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INTERPOL LEADER RIGHT ON ARMED CITIZENS

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms concurs with Interpol Secretary General Ronald Noble's suggestion that an armed citizenry is one way to meet the threat of terrorism like the attack on a Nairobi, Kenya shopping mall that claimed sixty-five lives.

"Ask yourself: If that was Denver, Col., if that was Texas, would those guys have been able to spend hours, days, shooting people randomly," Noble asked during remarks at the opening of the 82nd annual gathering of Interpol's governing body in Cartagena, Colombia. "What I'm saying is it makes police around the world question their views on gun control. It makes citizens question their views on gun control. You have to ask yourself, 'Is an armed citizenry more necessary now than it was in the past with an evolving threat of terrorism?' This is something that has to be discussed."

Noble's remarks got a quick reaction from CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb.

"Finally, someone gets it," he observed. "Secretary General Noble is spot-on about armed citizens being able to defend themselves and others in dangerous situations. The right of self-defense is the oldest human right, and in far too many places around the world, that right is shamefully unrecognized.

"In his remarks today, Mr. Noble wondered 'How do you protect soft targets?' In this country, such places are universally designated 'gun-free zones.' These are places consistently targeted by criminals and crazies because they know people will not be able to fight back," he said.

Speaking to reporters, Noble made it clear that the time has come to take a serious look at how they have traditionally dealt with criminal attacks.

"Societies have to think about how they're going to approach the problem," Noble said. "One is to say we want an armed citizenry; you can see the reason for that."

"You make it possible for citizens to fight back," Gottlieb added, "to be the true first responders; to make it so difficult and even deadly for outlaws to succeed that they simply stop trying. We have tried disarmament and all we've gotten is a body count. It is time for the victims to become the victors."

Noble said that there are "really only two choices for protecting open societies" from the kinds of terrorist attacks that occurred at the upscale Nairobi Westgate mall.

More than 65 people were killed attack, gunned down by the terrorists, a Somalia-based group al-Shabab, that is linked to al Qaeda.

Noble told reporters that al Qaeda has called upon its "brothers" to attack other so-called "soft targets" and do that in small groups.

PIERS MORGAN DOESN'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1ST & 2ND

Less than 24 hours after he engaged in a verbal slugfest with CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb, CNN's bombastic anti-gun talk host Piers Morgan demonstrated to the entire nation during an interview on CBS that he doesn't even know which Constitutional amendment protects the right to keep and bear arms.

In reaction, Gottlieb issued a press release recommending that Morgan "should not take himself seriously about guns because nobody else does, either."

Morgan had invited Gottlieb to appear on his evening broadcast to explain the October announcement of "Guns Save Lives Day," initially slated on Dec. 14 but shifted to the following day. December 14 is the first anniversary of the Sandy Hook school shooting in Newtown, Conn.

The two began scrapping almost immediately after the segment started, and at one point, the British commentator referred to Gottlieb as an idiot.

Gottlieb held his own, explaining that "Guns Save Lives Day" – now slated for Bill of Rights Day, Dec. 15 – was created to bring public attention to the fact that firearms are used annually in hundreds of thousands of justifiable self-defense situations, usually without a shot being fired. The outraged Morgan, who has just released a new book questionably titled *Shooting Straight*, repeatedly interrupted and talked over Gottlieb throughout the segment.

In the aftermath, CCRKBA received several hate mails that included veiled threats.

But if Morgan was trying to score points as a superior intellect, he lost them all the next morning when he appeared on CBS *This Morning*, ostensibly to discuss his new book. Instead, he launched a diatribe about gun rights during which he stated, "I have no problem, in a country with so many guns in circulation, with a family exercising their First Amendment (sic) right to defend their families with a handgun at home."

Gottlieb came out swinging.

"Morgan is out hawking his new book *Shooting Straight* and yet he has been missing the target consistently," Gottlieb said. "He doesn't even know that it's the Second Amendment, not the First, which affirms and protects the right to keep and bear arms.

"The First Amendment – and Morgan should know this – protects the right of free speech and the press," he continued. "Maybe Morgan supports the right to talk about guns, but he just doesn't support the right to own one."

Within hours of his gaffe, video of his CBS segment was all over the Internet, and the reaction from gun owners was predictably negative. *Point Blank* saw at least three different YouTube entries.

Gottlieb noted that, despite Morgan's chronic low ratings, "I can't remember the last time I did a show that brought us so many new members or raise so much money in contributions as this one did."

That was confirmed with a flood of mail and telephone calls supporting Gottlieb's appearance. It was among the highest one-week mail volumes in recent memory.

"The most amusing part of that is the fact that the people we've spoken with did not actually watch Morgan's program," Gottlieb said. "They saw the debate on the Internet, and called us to join and make donations."

As a result, Morgan's lagging ratings did not get a boost from Gottlieb's appearance.

"You simply have to love Piers Morgan," Gottlieb observed. "Trying to have a rational conversation with him about guns is like filming a recruiting commercial for the gun rights movement."



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ANTI-GUN OP-ED A 'BAIT-AND-SWITCH'

An Op-Ed in the *Washington Post*, bylined by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, was tagged as a classic case of gun control "bait and switch."

The article cited the shootings at Virginia Tech, the Washington Navy Yard and in Aurora, Colo., Newtown, Ct. and in Tucson, Arizona,, the latter which left Giffords severely wounded and several others dead as good reasons why the nation needs to close the so-called "gun show loophole" by mandating background checks for all private transactions.

But there is a problem with the incidents highlighted by Giffords and Schneiderman, as revealed by staff at the Citizens Committee for

the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

In none of those cases did the gunmen obtain their firearms from gun shows and in all but one case, they passed background checks.

Virginia Tech killer Sueng-Hui Cho bought two guns through licensed storefront shops. Tucson gunman Jared Loughner bought his pistol at a retail outlet as well. Navy Yard killer Aaron Alexis bought his shotgun from a gun shop in Lorton, Va. James Eagan Holmes, the suspected Aurora gunman, purchased his firearms at various stores in Colorado. Sandy Hook murderer Adam Lanza killed his mother and took her legally-purchased firearms from their home.

In addition, CCRKBA Communications Director Dave Workman noted

a couple of other high-profile attacks that did not involve gun shows.

The firearms used in the Wisconsin Sikh Temple incident was purchased by Wade Michael Page at a storefront dealership in West Allis, a Milwaukee suburb. Likewise, Fort Hood gunman Nidal Hasan bought his gun at a store in Killeen, Tex.

However, like Giffords and Schneiderman, other gun control advocates have repeatedly focused their energies on gun shows and the alleged "loophole" that exists under federal law that allows private transactions to occur at such gatherings.

Workman noted, there is scant evidence that gun shows are a key source of firearms carried illegally by criminals, as well.

3RD COLORADO RECALL LAUNCHED, RI STARTS ONE TOO

In the wake of the successful September recalls of two anti-gun Colorado state lawmakers, another has been started.

Gun rights activists in one suburban Denver district, buoyed by the successful recalls of anti-gun Sens. Angela Giron and John Morse over their support of gun control legislation in the state, now have their eyes set on another Democrat senator.

The *Denver Post* reported that voters in the Westminster area were given permission by the state's Secretary of State to begin circulating petitions seeking the recall of Democrat Sen. Evie Hudak. She infuriated voters after making

headlines for her controversial comments towards a rape victim during hearings on those bills during the state's legislative session.

The *Post* reported that the recall organizers need to gather around 19,000 signatures by the beginning of December in order for the recall to be placed on the ballot.

The head of that recall effort told Breitbart News that signature gathering was going well, and among those who had signed were a large number of Democrats.

Meanwhile, in Rhode Island, an effort to oust the majority of one city's council over the gun issue will be on the ballot next month.

The *Providence Journal* reported that

elections officials in the city of Exeter certified signatures on petitions seeking the recall of four out of five members of that city's council. According to the paper, the recalls were sought by pro-gun residents unhappy with a recent council vote that ended local control over the issuance of state concealed carry permits.

Exeter, coincidentally, is the U.S. headquarters for Sig Sauer, the prominent manufacturer of semi-auto handguns and rifles.

If voters recall the four elected officials, those who were defeated by the incumbent council members in the last election would get the seats, according to the paper.

KNIFE AND CIVIL RIGHTS PRESENTED AT GRPC

No Gun Rights Policy Conference would be complete without a report about another “arm” that certainly falls under the Second Amendment.

Doug Ritter with Knife Rights discussed his organization’s legislative victories, which are numerous for a group that is only four years old. It had substantial assistance from the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms during its formative period. He reminded listeners that the Second Amendment is about arms, not just firearms.

“Four years ago, I told you that it was our Second Amendment, too,” he recalled.

He said even some people in the knife industry told him he would not succeed. But in four years his group has passed 12 knife bills in 11 states.

“Persistence pays,” he noted, as he explained that it took time to get bills passed over the past four years.

“Failing to pass legislation only means you come back smarter, and harder the next time around,” he advised.

Ritter recounted the legal problems for knife owners in New York City, where the district attorney has been on something of a mission to prosecute people for knife violations. He said thousands of people have

been arrested on bogus knife charges.

The Rev. Anthony Winfield, chaplain at New York City’s Elmhurst Hospital, discussed his personal history of getting involved in the gun rights movement.

He has educated people about the racist roots of gun control, and how registration lists have been used against gun owners.

Winfield also recalled an incident in which he used a pistol to deter a criminal by striking him in the head with it.

He found that the many people “had an agenda” and that the truth doesn’t matter to them.

CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

The United Nations General Assembly passed the Arms Trade Treaty on April 2nd on a 154-3 vote. On Sept. 25, Secretary of State John Kerry signed the treaty for the United States.

In addition to the advisory vote prohibiting funding for treaty enforcement taken in the U.S. Senate on March 23rd (the Imhofe Amendment), in mid-October both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives have sent concurrent letters to the President opposing treaty ratification and asking him to take no enforcement action on the treaty nor ask for ratification. The House letter went on to say that they oppose any funding needed to support treaty enforcement.

The Senate letter was signed by a bipartisan mix of 50 Senators (a 2/3 vote of those Senators present is required for ratification). A total of 181 House members from both parties signed the House letter.

Links to the letters, and names of the individuals who signed the letters, are available at <http://www.ccrkba.org>

In addition, four other Democrat Senators have sent a separate letter to President Obama and Secretary Kerry warning that the treaty will not be ratified. Those senators are Jon Tester and Max Baucus of Montana, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Joe Donnelly of Indiana. The four stated in their letter that “because of unaddressed concerns that this Treaty’s obligations could undermine our nation’s sovereignty and the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Americans, we would oppose the Treaty if it were to come before the U.S. Senate.”

Now is the time to contact your two U.S. Senators and your Representative and thank them for signing the letters if their names appear on the letters, or ask them to sign and oppose this treaty.

Contact information for your Senators and Representatives may be found at www.senate.gov and at www.house.gov or at www.ccrkba.org using the links at “Contact your Representative” or “Contact your Senator” in the left margin.

CCRKBA LEADERS ADDRESS GUN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Barack Obama's slick appeal and Michael Bloomberg's millions of dollars pose considerable threats to American gun owners, according to leaders of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, speaking at the 28th annual Gun Rights Policy Conference in Houston, Tex.

CCRKBA jointly sponsors the conference with the Second Amendment Foundation. This year's event was loaded with speakers, including CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb, who cautioned that the road ahead "is going to look more like a Civil War battlefield than a paved highway."

If it isn't President Obama making moves to erode Second Amendment rights, it's Bloomberg trying to buy them away via campaign contributions and support funding for anti-gun organizations. That was the recurring theme throughout the weekend conference.

Gottlieb acknowledged that there will be continued assaults on firearms civil rights at the federal level. He warned the audience that "our opponents are extremely well funded" and that they will out-spend gun owner lobbying organizations.

Mark Barnes, president of Mark Barnes Associates in Washington, D.C., which works with CCRKBA on various projects, noted that Bloomberg has contributed more than \$200 million to Johns Hopkins University "to establish, in my opinion, the world's largest anti-gun think tank."

The university apparently plans to hire up to 40 professors "to strategize, research and write on firearms ownership," Barnes said.

With that kind of academic activity, he cautioned, "it's extraordinarily

serious."

The effort to counter this at the grassroots level will require that gun owners "give back in kind" to wage a well-financed counter offensive, Barnes contended.

Later in the conference, Dr. Timothy Wheeler, director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of the Second Amendment Foundation, confirmed what Barnes said and put it even more bluntly.

"Bloomberg has bought himself a school of public health research at Johns Hopkins," Dr. Wheeler asserted.

He said anti-gun researches habitually consider that "any research that doesn't agree with them doesn't exist."

For example, he suggested these anti-gun academics had either dismissed or attempted to refute such research as that done by Prof. John Lott, who was also at the conference. Lott, according to Wheeler, had not even been invited to a conference of medical professionals discussing firearms research.

Wheeler further criticized agenda-driven researchers for making "character attacks" on gun owners and for essentially dismissing the right to keep and bear arms.

During the conference, Gottlieb also made a presentation about the 2014 elections. He said there are five specific things to watch as the election draws near, and gun rights is not one of them. He listed the president's approval rating, consumer confidence, Obamacare, Democrat and Republican favorability ratings, and the Congressional ballot test.

If the president's ratings are down, Democrats will do poorly. If the

economy is weak, Republicans could gain ground. If Obamacare troubles continue, Democrats will be adversely affected, Gottlieb suggested. Depending upon which party has higher favorability ratings in 2014, that will also help determine who controls Congress. Lastly, how well Republicans do on ballot testing will signal which way the elections will go.

Gun owners, Gottlieb noted, will have a significant influence on the elections even though guns are not a central issue, with perhaps some exceptions, in Washington and California.

CCRKBA Legislative Director Joe Waldron recalled what happened after the Columbine High School attack in 1999, where gun control passed in the Senate but stalled in the House because there was no agreement on background checks.

"Our strength is grassroots," Waldron said, "but we have to get out there...Get your friends out, your families out."

Waldron noted that former Congresswoman Gabrielle "Gabby" Giffords and her husband, Mark Kelly, formed a new organization Americans for Responsible Solutions. They have amassed more than \$6 million.

CCRKBA Communications Director Dave Workman discussed Mayor Bloomberg and said that the billionaire mayor believes he can buy public policy and peoples' votes, but those things are not for sale. He also cautioned the audience that Bloomberg's current attempts to influence gun policy in other states should be a warning that he will eventually try to tell Texans how to live as well.

MORAN EARNS 'DEFENDER' RECOGNITION

When Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran led a bipartisan group of his colleagues in the Senate to remind President Obama that the controversial United Nations Arms Trade Treaty would not be welcome on Capitol Hill, he was being true to form.

It was Moran who, in early 2012, introduced legislation to protect Second Amendment rights from the U.N. gun control effort.

When the letter was sent with the names of 50 senators, Moran noted, "The Administration's recent signing of the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty was a direct dismissal of the bipartisan Senate majority that rejects this treaty. Throughout this process, it has been disturbing to watch the Administration reverse U.S. policies, abandon its own 'red line' negotiation principles, admit publicly the treaty's dangerous ambiguity, and hastily review the

final treaty text...The Senate will overwhelmingly oppose ratification, and will not be bound by the treaty."

The Moran-led group inspired four more senators, all Democrats, to send their own letter to the president. That letter also made it clear that the Arms Trade Treaty, signed in September by Secretary of State John Kerry, could not garner a required two-thirds majority vote to ratify if a vote were held before the entire senate.

Sen. Moran's Second Amendment Sovereignty Act unveiled in March 2012 was a warning to the Obama administration against attempting to influence Arms Trade Treaty negotiations that might restrict the Second Amendment rights of U.S. citizens. But the president instead cranked up his support for the treaty.

"Senator Moran has been on point for American gun owners and the Second Amendment over this treaty

since he was elected to the Senate," CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb noted. "Jerry Moran 'walks the walk'."

Sen. Moran first served in the U.S. House of Representatives prior to his 2010 election to the Senate.

When Kerry signed the treaty, Moran was quick to draw a line in the sand. He noted then that signing the treaty was "a direct dismissal of the bipartisan Senate majority that rejects this treaty."

"Throughout this process," he stated, "it has been disturbing to watch the Administration reverse U.S. policies, abandon its own 'red line' negotiation principles, admit publicly the treaty's dangerous ambiguity, and hastily review the final treaty text. It is regretful that the Administration has nonetheless continued to press forward and sign the treaty..."

FUND TELLS GRPC THAT CAPITOL IS 'ALIEN PLANET'

One highlight of this year's Gun Rights Policy Conference was an appearance by veteran political writer John Fund, who wasted no time connecting with his audience by calling Washington, D.C. an "anti-gun alien planet."

Fund walked away with the 2013 Bill of Rights Award for his volume of work.

The national affairs columnist for National Review Online and a senior editor at *The American Spectator*, Fund is a frequent guest on Fox News and formerly wrote for the *Wall Street*

Journal, serving on that newspaper's editorial board from 1995 to 2001.

He described the nation's capital city as very "social," with a population of "social engineers, socialites and socialists."

"They hate people from the hinterlands who come to challenge their power," he observed.

Fund also said Connecticut, with the fifth toughest gun laws in the country that did not stop Sandy Hook gunman Adam Lanza, also is one of only six states that have not adopted an outpatient treatment program for

mental health.

He said at least two-thirds of mass shooters have demonstrated mental illness, and that people who are not treated for their illnesses could be "ticking time bombs."

"It would be more effective if we focused on the people at the center of these tragedies rather than the instrument with which they commit their evil deeds," Fund said.

Fund has also been published in *Esquire*, *Reason*, *National Review* and *The New Republic*. He has appeared at past GRPCs as well.



QUICK SHOTS

Concealed carry is on the rise in Utah, especially among those from out of state, according to a report in the *Provo Daily Herald*.

The newspaper revealed that state officials had announced that Beehive State was on pace to print 57,000 more state concealed carry licenses that they did in 2012, for a total of over 138,000 this year.

The paper also reported the state indicated that the majority of the permit applications are coming from non-residents of Utah, largely due to reciprocity; according to the *Daily Herald*, 35 other states recognize Utah CCW permits.



New Hampshire's *Concord Monitor* reported that more than a dozen proposals concerning gun control are being looked at, including ones banning assault weapons, large-capacity clips and strengthening background checks.

However, according to the paper, with it being an election year, chances that many of these proposals go anywhere may be questionable at best.

Still, though, with discussion over the state budget now done, the paper reports that gun control is now front and center due to the large number of proposed bills that could be on their way.



The *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* reported state Rep. Pat Garofalo sent a letter to state stadium officials

asking for further information on a use agreement for a new ballpark for the Minnesota Vikings football team that will replace the Metrodome in Minneapolis. As part of the new agreement, the paper reports on its website that the new rules would ban gun shops or firearms exhibitors from using the stadium, possibly resulting in the exclusion of outdoor-related trade shows or expositions from the facility.

The lawmaker told the paper the rules in question were not part of the agreement which allowed for the Metrodome to be built in the early 1980s.



PennLive.com reported that public meetings are set to be held all over the state, giving gun owners and other residents a chance to offer their support or opposition to the proposed regulations, which the website reports would allow gun owners limited rights to carry on college campuses, mostly outdoors.

According to PennLive, the new rules are expected to take place by the start of the 2014-15 academic year, and would apply only to public colleges and universities in the state.



The *Lansing State Journal* in Michigan reported the three bills would allow state prison officers, retired federal law enforcement and prosecutors, among others, the right to carry concealed firearms in areas

where it is not currently allowed in the state, such as schools, hospitals and churches. However, noted state gun rights activist Phil Hofmeister announced his opposition to the new bills.

The *State Journal* reported the bills appear to be in position to pass, but may be amended before that occurs.



The Associated Press reported that gun rights supporters took their cause to the Alamo in San Antonio, and the controversy resulted from the rally having broken a longstanding tradition against citizen protests at the historical site.

The protest was permitted by Texas' state lands commissioner, who according to the AP is pro-gun; the Alamo is now managed by the state after having been maintained privately.

Hundreds of gun owners turned out for the event, which was attended by the San Antonio police chief.



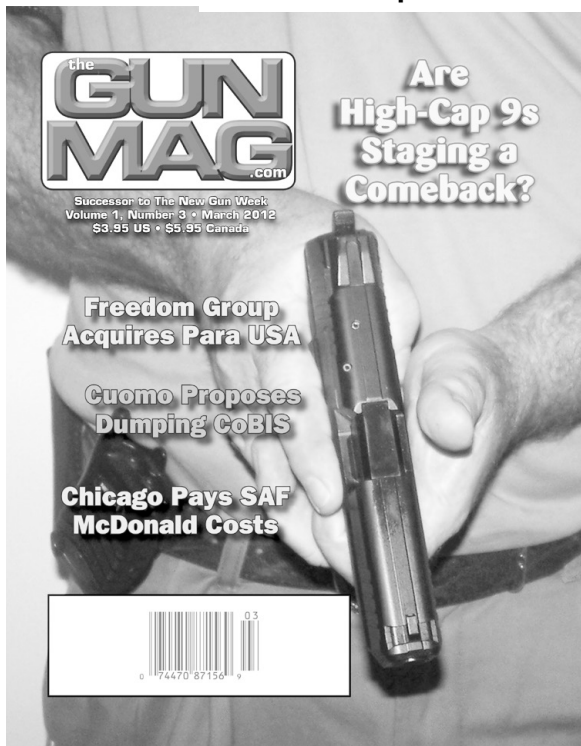
In Nebraska KLKN-TV reported that proponents of a pro-gun initiative need to gather 95,000 signatures to have it placed on next year's general election ballot.

The proposal calls for the state to not recognize any new federal gun control laws enacted after July 1 last year. KLKN reports the initiative is based off a legislative bill that did not make it out of committee during this session.

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