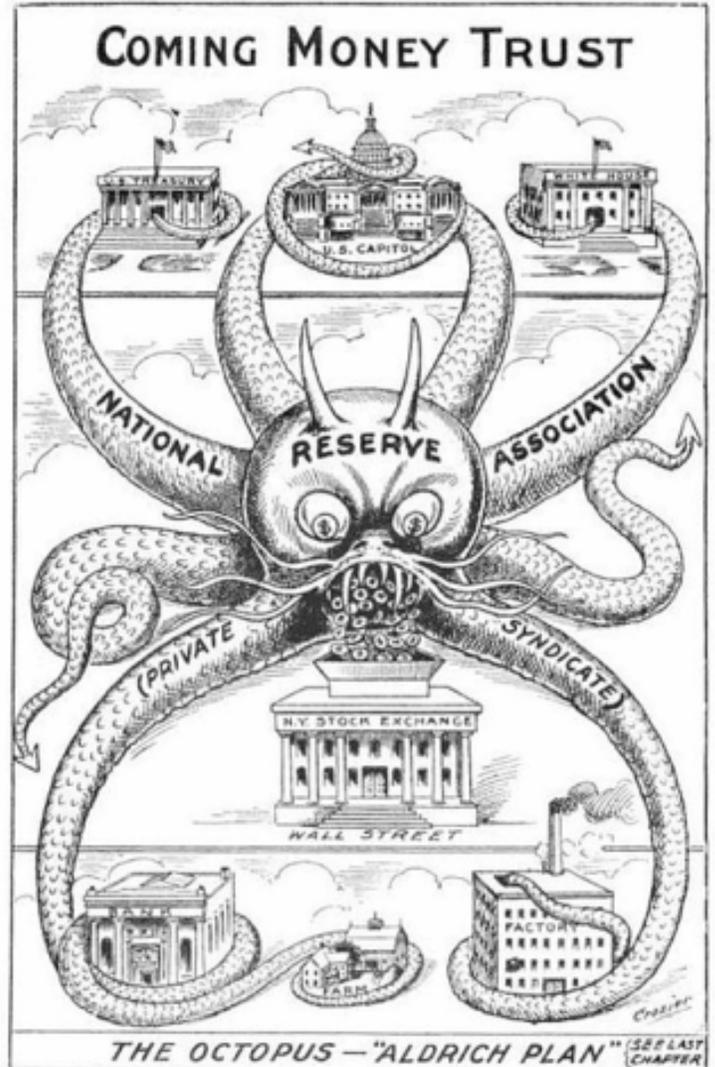
*Part I: The underlying problem is REGIONALISM, the method by which global "governance" is implemented.*

Individual liberty has long been under attack in these united States of America; indeed, it has been under attack in the whole world since the beginning of time. In the States, however, the federal Constitution and the State Constitutions were written with safeguards from the infringement of others (especially men who call themselves "government") upon individual liberty, including the individual's right to work, obtain property, and use that property as he or she sees fit.

It is unfailingly the object of certain types of men, however, to dominate other men, and to acquire their houses and lands for their own benefit. It is these types of men Jesus Christ was referring to when he said, recorded in Luke 20:46-47:

**Beware of the teachers of the law.** They like to walk around in flowing robes and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They **devour widows' houses** and for a show make lengthy prayers.

Thus, while the right to hold and use property for one's own benefit was esteemed and protected in the States for at least some time, it was inevitable that persons of wealth and power, and particularly those who are "experts" in the law, would work to return the entire population to a neo-feudal system, where the elites control all land and labor *de facto*, and devour the people thereby. We know these elites today as the international bankers, whose ilk extends to the multinational corporations, etc., and we know that



In *U.S. Money vs. Corporation Currency*, published in 1912 by Alfred Owen Crozier, the plan for the creation of the Federal Reserve System was depicted as an all encompassing Octopus, designed to devour every aspect of the country to deliver its wealth to the corporations of Wall Street. This aptly depicts the regional governance system as well, which will deliver the final control of all land and wealth into the pockets of those same elite who control Wall Street.

their designs extend to the entire world, not just the united States.

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# NINE GROUPS INSTEAD OF THE 48 STATES

By DELBERT CLARK

WASHINGTON.

**T**HERE is a growing sentiment—it is still too inchoate to be termed a movement—among certain members of Congress with advanced social views and a willingness to break with tradition, in favor of drastic change in our form of government to facilitate nation-wide reforms frequently blocked by the very nature of our

## A Proposal for Rebuilding the Structure of Government In Order to Deal With Issues on a National Scale

a hurdle as a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress and a three-fourths vote of the States. The really alarming feature, these men assert, is the fact that in times of genuine emergency, when traditional State sovereignty must be

virtually checkmated by the fact of State sovereignty. The industrial control features of the National Industrial Recovery Act have been repeatedly declared unconstitutional in the inferior Federal courts; the contrived Section 7a, governing

New York—was told by the Supreme Court of the United States that it must not regulate the price of milk within its borders if that milk was produced in another State, since that would constitute an interference with interstate commerce.

for in approving or nullifying legislation, and who are profoundly dissatisfied with the (to them) artificial barriers provided by State lines, is Senator Wagner of New York.

Senator Wagner, himself a lawyer and former justice of a high State tribunal, and sponsor in his Senatorial career of much social reform legislation, believes that adherence to the letter of a document adopted nearly 150 years ago by thirteen seaboard States with few

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## Regionalism as a way to undermine individual liberty

Local government, where the citizens hold the most influence and control over their representatives (since they are closest to them), is the bane of the globalists who want to run a world feudal system with themselves in the planning seat. Global planners view — rightly — that independent States, with Sheriffs as elected executive officers of the counties, are an impediment to elite control of all land, air and water. Their goal, therefore, is to subsume independent local governments into greater “regions” which in turn are subservient to the federal government, which then is subjected to the United Nations or other supranational organizations run by unelected bureaucrats answering to the elite.

The plan for regionalism has long been the dream of globalists, and they always use the same excuse: local governments just can’t effectively deal with the critical issues facing the whole nation or the whole world. Today, these bugaboos include such manufactured issues as environmentalism and terrorism. But back in 1935, editorialist Delbert Clark, writing in the *New York Times Magazine*, laid out the rationale of the establishment planners for the abolishment of the States in an article entitled “Nine Groups Instead of the 48 States”:<sup>1</sup>

There is a growing sentiment ... among *certain members* of Congress with advanced social views and a willingness to break with tradition, in favor of *drastic change in our form of government* to facilitate nation-wide reforms frequently blocked by the very nature of our confederation. Since, obviously, there is political dynamite in any *proposal to abolish States* in so far as they provide a check upon the Federal Government, no one has yet dared to broach publicly the thesis that the abolition would be in the public interest and is, in fact, *a distinct possibility in the some-what distant future*.

... The reasons advanced for such a revolutionary step are on their face sound enough. A study

of our recent legislative history ... reveals clearly that virtually every great national reform movement, economic or social, has brought up short against *constitutional inhibitions against Federal regulation of intrastate matters*.

A Federal income tax could not be imposed until the long, tedious process of amending the Constitution had been carried through. A National prohibition law could not be obtained without amendment of the Constitution. Equal suffrage for women had to go the same route; there is pending a constitutional amendment to permit the abolition, on a national scale, of child labor. None of these measures, good or bad, could be adopted without *altering our basic law* [the Constitution], and ... none of them could be nullified without going through the same process in reverse.

The really alarming feature, *these men assert*, is the fact that in times of genuine emergency, *when traditional State sovereignty must be forgotten for the common welfare*, emergency acts of the Federal Government can be effectively nullified by the fact that *there exist State lines which cannot be crossed by that great national policeman*.

The time has come ... when we should realize that the functions of the Federal Government have become much more than those of a peace officer, when the progressive welding of forty-eight States into one nation calls for recognition, through *revision* of what has become a *cumbersome instrument of government*. This talk has arisen largely under the New Deal, which has brought to the fore urgent national problems that can be met only on a national scale; proposed remedies are often virtually *checkmated by the fact of State sovereignty*.

## Skirting the pesky constitutions

Delbert complained that the “inferior Federal courts” had held many aspects of New Deal legislation unconstitutional, including such items as regulation of national lumber and oil resources. The “attacks on the constitutionality” of the federal programs were so numerous that “New Deal administra-

1. The sheer effrontery of the article is amazing, and it ought to be read carefully in its entirety, since it is precisely the rationale of the elitists today. Find it at <http://www.sweetliberty.org/nytm1935.htm#V9Hc9DVkZv0>

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tors go about these days with their fingers habitually crossed.” He called the State lines “*artificial barriers* ... barriers in the path of *social advancement*.” (Today, the politically correct term is “*social justice*.”) The reason those barriers exist, however, is due to “adherence to the letter of a document adopted nearly 150 years ago by thirteen seaboard States, with few of our present problems.”

The 1935 editorial suggests the constitution be weakened by treating it as a living document, *i.e.*, using judicial opinions to reinterpret its provisions. This method has now been carried out during the two full generations since then. Through the incremental installment of federal judges instructed in how to “interpret” the Constitution to avoid adherence “to

## THE LONG-PLANNED IMMIGRATION EXPLOSION?

In October, 1970, a two-week seminar sponsored by the United Nations took place in Moscow, U.S.S.R. on the “building industry.” Jo Hindman, former west coast editor for the magazine *American Mercury*, writing in 1974, described some of the events:

Attending from the United States and speaking for HUD was Mr. Harold B. Finger, assistant secretary for research and technology. HUD (Housing and Urban Development Dept.) revealed some mysterious facts. ...

U.S.A. population increased about one percent per year (normal) during the past ten years: based on 1960, 179,323,175; to 1970, 204,765,770.

How then does HUD justify its prediction that by 2000 A.D., 27 years hence, population in the United States may reach 320 million individuals? The one percent average increase simply won't stretch to that amount in the period stated, especially now that the birth rate trend is downward, due in part to the birth control pill. [Editor's note: not to mention abortions, which from 1973 to 2011 alone represented 53 million lives lost].

If HUD does expect to build a housing inventory for 320 million people, the agency is basing its prediction on facts unknown to the rest of us – perhaps **unrestricted immigration from the rest of the world**.

Hindman's insight, written in her book *The Metrocrats* (1974) appears prophetic now, as we see immigrants being forced upon the American populace in ever increasing numbers. For example, Census Bureau figures in 2015 revealed that from just 2011 to 2015, the immigrant population grew by 4.1 million.

the letter,” we now have *de facto* tyranny of pretended legislation over the internal resources and people of America.<sup>2</sup>

Nevertheless, the “artificial barriers” of the States must be dealt with, since the States could still be an impediment to the globalists' plans. So the planners, via initiatives funded by the Rockefeller and Carnegie foundations, took to propagating movements to revise State Constitutions. But when newly revised constitutions were put to state voters, they were defeated: in 1966 in Kentucky, in 1967 in New York; in 1968 in Rhode Island and Maryland. In the face of such defeats, the elitists regrouped and implemented many of the changes desired by piecemeal constitutional amendments, or by unconstitutional State legislation.

## Top-down architecture of regional government

In 1959, Public Law 86-380 created ACIR, the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, which existed until 1996. This “commission” actually brought the Rockefeller-Carnegie funded 1313 Syndicate inside the federal government structure (see last page). Congress and the executive branch collaborated with and furthered this conspiracy to erase State and local boundaries and establish one-world government; now federal power has grown so great the ACIR would be redundant.

In 1972, by Executive Order 11647, President Nixon established ten Federal Regional Councils. The Councils' function is ostensibly to assist state and local governments by coordinating federal grants and developing ways to deliver federal benefits. In other words, the Councils work to defeat local government control over resources and people by giving back “grants” – funds from federal taxes often unconstitutionally stolen from individuals, and new fiat currency unconstitutionally created by the Federal Re-

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# WHAT IS THE 1313 SYNDICATE?

In 1938, Hal Hazelrigg, writing for *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, remarked on the “concerted effort among public officials to improve the administrative process.” At that time, there were already 133 “professional organizations of public officials” in the country, with a “special group” of executive administrators from cities and states. Of this group, 17 had recently moved into a building at 1313 E. 60th Street in Chicago. There, a plan which took nine years to come to fruition drew these “secretariats” under one roof.

Initial funding was provided by the tax-exempt Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial (funded by the Rockefeller Foundation). The *Spelman Fund Annual Report* of 1947-1948 stated its major responsibility was to cooperate with public bodies for the “**improvement of public administration**” and added “An agency known as the Public Administration Clearing House was set up... Endorsement ... came from the National Municipal League, the American Municipal Association, etc....” Further financing for “1313” was provided by the Carnegie Corporation, the Julius Rosenwald (Sears Roebuck & Company) Fund, the Russell Sage Foundation, and the Ford Foundation.



By 1963, 22 organizations were headquartered at 1313, including the American Public Welfare Association,

the Council of State Governments, the American Society of Planning Officials, National Association of Attorneys General, the National Legislative Conference, etc. Eventually, many of these organizations left for Washington, D.C. or elsewhere; by the mid-1990s only the American Planning Association remained.

But the administrative organization hydra continues; it works to continuously spew out model legislation, administrative rules, propaganda — all designed for the takeover of American constitutional government by regional governance of unelected bureaucrats who consider themselves experts in legal, managerial, technical, and scientific factors, and therefore, suited to govern others.



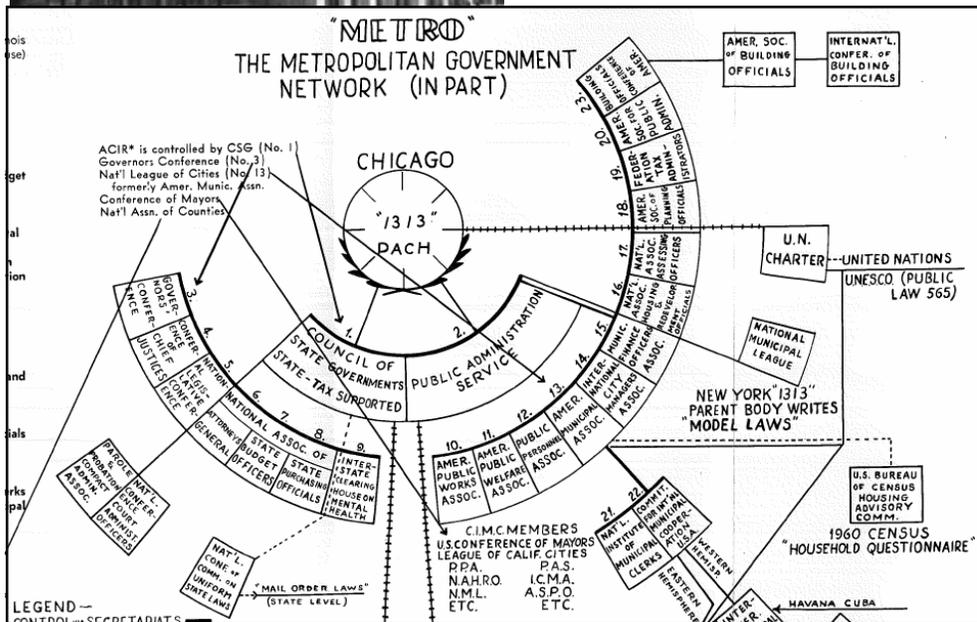
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serve. These grants are only disbursed if local governments meet conditions set by federal planners, and they are usually given on a regional basis, requiring local governments to cooperate in the federal design in order to receive the money. This is generally referred to as “joint and complementary federal grant applications by local and state governments.”

See how this works? The fundamental threat of the regional council program could well be stated as: “You get money back from the feds only if you work together to give the feds control of everything under your jurisdiction.” In other words, change local ordinances to fit the feds’ wishes.

In 1981, by Executive Order 12314, President Reagan “restructured” the Federal Regional Councils, “in order to establish interagency coordinating groups structured to respond to opportunities for promoting Federal policies and to support interagency and inter-governmental cooperation.” It is clear that this mechanism, whatever it is now called, is still working to replace local “policies,” i.e., remaining freedoms, with federal “policies,” i.e., serfdom.

Still, local governments such as counties and cities can resist regional government, and so the individuals within those governments must be brought to heel as well. This is the impetus for the drive to charter government at the city and county level, and the charter movement has been, in one form or another, underway for at least a century. In this movement, elected officials literally vote away Constitutional protections, their jobs, and their freedom, and their people go down with them. In a future issue, we will address the charter government movement and why it must be resisted. Stay tuned.



A portion of the “MetroChart” developed in 1972 by Jo Hindman, showing the interconnectedness of all planned administrative organizations in the United States, with the “1313 Syndicate,” officially known as the “Public Administrative Clearing House,” at the hub. Between 17 and 22 administrative associations were housed at 1313 E. 60th Street (pictured above) from 1938 through the 1980s.