



General Council Finalizes Move Toward Interim Government

by Steven De La Hoya

In a move that brings the Republic of Texas closer to a permanent constitutional government, the General Council of the Republic of Texas voted, on May 24, to adopt a new Plans & Powers of the Interim Government, to be sent to the Delegate's Convention in June.

President of the Provisional Government, Daniel Miller stated, "This is the next logical step to give us better representation throughout Texas, give us better organization for taking care of issues that arise, and give us the necessary infrastructure to make Texas independence a reality."

The document divides the three major functions of national government, currently held by the General Council, into three separate divisions. In the Interim phase, the government will have a National Congress, an Administrative/Executive division and a Judiciary.

This move is not without its detractors. An unnamed delegate to the convention, who was in attendance at the Council meeting, stated: "This is all just a big power grab. I was made a permanent delegate and now I have to be voted in by the people of my county?"

Echoing the seemingly prevailing sentiment of the delegates, District 22 Delegate David Banner replied, "We must get more representation. We cannot be afraid to submit ourselves to the will of the people."

In his presentation regarding the document, President

Miller advised, "We must not be afraid of change and growth." Citing the attendance of many new citizens participating as delegates, he went further to say, "The growth and renewal that have come about from the mere idea of this document show the power of what we are proposing."

In remarks from Vice President Savage, it was noted that the document came from the notes of the Delegates



(From L to R) Acting Secretary of Constitution Perkins & Council Members West, McLeod, Lemelle and Miller listen to remarks from Consul General Kenneth Townsend

Committee prior to its disagreements which resulted in a final decision of the Convention to turn the responsibility of drafting a final document to the Council. Delegates Shirley Nelson, John Forist, Daniel

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Citizens Fight Back Against Dallas Constable

By Vice President Lauren Savage
Dallas County, Republic of Texas

Are two times better than one? Republic of Texas County of Dallas Sheriff, Emmett Enlow was arrested for virtually the same crime twice within days of each other by the SAME constable. The series of events were carefully orchestrated so that Mr. Enlow would be harassed not once, but two times by the CONSTABLE of PRECINCT 5 of the STATE of TEXAS DALLAS COUNTY, CONSTABLE MIKE DUPREE.

Mr. Enlow was arrested on May 16, on orders by DUPREE, for impersonating an officer, at which time Mr. Enlow's Oath of Office and his privately owned ID Card designating him as a Republic of Texas citizen were stolen by DUPREE. DUPREE then attempted to take the automobile which Mr. Enlow was driving into custody, so he could perform an illegal search and seizure. However, the automobile was not owned by Mr. Enlow and the lawful owner refused to allow DUPREE any authority or search of the vehicle.

After being harassed by DUPREE, Mr. Enlow was taken to DALLAS COUNTY JAIL, where within hours the charge of 'impersonating an officer' - at

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REPUBLIC ROUNDUP

Maximum Security for a MISDEMEANOR?

Mark Coker, a Texian National and a Delegate for Conventions has been incarcerated in administrative segregation at a MCLENNAN COUNTY CORRECTIONS FACILITY. He is charged with two misdemeanors.

President Daniel Miller and Vice President Lauren Savage remained in Temple, Texas on Saturday night after the Council Meeting for the express purpose of going to Waco to find out about this Texian National. They arrived there on Sunday afternoon during the Memorial Day weekend. All visitations were closed due to the holidays, but President Miller and Vice President Savage were allowed to enter and visit our citizen. They reported that the officers at that jail were very respectful and kind towards them, not even putting them through the usual security checks, and escorted them to the right place to see Mr. Coker.

Mark Coker has been held 30+ days at this jail on two misdemeanor charges and he cannot even get a trial date set. He has been going hungry, by bartering off his food to get any supplies he needs. The Acordada Project has rounded up some funds and sent them to his account there.

Mr. Coker was offered a personal recognizance bond, at first. He asked the judge if his signature for the bond, would surrender jurisdiction. The judge would not answer and had him sent back to jail. He did not refuse to sign, but asked a question.

Prior to his arrest, Mr. Coker caught a policeman going through his mail, in his mailbox. He filed criminal charges with the Post Office against the officer. One wonders if the treatment he is receiving is 'punishment' for his filing of that charge.

The issues on the misdemeanors are not matters which the government of the Republic of Texas, as a nation, can address.

However, Mr. Coker stated that he was a Republic of Texas citizen before the

court. This may also play into account of why he is placed in administrative segregation. His defending his Texian National status before that court, makes him officially a political prisoner.

Once again this case is bewildering. No one has been able to find out why he cannot get released or why they will not set a trial date.

President Miller stated upon leaving the jail, that leaving Mark behind was one of the hardest things he's ever had to do, knowing Mark was hungry, and the system there would not allow them to immediately deposit funds to his account.

This case again is one that points to the necessary structure which the Republic of Texas government needs, so that no one falls through the cracks.

Texas Independence Rally Comes To DFW

The Texas Independence Tour - 2003 will be holding it's kickoff event in

Arlington on Saturday, July 26. It will be held at the Knights Inn Hotel on 700 E. Lamar.

The event will start at 10:00am with two meeting rooms holding simultaneous educational events. The first room will be host to a multimedia presentation of the fundamentals of the Republic of Texas and Texas independence. The other room will host panel discussions on various topics related to freedom and Texas independence. Both room will run from 10:00am and will wrap up around 5pm.

The main event, a rally to celebrate Texas independence, will be held beginning at 6:30pm. The rally will kickoff with a mock trial presentation of "The Case of the Republic of Texas v. United States". The mock trial is an educational experience in the strong case for Texas independence and is a must see. It is interactive and participatory so get ready! Following the mock trial will be a Texas Independence Rally, the likes of which has not been

seen since in recent history. It will feature a preprofessional visual and musical celebration of Texas independence, speeches from leaders of the Texas independence movement as well as citizens involved in the fight for Texas independence. There will be awards given to some outstanding individuals both in and out of the DFW-area.

In addition, there will be free giveaways, free literature, free registration for door prizes, and much more.

At the Texas Independence Celebration in San Antonio there were over 200 attendees. DFW is the second stop on the 10 city tour.

Provisional Government Launches The Acordada Project

President Daniel Miller holds true to his promise. At the Texas Independence Day Rally, Mr. Miller issued a Proclamation designating our national stand on Political Prisoners for the Republic of Texas. In that proclamation, he stated that the political prisoners would be advertised to the public.

To that guarantee, President Miller created the Acordada Project and website dedicated for that purpose of advertising to the world - our political prisoners. The website is Acordada.com. Still in its early stages of growth, you will find a list of known political prisoners whose cases meet the parameters declared in the President's Proclamation.

At the website you can send letters to many amnesty groups, donate funds for the prisoners online, and read letters from the prisoners from time to time.

President Miller needs, volunteers and researchers, to assist in this project and on the website. If you can assist or take on this responsibility, contact President Miller at (888) 802-6352.

FROM THE EDITOR

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the inaugural issue of Texas National Press. This newspaper is meant to be a forum for information related to the movement to restore Texas independence. It is further intended to be a method for the citizens of Texas to receive information about efforts and projects of the government of the Republic of Texas.

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We plan to expand the newspaper over the next few months as our subscriber and advertiser base grows. The next issue will include special sections dedicated to the many facets of the lives of Texian nationals.

Thank you for taking the time to read our paper. I hope you find enlightenment from reading the truth about the Republic of Texas.

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Constable Target Of Citizen Protests

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most a misdemeanor - was dropped by the sheriff's department.

Later, Mr. Enlow was sent to the Irving City Jail, where he was treated with respect by the city there, and was held for outstanding traffic violations. Mr. Enlow said these had been discharged, but the city had no record of it. Texians Nationals in the Dallas area pooled funds to get Mr. Enlow's alleged fines paid and out of jail.

Then on Monday morning, three days later, May 20th, DUPREE arrived with 20 typical jack-booted-thug-types, to once again arrest Emmett Enlow. This time for 'impersonating a public servant,' which is a Felony charge in the STATE DEFACTO SYSTEM. There was presumably an arrest warrant, signed by a judge, based on information from the same CONSTABLE DUPREE. Once again, Mr. Enlow was sent to DALLAS COUNTY JAIL at the bequest of DUPREE.

Information was received a day later that the District Attorney was considering NOT filing the case. This would make the arrest a frivolous arrest? Getting information about the case was difficult, since no one seem to know why they continued to hold Mr. Enlow. Evidently, CONSTABLE DUPREE had him being held on a so-called probation violation, which at this time the details surrounding this are unclear. We still have not found out 'for sure' whether the charge of 'impersonating a public official' was

dropped or not.

DUPREE also charged Mr. Enlow with a 'fictitious plate' - a charge that may still have to be heard. We expect that Mr. Enlow will demand proof from DUPREE that a plate is a fiction. We can prove that DUPREE is a fiction operating in a corporate fiction, can he?

Information from friends in the National Government was received which points to a complaint and crime committed by CONSTABLE DUPREE, which he and



"Constable" Mike Dupree

some of his deputy-constables have covered up for more than a year. Once again, this was the proof that we citizens of the Republic need to once again show the world, WHY, the Republic of Texas must be re-established. To rid the people and our land of criminals running our

governments from the dog catcher on up.

Mr. Enlow is recognized and approved by the Republic of Texas citizens in the County of Dallas of the Republic of Texas, as their sheriff in matters related to the Texian Nationals of that county. At no time did he ever attempt to present himself as a STATE OF TEXAS DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF. At no time did Mr. Enlow ever attempt to persuade or try to exert authority over any UNITED STATES CITIZEN. Mr. Enlow's authority begins and ends with the Texian Nationals of the Republic County of Dallas. His duties only entail matters that concern people that have given that authority to him. The Republic of Texas, County of Dallas Sheriff, has no jurisdiction or authority over the UNITED STATES CITIZENS. By the letter of the STATE OF TEXAS law, Mr. Enlow is innocent of the charges of impersonating a police officer or impersonating a public servant. He is a public servant to those Texian Nationals in the Republic of Texas only. Further, he is not guilty of covering up his own crimes against his own people, as was the HARRASING CONSTABLE DUPREE.

Now the ball is in their own courts to prove that the CONSTABLE had the authority to do what he did. If the District Attorney decides not to file the charge, then was it a false arrest and imprisonment? There were 20 officers involved in the 2nd arrest, bring up the question of how much collusion went into

a false accusation and false arrest? How many of Mr. Enlow's rights, which are virtually the same in the STATE and the Republic of Texas were violated. Now we know there are many unilateral contracts which the people are not a party to. However, the STATE and the FEDS are parties to those contracts and they must abide by them, including payment for damages to Mr. Enlow. Mr. Enlow's case brought up many problems needing to be addressed within the Republic of Texas. There is no structure in place for our citizens to cry out for help when they are being harassed by the STATE OF TEXAS.

This kind of situation is addressed in the proposed Plans and Powers. Some of our own people go to these jails for matters involving the Republic of Texas, and the Council is unaware of their situation. Mr. Enlow's case is one that definitely involved the Republic of Texas as a nation, and needed to be addressed from that point of view, even in their courts. It also entailed other matters that were NOT of issues that we can address from our position of being a nation.

Mr. Enlow was finally released on May 30th by a Probation Judge on Personal Recognizance. We are still trying to track down the mysterious other charges. A sincere note of thanks to those at the Lou Sterrett Justice Center that treated Mr. Enlow with the honor and respect of a political prisoner. In this particular case, Mr. Enlow was indeed a political prisoner, for he had broken none of God's laws or even their laws. His crime, was representing the Republic of Texas.

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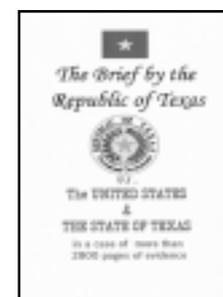
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Preamble

We, the people of the Republic of Texas by the grace and beneficence of Creator God, do ordain and reestablish our nation's lawful position among the sovereign nations of the earth in accordance with common law and the Law of Nations, and by these articles do reestablish the government of the Republic of Texas in this its Interim mode. This action formally dissolves the military rule that has existed over Texas since 1865.

Creed

The people of the Republic of Texas shall promote freedom, peace, friendship, and respect for all cultures and religions as private and sacred to all peoples. It is to that end that we and our posterity are now committed.

Article I

Authority

In accordance with the Laws of Nations, common law, by the actions perfected by the political body known as The Davis Mountains Land Commission and culminating into the political body of the delegates in convention held at Bulverde, Texas, December 13, 1995, declaring and reclaiming the sovereign ability and right of the Texian Nationals have brought about the re-constitution of lawful *de jure* government of this nation. It is to that perfection that this Interim Government is hereby instituted, to serve until a proper constitutional convention is convened and a fully operational government, duly elected by the people of the Republic of Texas, is in place.

Article 2

Foundation

The Interim Government of the Republic of Texas as established by the Texians' Declaration of Independence of March 29, 2003, hereby adopts as the basis of its foundation, the will of the People in their inherent right to alter, abolish, or reform their government as expressed in the Plans and Powers of the Provisional Government of Texas of November 13, 1835; Plans and Powers of the Provisional Government of Texas of December 13, 1995, as amended through 2002, Declaration of Independence of March 2, 1836; the Constitution of the Republic of Texas, done March 17, 1836; the Constitutions of Texas (1845, 1861, 1865,

1869, 1876), the Laws of the Republic of Texas 1836-1845, and the Common Law of Texas.

Purpose

The Interim Government shall exist to accomplish Independence for the Republic of Texas. It will be a government by the people and for the people of the Republic of Texas, setting an example to the world of our intentions, our capability of self-governance, and our fortitude and resolve.

Declaration

The people of the Republic of Texas, through the Interim Government, declare our intent to guard our right to self-determination and hereby recognize the right of self-determination for all nations and peoples. We further declare our adherence to God-given and inherent human rights, adherence to the principles of rejection of totalitarianism and intolerance, and protection of our natural environment. The Republic of Texas shall remain dedicated to freedom and equality for all people in all walks of life.

Article 3

Boundaries of the Nation

By the previous acts of the Republic of Texas, supported by treaties, claims, customs and common law, the Interim Government of the Republic of Texas shall not extend any boundaries past those which are the original Republic of Texas boundaries, as described in treaties and other confirming documents from 1819 through 1844.

Article 4

Creation of Government

The Interim Government of the Republic of Texas created by this action will consist of three political bodies, being an executive branch, a judicial branch, and a legislative branch. The duties and responsibilities of the judicial and executive branches are primarily at Article 6 and the legislative duties are addressed primarily in Article 5 and Article 10.

The Executive Department includes a President and Vice-President. These are to be elected at-large by the people of the Republic of Texas, after a lawfully elected General Assembly is seated and upon completion of two years of session of the newly constituted General Assembly.

Following this stipulation the offices are to be open for election every two years.

The Interim Government of Texas shall consist of a Legislative body sitting as the General Assembly of the Interim Government of the Republic of Texas. Members to the General Assembly are to be elected at large by the people of each County after half plus one of the counties of Texas have elected representatives to the General Assembly and the Assembly shall begin its 1st one year session. The assembly members' positions are open for election every two years.

The Interim Government of Texas shall consist of a Judiciary consisting of three Judicial Officers, who are learned in the law, and who may sit as a tribunal in cases of admiralty, maritime, military and treaty law, but shall have no jurisdiction over private affairs of the Citizens of the Republic of Texas. The Secretary of Judicial Affairs shall appoint the three Judicial Officers subject to the approval of the President and the rules of confirmation of the General Assembly.

Article 5

Powers of the General Assembly

Section 1. The General Assembly shall devise ways and means to assist the Executive Department in the discharge of duties. The General Assembly shall pass no law having effect on the people except as required in case of national emergency.

Section 2. The following positions, in order of emergency succession, temporary or permanent succession, shall comprise the President, Vice-President, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Judicial Affairs, Treasurer, Speaker of the Assembly. The General Assembly shall determine the succession of authority beyond this section, to facilitate any national emergency.

Section 3. The practical formation of the General Assembly of the Interim Government of the Republic of Texas shall be covered in depth at Article 10 of this document.

Article 6

Duties and Responsibilities of Offices

Section 1. The officers of the Republic of Texas shall be governed by this document and subsequent attachments, in accordance with the common law.

Section 2. The President shall be the chief executive and chief spokesman for the Republic of Texas. The President is responsible for all matters which represent the Republic of Texas and its Interim Government before the public, the media and the world. The President is directed to formulate and implement plans which enlists and encompasses each and every Texian on the soils of Texas for the purpose of giving the power of government back to the people of Texas, through the re-establishment of the Republic of Texas, and by whatever methods, media, campaigns, etc. which he deems expedient and necessary. The President is the executive in charge and responsible to see the functions of this document are carried out to the fullest degree possible.

2a. The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Assembly, a Secretary of Foreign Affairs who shall be responsible for the issuance of passports. He shall serve as liaison to foreign nations and shall appoint and direct ambassadors and consuls of the Republic, subject to the approval of the President.

The Secretary of Foreign Affairs will also serve in the position of top legal officer involving foreign affairs of the Republic and in protection of the Citizens of the Republic wherever possible in foreign lands and when directed by the President shall consider the State of Texas and the United States unlawful jurisdiction on the land of Texas as foreign affairs. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs will represent the legal affairs of the Republic on international cases for the Republic of Texas and any action deemed necessary involving the Republic of Texas in a foreign court, in actions for protection of the Republic of Texas and Citizens of the Republic.

2b. The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Assembly, a Secretary of the Government who shall serve as archivist for the Interim Government. He shall maintain a duplicate repository of information and documentation for the offices of the General Assembly. The Secretary of the Government will serve as the national elections officer, certify winners of all national elections, administer official oaths of office and record and attest to the same.

2c. The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Assembly, a Secretary of Defense who shall serve as liaison to all commanders of militias, army,

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Government of the Republic of Texas

and navy. He shall be responsible for the design and implementation of programs to facilitate the organization and preparation of the defense forces of the Republic of Texas. He shall answer directly to the President and to the General Assembly. During the Interim Government phase only, and only upon the direction of the President, he shall assist, coordinate efforts, and aid in establishing county sheriffs, the Rangers, constables, bailiffs, city marshals and peace officers.

2d. The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Assembly, a Secretary of the Judicial Affairs who shall be responsible for formulating and instituting a plan which establishes the admiralty, maritime, military court of the Republic of Texas and shall appoint three members learned in the law to this tribunal as stated previously. This court shall be known and styled as the Government Court of the Republic of Texas. It shall have no jurisdiction for any cause at common law, unless expressly granted elsewhere within this document.

The Secretary shall formulate a plan which establishes a fair, just common law court of appeals for common law civil and common law criminal cases. The plan submitted will be approved by the General Assembly before its implementation.

The Secretary shall formulate plans under common law for the regular call of grand juries within the national scope and the county level. The plan shall be submitted and approved by the General Assembly before implementation.

The Secretary shall appoint, with the approval of the President and the advice and consent of the Assembly, a Counsel General who shall be the advocate general for the Republic of Texas. The Counsel General will represent the legal affairs of the Republic on domestic affairs within the Republic of Texas jurisdiction, in the common law courts and the Government Court and in all actions for protection of all the People and Citizens of the Republic.

The Secretary of Judicial Affairs shall appoint a Secretary of Constitution, subject to approval by the President and confirmation by the Assembly. The Secretary of Constitution will formulate a plan to be approved by the General Assembly for the creation of a constitutional convention for the Republic of Texas.

2e. The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Assembly, a

Secretary of the Interior who shall be responsible for the formulation of programs and plans to facilitate the privatization of Texas public lands, to assist in restoring local government and educational control to the people of Texas, to encourage the introduction of new products and technologies to advance and expand Texas industries and agriculture, establish post offices, and promulgate plans for emergencies and survivability subject to the approval of the President. The Secretary of the Interior shall also assist in the formation of and and/or education of establishing county and city governments, based upon the will of the people and common law of Texas; and educate county coordinators, all at the direction of the President.

Under his office he will appoint, subject to the approval of the President and then subject to the confirmation rules of the General Assembly, these Secretaries to assist him in his duties: Secretary of Agriculture, Secretary of Science and Technology, Secretary of Land Centers, Secretary of Privatization, Secretary of Survivability, Secretary of Education, and a Postmaster General.

2f. The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Assembly, a Treasurer who shall be responsible for the holding of assets and their disbursements in accordance with common law and this document and will be responsible, for entering into an agreement with any agent for the process of international currency exchange in maintenance of the Lawful Money of the Republic of Texas or any other exchange of foreign nature such as barter. He will be responsible for setting just weights and measures for industry, banking, and monetary uses. He shall be responsible for coordination of private banking in view of facilitating a method of acceptance of private money and guarantee for the safety of lawful money and the faith and credit of the People of the Republic of Texas.

Under the Treasury Department, appointed by the General Assembly shall be the Auditor; who shall be the comptroller of public accounting; and shall provide the Treasurer, the President and the president of the General Assembly with a quarterly accounting of the Treasury, showing all receipts and disbursements.

2g. The President shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Assembly, a Secretary of Commerce and Trade who shall be responsible for developing and expanding Texas industries and services both domestically and internationally with new programs based upon fair trade

practices aimed at making Texas a self-sufficient nation for the benefit of the Republic and its people, all under the lawful money of the Republic of Texas. He shall institute a plan for facilitating trade among the Citizens of the Republic of Texas in lawful money.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall be responsible for setting an agenda, moderating, and coordinating all meetings of the General Assembly. He shall perform the official duties of the President in case of absence or inability of the President. He shall assist, whenever possible, the President in accomplishing the same goals at the direction of the President. The Vice President shall appoint a Secretary of the Assembly, who shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records of the Assembly and upon final passage of any resolution shall present the final document to the Secretary of the Government for archiving and certifying. The Secretary of the Assembly is responsible for delivering resolutions to the President for his approval.

The Speaker of the Assembly shall be the moderator for the Assembly upon request by the Vice President or in the absence of the Vice President.

3a. The Vice President shall appoint a Parliamentarian who shall maintain a set of the rules of the Assembly, which are enacted by the Assembly and shall notify the Vice President or the Speaker of the Assembly by point of order when an infraction occurs.

3b. The Vice President shall appoint a Sergeant of Arms, who upon the order of the Speaker of the Assembly shall act under the Rules of the Assembly to enforce the rules.

3c. The Vice President shall appoint a Secretary of the Assembly, who shall be responsible for the official record keeping of the Assembly.

Article 7

Transition

For the purpose of a smooth transition between the provisional government council to this Interim Government (phase known as ad-interim) the officers of the provisional council shall automatically be assigned to their respective positions in the Interim Government, except that the Council Secretary of Privatization shall be the Secretary of the Interior, the Consul General shall be the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and

the Secretary of State shall be the Secretary of the Government. Appointments made before the Assembly has begun its 1st session shall be subject to the approval methods described without confirmation by the Assembly. The President has the authority to suspend or remove officers, appointees, employees, etc. not elected under this document for cause, subject to review by the Government Court which shall determine whether the suspension or removal was for just cause under common law, by the dictates of this document, by plenary powers, in view of justice and the goals of this Interim Government. The court may rule only upon the suspension or removal and no other issue. Suspension and removal is immediate until the review. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment as soon as possible by the proper officer, subject to the approval methods described, without confirmation by the Assembly, prior to its 1st session. The president may suspend an elected official, pending review by the Government Court. The Government Court ceases this duty regarding elected officials when the General Assembly is seated and takes the responsibility for review of elected officials.

After one half plus one of the counties have elected assembly-persons to the General Assembly, the vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the proper officer, subject to approval method, as an 'Acting' officer, until confirmation by the Assembly.

Existing department plans shall be incorporated into the same or similar offices which are deemed necessary or complimentary for the accomplishment of goals, though not expressly set forth. Pre-existing plans should be filed with the President for documentation.

Every detail concerning the establishment of government, sitting in interim, is not intended to be covered within this document. The rule of law falls under plenary powers to accomplish the goals and responsibilities set forth within. The exercise of plenary powers is subject to the rule of common law.

Since many issues cannot be covered within an interim establishing document, the President shall have the power to create new jobs, offices, and appointments, or delegate that authority to other officers, appointments subject to the President's approval and confirmation by the Assembly. Other issues or responsibilities not included above may be added to

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Interim Document Passed By Council

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Lopez, Jeff Smith and others left their notes and rough drafts behind, and these were used by the council to assemble the proposed Plans and Powers in its present form. Much of the plan was originally set forth in a speech by ex-Councilman R.C. Taylor in a meeting in July of 2002 and President Miller's remarks in College Station in October of the same year.

In researching for the original draft of the document, Vice President Savage ordered many old out of print books related to Texas, its government, and its history. Commented on the research, Vice President Savage stated, "This research on what happened and how it happened in the Provisional Government of 1835-1836

has proven valuable to this process. The mirror of history and the parallels of today are uncanny." In addition he stated, "We have the unique opportunity of not repeating the mistakes

of our ancestors or the mistakes of the various factions in our recent history."

In previous remarks at a Delegates' Convention, he commented "...that history shows the failure of the Republic of Texas Provisional Government, its council and its delegates, in 1835-1836 were the cause and effect which brought about the move towards the independence of Texas and an interim government. We have been fortunate that our Provisional Government did not dissolve as it did in 1836, but evolved intact, to be able to move in this direction."

The adoption process, included in the document, was historically how fundamental documents were adopted in Texas in the 1800's when the people were many miles apart and could not

be notified of the Conventions and Council meetings. Important documents, such as the Texas Declaration of Independence, were taken to every major town, and delegates of that city would adopt or reject the proposal, after the Provisional Government had already adopted the document. One attendee at the meeting commented on this process by saying, "This proves that our ancestors still considered the peoples' approval and authority as paramount."

Vice President Savage also said there has been no 'real' business for the council to respond to in many months. "That worn out structure has fulfilled its primary purpose and it's time to move forward into a new phase." He

commended the council in its unanimous vote to institute interim government for the Texian National citizens. The Vice President went on to say, "This act of the

council to end their own authority, to end their own quasi-legislative ability, and to end their own power is the mark of true and loyal statesmen, who place the Republic of Texas before their own pride and authority. History will show that their love for their nation of Texas was declared by this sacrifice; by handing the power of government back to a full representative body of the people."

President Miller remarked that the council positions and responsibilities under the new phase are managerial duties and job oriented, while the real power is handed back to the people. "We must work hard to complete this interim phase and establish a full representative assembly of representatives of and for the people."

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Treasurer Earl Forester (Center) and Secretary of Privatization Ed Brannum (Right) look on as Vice President Lauren Savage (Left) conducts the meeting.

Treaties Online

The Provisional Government has recently completed posting the treaties that were executed between the Republic of Texas and various nations. The site currently included the treaties that were executed between Texas and Britain, France, the Netherlands, Mexico, the Cherokee and other nations.

You can access it from the updated Document Archive section on the Republic of Texas government website at <http://www.republic-of-texas.net/archives.shtml> or you can request copies from the Secretary of State at (888) 802-6352.



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Texian Nationals Joe and Alicia Gray are still prisoners on their own land. Most people in the Republic of Texas thought the case against the Grays had come to a peaceful resolution, but upon investigation, that is not the case.

President Miller and Vice President Savage visited the Grays and learned they are still prisoners on their land. They were informed that no resolution has been tendered to guarantee their safety if they were to even go to the grocery store.

Supplies are needed for this Texian National family who only stood up for what is right and for the Republic of Texas. Contact the head of the Republic Rangers, Captain Charles Doreck (888-802-6352) if you can donate to this cause. Funds are needed to keep this family safe and in necessary food items.



Joe Gray Talks About His Stand

EDITORIAL

A Citizen's View of Interim Government

by David Banner - District 22 Delegate

I have to admit, before my first reading of the new Plans & Powers of the Interim Government, I was skeptical. However, after my first reading I was a believer in the success of the Republic of Texas again.

You see, I was one of those eager participants that became a declared citizen in early 1996. Things seemed to be going well then. We had a Plans & Powers, a Council, and we were recruiting people by the thousands. Then came late-1996. And then, 1997. In the words of some anonymous Texan, "The wheels fell off the wagon." Those of us who were not in leadership were left asking, "Why?" I was still asking "why". That is, until I read the new Plans & Powers and realized exactly what happened.

The Republic of Texas was founded on the basic principles of freedom and self-determination. These principles are embodied in the statement, "All political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their benefit; and they have at all times the inalienable right to alter their government in such manner as they might think proper." This statement shows that the power fundamentally resides in the hands of the people. They are the final check and the ultimate balance. In 1996, every one of us could quote this, as though we were children memorizing Bible verses for our parents.

The people even used this as the primary principle in the organization of the Provisional Government. However, the Provisional Government became, not only, an embodiment of this principle, but it became the recipient of every frustration that we had against the United States government. As such, the Provisional Government was given a great responsibility, securing the independence of Texas, while being severely restricted. Or so we thought.

In comparison, one only has to look at the original Plans & Powers, in contrast to the Interim document, to see the major problems. There are those that argue that there is no legislative (representative) part of the Provisional Government. However, a simple examination will show that there is not only, a legislative component, but a judicial as well. Follow the common sense. Twelve people come up with an idea. Those twelve people discuss it. Seven of them decided that it's a good idea. Then those twelve people are responsible for implementing it. If it is a bad idea and they trample on someone's rights, that person can take them to Common Law Court. If they appeal, then they are in charge of making the decision on the appeal. Here we have three distinct functions of government wrapped up in one body of twelve people.

Now, if the people get a belly full of the Council, they can call for a convention to change the Plans & Powers and choose officers for the Council. The problem here is that the convention has no standard rules for the election of delegates, no certification process for the election of the delegates, no standard rules for conducting conventions and is based on arbitrarily drawn borders that have no historical basis and are not even widely accepted in the Republic.

The convention has gone from being a last-ditch-effort mechanism to make fundamental changes to the way we govern ourselves, to a check on the activities of the Council. In most instances the convention has been unable to accomplish very little and when they have, it has had unintended consequences.

For example, the latest, Convention-approved, version of the Plans & Powers tells the Council that they can make no laws except in cases of emergency. Then it gives the Treasurer

the responsibility to be the sole disburser of funds... "in accordance with law".

When the Convention gives a task to the Council, the Council really has no means to carry it out. There is no structure, no organization and no accountability. In the end, we have all of the marks of a totally dysfunctional family.

Upon the realization of this fact, I began to understand the fundamentals of the problem. Then I looked at it, in contrast with the newly proposed Plans & Powers of the Interim Government. The changes are striking. You no longer have the all of the power wrapped up in a body of twelve people. Instead the people in their **counties**, which are recognized by everyone, are given the power. They have the power to elect fellow citizens to an Assembly. Including the counties of Greater Texas, that puts the total decision-making into the hands of 318 people. That means that here in Taylor County, I could actually have a voice, through an orderly and lawful election, in who represented me in the Republic of Texas government. Hey! I could even run.

Now, at first glance, it looks a bit unwieldy, but when you think about the mechanics of it, the concept is really on dead center. The process of building the Republic of Texas is going to take people. What better way to get people than to start pushing for Republic government on the county level? The Assembly becomes the way to do that. In addition, 318 people who are dedicated to serving the Republic can really generate some solid plans.

When the Assembly makes a decision, they send it over to the President to make happen. The President has a group of people, like the Council is now, that are all approved by the Assembly. That means that the President can't appoint whomever he or she wants to a job, but has to get the approval of the

people's representatives. The Assembly has review over all actions of the President and his staff. On top of that, the President has to be elected every two years. I pity whoever is President and makes a bad decision.

The President does gain one thing. He or she will have the ability to hold officers accountable for their actions or inaction. In other words, there will be a system of accountability. As the President is ultimately responsible for making sure the mandates of the people are carried out, the President will have the ability and authority to make sure they happen.

In contrast to the old document, the new Plans & Powers allows for a system of justice that is separate from the other branches of the government. It sets up a government court for matters of government and pushes the responsibility for local justice, back into the counties.

After my reading of the document, I realized not only the structural improvements to our government, but also the fundamental changes. We are moving away from a form of government that has no way for us to succeed and to one that gives the mechanisms to achieve success. We are leaving behind the rule of the mob and moving to the rule of law. We are leaving a form of government that more closely resembles communist councils in Russia or direct democracy and we are becoming a Republic.

With my signature, as a delegate, I will signify my belief in progress and the future of the Republic of Texas. I will urge others in the Convention to sign it as well. The adoption of this document will mean that we are looking forward. We are accepting that task given to us by our forefathers – securing independence and freedom. We will be known in history for restoring a Republic to Texas. By signing this document, we are now reclaiming our Republic of Texas.

Plans & Powers of the Interim

existing offices by the President, keeping the duty related as closely as possible to the office's description.

It is to be a goal of the Interim Government to establish a seat of government for the daily affairs of the Republic of Texas. It is also a goal to establish a seat for the General Assembly to meet. These goals may be accomplished by contract for rental of facilities but should be quasi-permanent for use by the government.

During the transition from provisional into Interim Government, called ad-interim, the 12 positions of the General Council will meet once every two months, at minimum, to evaluate the progress of the achievements of the offices in the Interim Government. This phase will be self-eliminating upon the 1st certified and lawful session of the Assembly.

Appropriations may be adopted and approved by the General Council on a simple majority vote, but such appropriations may only be used to carry out the functions of the duties of any of the offices covered by this document, the goals of Texas Independence, or the necessary and normal expenses of government. The Treasurer shall advise upon such measures as to the availability of funds.

The transition to Interim Government begins immediately upon adoption, but is not complete until the 1st session begins of the General Assembly upon the certification and election of members from one half plus one of the counties of the Republic of Texas. The Secretary of the Council will continue in this capacity and immediately be appointed the 1st Secretary of the General Assembly.

No officer of the Interim Government will be due any payment for service until the General Assembly, with the advice of the Treasurer, determines that funding is available, sets the pay rates, and appropriates funds for salaries. All officers at this adoption are expected to be self supporting until the time funding is achieved.

It is the goal of this document, the Interim Government, and the People of Texas to achieve full independence for the Republic of Texas. It is historical that somewhat loose interpretation is required at times to facilitate any and all methods employed to achieve independence. THIS DOCUMENT is intended solely to enable the government and the People to expedite, facilitate, and accomplish

independence and no clause should be interpreted so strictly as to interfere with the objective.

All elected and appointed offices are to take and subscribe to the 'Oath of Office' and other affirmations as required by this document, in front of the Secretary of the Government, President, or Secretary of Judicial Affairs.

Article 8

Operations of Meetings

Section 1. All meetings conducted by this Interim Government shall operate according to common law, common courtesy and common decency, and guarantee all inherent and common law rights to all participants. Common law rules for departmental governmental meetings shall be established by the Secretary of Judicial Affairs.

Section 2. At all meetings of the General Assembly, the Great Seal of the Republic of Texas shall be affixed in endorsement of all actions enacted and attested as done by the Interim Government of the Republic of Texas, with the endorsements of the President and all concurring General Assembly members.

Article 9

This document shall not be amended for two years after the 1st session of the General Assembly has been seated and begins its lawful role, except in the case of an emergency upon 5/6 quorum and 3/4ths vote of the members of the Assembly, subject to same approval method by the president, and override by the General Assembly by 4/5ths vote.

Article 10

Powers and Responsibilities of the General Assembly of the Interim Government for the Republic of Texas and other Sundry Issues

I. The Interim General Assembly

A. Organizational Structure

The interim legislative power of the Republic of Texas Interim Government shall be vested in an assembly to be styled as the General Assembly of the Interim Government of the Republic of Texas.

The General Assembly shall consist of one elected representative from each county in Texas and who shall not hold any other elected or appointed office under this national government or local government.

The Vice President of the Republic shall be president of the General Assembly, but shall not vote on any question, unless the General Assembly is equally divided.

The General Assembly shall choose all other officers of their body, except where specifically designated by this document, and a Speaker of the General Assembly. The Speaker of the Assembly will perform the duties of the President of the Assembly (Vice President), in the absence of the Vice President, or whenever the Vice President shall exercise the office of President, or if active in performing other duties directed by the President or upon request of the Vice President. The Vice President may have a standing proxy to vote in the event of a tie on any issue in his behalf, but the proxy will serve no other functions in session, unless assigned by the Assembly.

The General Assembly shall have the sole power to try impeachments of nationally

elected officers and members of the Assembly; on charges and specifications being made against an officer or Assembly member for malfeasance, misconduct in office, treason, or dereliction of office, and said charges shall be presented in writing to the President, the General Assembly and the officer charged. A fair and impartial trial shall be granted, to be conducted before the General Assembly; if, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members, sufficient cause is shown, the impeached officer shall be dismissed from office. No officer or appointee shall be held responsible for any lack of progress in responsibilities where the Assembly has failed to fund and appropriate for such duties in question.

Judgment in cases of impeachment shall only extend to removal from office, and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit under this government; but the party shall be liable to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment according to the common law.

The General Assembly has the power of review in the event the President has suspended an elected official of the national government for cause.

The Secretary of Interior will certify to the executive department, the people and the General Assembly which counties are to be considered Texas counties whose dispositions were disfranchised in 1850 and other dates, as soon as possible. Upon that certification, one half plus one of that number shall be the number of counties required to furnish a member to the assembly and this shall constitute a lawful, seated assembly.

The 1st official session of the General Assembly begins upon one member being elected from one half plus one of the counties, and a quorum of 2/3rds of those elected is present for business. Each county must have a minimum of 25 Citizens of the Republic actively voting in an election of a member of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly will be in session for a period of one year from the first meeting and will hold session, at minimum, on a semi-annual basis. The General Assembly shall meet to conduct business during the session beginning with one month from the certification of the results of the first election. The General Assembly will conduct business for a minimum of two days for each scheduled business meeting. The

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Assembly is elected for two sessions i.e. two years.

The General Assembly may punish, during the session, any person not a member, who shall be guilty of any disrespect to the General Assembly, by any disorderly conduct in their presence.

The General Assembly shall determine the rules of its own proceedings at its 1st session meeting, which has a quorum, and is represented by certified elections of one half plus 1 of the counties. The Assembly may punish its members for disorderly behavior and with the concurrence of two-thirds and may eject a member from the current meeting, but not a second time for the same offence.

To conduct business a quorum must be present. A quorum shall be declared when 2/3 of elected representatives of the certified and participating counties are present and the quorum is announced to Assembly by the Secretary of the Assembly.

The General Assembly may compel the attendance of absent members upon a majority vote of those present for emergencies, deemed necessary to the goal of Independence.

The General Assembly is empowered to pass resolutions which are not contrary to any other clause of this document. Resolutions may not be passed which call for any expenditure which is not funded and appropriated by a clause of the resolution itself.

A resolution shall be deemed as adopted with a majority vote in the affirmative for said resolution.

Resolutions shall apply only to the national government and never directly to the people.

The General Assembly shall meet at a place directed by the President of the Assembly or in his absence the, Speaker of the Assembly, until such time a permanent seat for the General Assembly is established to conduct business. When a national emergency exists as declared by the President or by two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly the meeting place may be by the direction of the President of the General Assembly, or the President of the Republic, or the Speaker of the Assembly.

The General Assembly shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and publish the same, as soon as practicable, for open review by

the People. All votes shall be entered on the journals. The Secretary of the Council shall automatically become the Secretary of the Assembly until the 1st session of the Assembly has been seated for one year.

No resolution shall be considered unless it has been read at the previous meeting of the General Assembly, unless, in cases of emergency, two thirds of the members of the General Assembly shall deem it expedient to dispense with the rule.

After a resolution has been rejected, no resolution containing the same substance shall be introduced during the same session, unless, in cases of emergency, two thirds of the members of the General Assembly shall deem it expedient to dispense with the rule.

The style of the resolutions of the republic shall be, "Be it adopted by the General Assembly of the Interim Government of the Republic of Texas."

No person holding an office of honor, trust, or profit under this government or local government shall be eligible to a seat in the General Assembly, nor shall any member of the General Assembly be eligible for any office which may be created, or the profits of which shall be increased during the term of service.

No holder of public monies or collector thereof, shall be eligible to a seat in the General Assembly, until he shall have fully acquitted himself of all responsibility, and shall produce the proper officer's receipt thereof.

Members of the General Assembly may protest against any act or resolution, and may have such protest entered on the journals of the General Assembly.

No money shall be drawn from the public treasury but in strict accordance with appropriations made by resolution; and no appropriations shall be made for private or local purposes. No resolution shall be passed requiring monies and expenditures without funding and an appropriation clause included.

Every resolution of the General Assembly shall be approved and signed by the President before its adoption. If the President will not approve and sign such resolution, he shall return it to the General Assembly, with his reasons for not approving the same, which will be recorded and published in the journals of the General Assembly. The resolution shall then be reconsidered, and shall not be adopted

unless it passes by a vote of two thirds of the General Assembly. If any resolution shall be disapproved by the President, the vote on the reconsideration shall be recorded by ayes and nays. If the President shall fail to return a resolution within ten days to the General Assembly after it has been presented for his approval and signature, it shall be adopted.

B. How Members are Selected/Elected

Election of representatives for the General Assembly shall be by petition in the county in which the representative shall serve.

No person shall be eligible to a seat in the General Assembly until that person shall have attained the age of majority at common law, shall be a Citizen of the Republic of Texas as defined in the General Provisions of this document, and shall have domiciled in the county six (6) months preceding their election.

In order that no vacancy shall happen in the General Assembly, if any member, from death or other casualty, shall be incapacitated to act, the President shall immediately, on information thereof, appoint a qualified replacement from the same county, which will hold office until a new representative is elected in the next county election and seated.

C. The Powers

The General Assembly shall have power to issue bonds to borrow monies from the Texian people.

The General Assembly shall have power to levy and collect imposts, excise, export and tonnage duties, and to pay the debts of the Interim Government.

The General Assembly will establish a funding mechanism necessary to secure Texas independence, which may be changed from time-to-time.

The General Assembly shall have power to approve the process by which the government may record patents on inventions and copyrights, and secure to the authors and inventors the exclusive use thereof for a limited time, and shall direct the Secretary of Science and Technologies to fulfill the duties of any act adopted.

The General Assembly shall have power to declare war, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and to regulate captures.

The General Assembly shall have power to provide and maintain armed forces necessary for the defense of the nation, and to make all regulations necessary for their government.

The General Assembly shall have power to call out the militia to execute the common law, to suppress insurrections, and repel invasion.

The General Assembly shall have power to make all resolutions which shall be deemed necessary and proper to carry into effect the foregoing express grants of power and when needed to assist in the securing of Texas Independence, subject to the limitations included herein.

The General Assembly is responsible for the formation, conduct, and structure of its own committees and any committee may call upon an elected or appointed member of the Interim Government for counsel, advice, education, research, information, etc.

II. Election By Petition

An election committee, headed by the Secretary of Constitution, and consisting of five members not presently holding government office, nominated by the President and confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the General Assembly, shall judge the elections, qualifications, and returns of all elected government officials. The elected officers of the executive branch shall perform this function until the 1st General Assembly is seated.

At the beginning of each session of the General Assembly, the Head of the Election Committee shall publicly announce any vacancies of any elected office and begin the process of election by petition to fill the vacant position.

Election by petition shall be conducted in the following four, thirty (30) day, stages.

Stage 1: Election Committee shall publish, as directed by the President, a "Notice of General Election by Petition".

Stage 2: All candidates for the General Assembly shall publish their "Declaration of Candidacy" in the paper of record in their respective county and/or an official website designated by the President, and shall file a copy of said declaration with the Election Committee.

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Stage 3: Candidates shall gather qualified signatures on a petition form approved by the Election Committee. A qualified signator shall have attained the age of majority under common law and shall be a citizen as defined in the General Provisions of this document. The approved petition form shall include the signatory's declaration of citizenship and the candidate shall collect an election expense fee of 1 Texas Silver or equivalent in silver from each elector.

Stage 4: Candidates shall submit their petitions to the Election Committee no later than three (3) days following the close of the petitioning period. Candidates shall remit to the national Treasurer one (1) Texas Silver or silver equivalent for every qualified signature on each submitted petition. The Election Committee shall count and review the signatures on every petition. The Election Committee shall conduct random verification of the qualified signatures. If a discrepancy is found then a full verification of the petition shall be conducted. After counting and review, the Election Committee shall declare the results of the election and all candidates shall have seven (7) days to contest the results of the election in which they are a candidate. If, after seven (7) days the results are uncontested, the Election Committee shall forward the uncontested results to the General Assembly and the President for publication. After any contested results are verified to be valid, the Election Committee shall forward the verified results to the General Assembly and the President for publication.

III. General Provisions

All people who domicile in the Republic of Texas, and who shall, after a continual period of six (6) months, make an affirmation before some competent authority that they intend to remain permanently in the same, and shall affirm to support the Republic of Texas, and that they will bear true allegiance to the Republic of Texas, renouncing any and all other allegiances to any foreign government or entity, shall be entitled to citizenship.

Every person who shall be elected or appointed to any office of trust or profit shall, before entering on the duties thereof make a public declaration, to be held on file with the Secretary of the Government to support the Plans and Powers of the Interim Government of the Republic of Texas.

The oath of office shall state: "I, A. B., [the official title], do solemnly and sincerely declare [or affirm, or swear as the case may be] that I will faithfully execute the duties of my office, and to the best of my abilities preserve, protect, and defend the Plans and

Powers of the Interim Government of the Republic of Texas, and I declare that I will not be bound to any higher Earthly oath during my tenure and service to the people of the Republic of Texas."

The Transitional Plans of the Provisional Government shall now be plans of the Interim Government.

IV. Conclusion of Interim Government

The authority and power of this Interim Government and this Assembly ends upon the ratification of the official Constitution for the People of the Republic of Texas and after the period of time designated and affixed for transition between Interim Government to permanent government. The call for delegates to the Constitutional Convention shall be at the direction of the President and must be concurred with or overturned by 2/3rds of this Assembly within 20 days of the call for delegates. Failure to meet the 20 day stipend is construed as tacit approval of the Assembly. A call can be issued by this Assembly with 4/5 vote, subject to 10 day approval by the President, and in the event of his disapproval the Assembly may override his decision by a 5/6 vote of the Assembly meeting quorum requirements.

V. Funding, Expenses

Until full funding is achieved the expenses of the Assembly will be borne by the members of the Assembly.

Where donations are collected for expenses of an authorized meeting for the Republic of Texas, the expenses of that meeting shall be paid 1st and the balance deposited to the Treasury of the Republic. Where donations are collected at a rally, media event, or other

public relations events, the expenses of that meeting shall be paid 1st and the balance deposited to the Public Relations account at the Treasury, further these funds shall not be available for appropriation and are held for the sole use for public relations. Where donations are collected at authorized meetings of an appointed Secretary or officer, the same method shall apply to donated funds, being deposited in the Treasury to the account of the office and are held solely for the use by that office. Authorized Republic of Texas meetings by County Coordinators shall collect donations to cover the expenses of the meeting, and any balance shall be equally divided, and one half sent to the Treasurer of the Republic of Texas and one half deposited with the County Treasurer. These apply only to authorized meetings established by the Interim Government officers and not to local citizen meetings. Donations for specific purposes shall not be co-mingled in the Treasury accounts and shall be applied to the purpose as soon as practical or possible.

Conclusion

This document is meant to constitute a working document creating a governing body for the Republic of Texas, which will act with full authority granted above. It is the next, natural, and historic move towards constitutional government. It is meant to be interpreted loosely in construction so that no obstacle is created within that would hinder the continued growth and move towards the independence of Texas from the United States and the State of Texas, in all their forms. It is meant to give to the Citizens of the Republic of Texas a government, which is lacking under the Provisional Council. It is meant to give structure and

organization to the government of the Republic to move it further towards independence.

Adoption

This Plans and Powers of the Interim Government of the Republic of Texas shall be deemed as adopted and shall become effective immediately upon a majority of the Councilmen of the Provisional Government attaching their signatures and upon a majority of the elected delegates attaching their signatures.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Delegate's Convention Called For June

There will be a regular delegate's convention on Saturday, June 28th, 2003 in Temple, Republic of Texas at the Travelodge. At the present the room is reserved for SATURDAY only.

There are four (4) old business items to be taken care of and no new business. From the convention in December 2003, the following 3 items will be handled:

1) Interim Document: President Miller and Vice President Lauren Savage will present the Interim Document that was sent back to the Council from the last convention. This document will be adopted or rejected by the people. A simple majority of delegates will be

needed for adoption. NOTE: The reason this item is first on the agenda due to the fact that some of the other old business items will become moot if it is adopted.

2) Rules for convention guidelines from District 27

3) Stipulation of how many meetings council members may miss with and without proxies

4) Article 3, Jeff Smith's proposal

If you do not know who your representatives in your district are please call the RT Hotline toll-free at (888) 802-6352.

Several Districts Call For Elec- tion of Delegates

There has been a call for the election of delegates for the June convention from Districts 2, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 22, 25 and 27 as of this paper going to press. Others may be called at a later date.

To find out details of the delegate elections in each district call (888) 802-6352 or visit www.republic-of-texas.net on the web.

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Texians 1st Depository

Managing Partners and non-managing partners need to contact Lauren Savage, at Texians1st@the-i.net by email or 903-876-3630 as soon as possible. As most of the partners know Texian Earl Scott passed away, and many of the records he maintained are not available at this time. While the depository has been quiet for awhile, it is still a thriving and viable entity, and the plans as originally discussed in Flatonia will soon be placed into operation. The depository did move from Yoakum, Texas due to building problems there, to Frankston, Texas, where we obtained security boxes being replaced at a bank. Private title to your deposits will be forthcoming in a few weeks.

MEETINGS

June 2 - Tyler Area Citizens Meeting

Tyler area citizens of the Republic of Texas will be holding a local meeting in Tyler at Delio's Restaurant. The meeting will start at 7pm. For more information contact Vice President Lauren Savage (903)876-3630.

June 3 - DFW Area Citizens Meeting

DFW area citizens of the Republic of Texas will be holding a local meeting in Irving at the Golden Corral, south of the Irving Mall. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. For more information contact Jerry King at (214) 360-9019.

June 3 - Longview Area Citizens Meeting

Longview area citizens of the Republic of Texas will be holding a local meeting in Longview at 803 Pine Tree Rd. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. For more information contact Don Bennett at (903) 297-4884.

June 5 - Victoria Area Citizens Meeting

Victoria area citizens of the Republic of Texas will be holding a local meeting in Victoria at the Feed Lot Steak House, on Highway 59 at the Victoria Airport. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. For more information contact D.A. West at (361) 574-9378.

June 7 - Houston Area Citizens Meeting

Houston area citizens of the Republic of Texas will be holding a local meeting in Houston at the Shoney's Restaurant, on Loop 610 South next to the Astrodome. The meeting will start at 2:00pm. For more information contact Ken Allison at (281) 471-8278.

June 10 - DFW Area Citizens Meeting

DFW area citizens of the Republic of Texas will be holding a local meeting in Irving at the Golden Corral, south of the Irving Mall. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. For more information contact Jerry King at (214) 360-9019.

June 17 - DFW Area Citizens Meeting

DFW area citizens of the Republic of

Texas will be holding a local meeting in Irving at the Golden Corral, south of the Irving Mall. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. For more information contact Jerry King at (214) 360-9019.

June 19 - Victoria Area Citizens Meeting

Victoria area citizens of the Republic of Texas will be holding a local meeting in Victoria at the Feed Lot Steak House, on Highway 59 at the Victoria Airport. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. For more information contact D.A. West at (361) 574-9378.

June 21 - Tyler Area Citizens Meeting

Tyler area citizens of the Republic of Texas will be holding a local meeting in Tyler at Delio's Restaurant. The meeting will start at 7pm. For more information contact Vice President Lauren Savage (903)876-3630.

June 24 - DFW Area Citizens Meeting

DFW area citizens of the Republic of Texas will be holding a local meeting in

Irving at the Golden Corral, south of the Irving Mall. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. For more information contact Jerry King at (214) 360-9019.

If you are hosting a local Republic of Texas meeting and would like to include it here, give us a call at (903) 297-4884.

It's really, really true. In 1844 Sam Houston prepared a map of Texas for the United States, at their request. He prepared two. One made Texas all the way to the Pacific Ocean. The other not only included all that land, but all of Dixie too!

Texas Tall Tales but
TRUE!

TEXAS TALES

The Results of 138 Years of Occupation

When two trains meet each other at a railroad crossing, each shall come to a full stop, and neither shall proceed until the other has gone.

It is illegal to take more than three sips of beer at a time while standing.

You can be legally married by publically introducing a person as your husband or wife 3 times.

It is illegal to drive without windshield wipers. You don't need a windshield, but you must have the wipers.

It is illegal for one to shoot a buffalo from the second story of a hotel. It is illegal to milk another person's cow.

A recently passed anticrime law requires criminals to give their victims 24 hours notice, either orally or in writing, and to explain the nature of the crime to be committed.

The entire Encyclopedia Britannica is banned in Texas because it contains a formula for making beer at home.

Abilene - It is illegal to idle or loiter anyplace within the corporate limits of the city for the purpose of flirting or mashing.

Austin - Wire cutters can not be carried in your pocket.

Beaumont - Collegiate football is banned at Lamar University.

Borger - It is against the law to throw confetti, rubber balls, feather dusters, whips or quirts (riding crop), and explosive firecrackers of any kind.

Clarendon - It is illegal to dust any public building with a feather duster.

El Paso - Churches, hotels, halls of assembly, stores, markets, banking rooms, railroad depots, and saloons are required to provide spittoons "of a kind and number to efficiently contain

expectorations into them."

Houston - Beer may not be purchased after midnight on a Sunday, but it may be purchased on Monday.

Galveston - It is illegal to drive a motor car down Broadway before noon on Sundays.

Jasper - Dogs must be on a leash at ALL times. Fine of 100 dollars.

LeFors - It is illegal to take more than three swallows of beer while standing.

Lubbock County - It is illegal to drive within an arm's length of alcohol - including alcohol in someone else's blood stream.

Mesquite - It is illegal for children to have unusual haircuts.

Port Arthur - Obnoxious odors may not be emitted while in an elevator.

San Antonio - It is illegal for both sexes to flirt or respond to flirtation using the eyes and/or hands. It is illegal to urinate on the Alamo.

Temple - No one may ride a horse and buggy through the town square. You can ride your horse in the saloon. Cattle thieves may be hanged on the spot.



It's Summer In Texas When...

You discover that in July, it takes only 2 fingers to drive your car.

You can say 110 degrees without fainting.

You eat hot chili to cool your mouth off.

You can make sun tea instantly.

You learn that a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron.

You realize that asphalt has a liquid state. Hotter water comes from the cold water tap than the hot one.

Kids are on summer vacation, and not one person is moving on the streets.

Hot air balloons can't go. At all.

Your biggest bicycle wreck fear, "what if I get knocked out and lay on the pavement and cook to death"?

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Texas Drought

A West Texas rancher was being interviewed by the local TV newsman about the drought. When asked how his cattle were getting by during the drought he replied:

"Well, all my stock tanks have gone dry and I have dug three water wells and so far all I have gotten is oil, so I guess I will have to sell my cattle for whatever the market will bring, take my loss and try again next year."



Big In Texas

There once was a blind man who decided to visit Texas.

When he arrived on the plane, he felt the seats and said, "Wow, these seats are big!" The person next to him answered, "Everything is big in Texas."

When he finally arrived in Texas, he decided to visit a bar.

Upon arriving in the bar, he ordered a beer and got a mug placed between his hands. He exclaimed, "Wow these mugs are big!" The bartender replied, "Everything is big in Texas."

After a couple of beers, the blind man asked the bartender where the bathroom was located. The bartender replied, "Second door to the right." The blind man headed for the bathroom, but accidentally tripped over and skipped the second door. Instead, he entered the third door, which lead to the swimming pool and fell into the pool by accident.

Scared to death, the blind man started shouting...

"Don't flush, don't flush!"

COMMENTARY

Split and Prosper: A View From Canada

Eric Duhaime and Pierre Desrochers

When discussing the secession of Quebec from the Rest of Canada (ROC), many Anglo-Canadian economists become doomsday preachers of apocalyptic scenarios. They predict social calamities such as poverty, mass unemployment, civil war, and mass exodus.

They should settle down, try to be rational, and focus on the only real issue: the long-term economic well-being of Quebecois and Canadians.

Some people estimate that if Quebec secedes, it would bear a transition cost of 2% of its GNP. It's possible. But this price must be balanced against the huge tribute Quebec pays to stay in the union—among them the costs of political uncertainty. It would be better to pay the costs of separation one time, rather pay for an unworkable Canada every year forever.

The Fraser Institute tells us that “an independent Quebec would rival the Third World in terms of its all-government indebtedness.” But as the same group pointed out elsewhere, Canada already ranks behind Burundi and just ahead of Morocco in indebtedness. There's nothing new in debt. What's new is the chance to get out of it. This is what separation offers.

It is demagoguery to compile the costs of sovereignty without addressing the costs of a unified Canada. People forget the \$3 billion lost annually to Ottawa-Quebec feuding over jurisdiction and program duplication. Quebec is a small and socially cohesive entity. It is capable of reaching political consensus on key questions rather quickly. These gains of separation would be huge.

A cliché holds that “this country was built by government.” Indeed, but again at what cost? The union has forced on Quebec a long line of government

interventions, including protectionism, a huge welfare state, pricey railways and canals, largess such as Air Canada, and fantastic expenses in bilingualism and multiculturalism.

Under separation, all these costs would at least be negotiable. Today, Quebec has no choice but to pay them. Indeed, keeping the union together is a major purpose of these interventions in the free market.

More than ever, Canada is kept together by Government programs. The government's make-work spending, redistribution policies, and debt accumulation (which mortgages the future) concentrates benefits in the hands of privileged minorities. The costs of are spread onto all taxpayers. Can any serious economist argue that this dilapidation reflects economic efficiency? No program can repair the damage that has been done to Quebec.

Attempts to appease political tensions

have cost billions of dollars. After being caught in an unworkable federation for 127 years, it is time to ask whether this battle is any longer affordable.

Quebecois and Canadians have an option. They can continue along this aimless and unprofitable path. Or they can give themselves two or more independent countries that would do less harm to economic common sense.

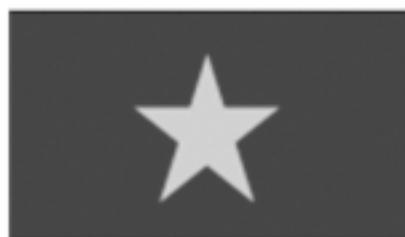
Without a central government bankrupting everybody else, Quebec and the Rest of Canada would have no choice but to trade, compete for capital, and be productive on their own terms. This competition between countries will drive down regulations and taxes within countries, and thus increase prosperity for all.

As for those who believe that the road to prosperity lies in protectionism instead of openness, welfare instead of productivity, they would at least be accountable for their own impoverishment.

Given the peaceful history of the Canadian experiment, there is no reason to expect fierce battles or acts of spite after separation. It is only continuing union which raises that specter.

Let's put political feuds behind us and recognize the obvious truth. The Canadian experiment has failed. There need be no recriminations. Instead, let's solve, in a durable manner, the constitutional mess, face the real challenges of our future, and get our economic houses in order. Let's split and prosper.

Eric Duhaime and Pierre Desrochers, Quebec graduate students, are authors of a winning paper in the Mises Institute's competition for “Secession, State, and Economy”



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Interim Passes

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Commenting further he stated, "While no document on earth will ever please all the people all the time, we should consider what is best for Texas. As an overall interim government, will this set of plans move us forward towards the ultimate goal?"

While, there may be unanticipated problems, this can be used as our learning experience, where we can correct problems when we establish a permanent government, whether it be by constitution or other form of republican government.

Finally, this writer from his own background, must state from his heart, If God be with us, who can come against us? So if God is with us, this interim government Plans and Powers for all its intentions, cannot fail if God be with us.

Corporate Texians?

Can Texians be part of State of Texas corporations? This is a question that begs answers. There are some citizens in the Republic of Texas who claim to be owners of corporations in the de facto system.

If they are, we have to ask, "Are they registered as foreign stockholders under the de facto system, thereby claiming their status as a Texian national?"

If not, then we have to determine if they foreswore their status as a citizen of the Republic of Texas to claim United States citizenship in order to form the corporation.

What impact does this have on the day-to-day life of a Texian citizen? Can they hold office in the government of the Republic of Texas? Can they lawfully sit as a delegate?

We will be examining this topic in the next issue of Texas National Press.

Alamo Reflections

As I gazed at the walls of the Alamo on March 02, 2003 and celebrated with others the Texas Independence that was paid for by the blood of those heroes who choose death rather than servitude - I hungered to share their bold and laudable spirit.

The spirit of those who gave all they had is now manifestly in the Republic of Texas restoration efforts, and has endured in spite of foreign inspired deceit, lies, subjugation, and plunder. As certain as any father looking upon his child who unwaveringly takes a burden of life squarely upon the shoulders and bears it without complaint; so also he happily marvels at this growth; I likewise rejoiced as I witnessed this bold and laudable spirit of the Alamo's fallen rise again in the Texian people as they supported the General Council of the Provisional Government of the Republic of Texas in their efforts to restore all of what is now denied us by the de facto powers. Yes, the spirit of the Alamo's fallen remains alive and growing in the Texian Nation.

Like many overwhelmed people, I also "falsely" thought incompatible things actually co-existed within the same environment of others things that I now clearly understand are impossible to join or combine; yet, somehow those lies remain the most common belief. You can no more have unsweetened tea with sugar added than you can have complete liberty while in bondage. Just as our fallen heroes of the Alamo did; we also must likewise make and do the difficult to accept choices. We cannot quit; our Texian cause is just and must prevail. I believe what I once heard a preacher of the Gospel proclaim: "Light is not afraid of the darkness, but darkness is afraid of the light". Carry the torch of truth or shamefully sit on the byways saying: "Prevail, I hope you win."

Regards,

Larry Hughes

Acting Counsel General



Remember the Old 300!

Become One Of The...

NEW 300!

Moses Austin, a victim of the first United States depression, lost his money in a Saint Louis bank failure. Moses went to Mexico and secured a grant to colonize Texas as a means to recoup his losses.

In 1821 Moses died and his son Stephen F. Austin was recognized by Spain as the heir to the grant. Stephen F. Austin brought the first foreign group of colonists, called "The Old Three Hundred", to Texas and settled them in the area between the Brazos and Colorado rivers.

"The Old Three Hundred" were the beginning of the Texas Republic. Now you can be a part of the "The New Three Hundred" and in their honor become a major part in restoring the "Republic of Texas."

You have restored the Republic of Texas and your government is in exile on its own soil. It's time to move towards our goal of freedom and independence. Your government must establish a 'seat of government' to continue the process started in 1995. We are appealing to all Republic of Texas national citizens to come forward and make the decision to venture into new territory. We know many of you have indeed, already made many sacrifices, but this time the project is one that you will immediately be able to touch, see, feel, and enjoy.

A location discovered in Overton, Texas has all the necessities for making a seat of government with offices for your governing body, committees, delegations, conventions, training, schooling, and more. We need 300 statesmen to come forward and pledge \$900.00 each over a three month period. That's \$300.00 per month for three months, and you will own 1/300th of the seat of government.

This private partnership will carry the name "The New Three Hundred." The partnership will lease the facility to the Republic of Texas for far less than the market or rental value to make the Republic of Texas a success in gaining our freedom and independence. When your government has outgrown this facility, you will have title to your investment in this property and facility. It's a win-win situation for you and the Republic of Texas. Planned for this endeavor is a large plaque to be placed in the facility with the names of the New 300 and the Old 300.



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WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

My Fellow Texians & Freedom Loving People Everywhere,

These are exciting times in the Republic of Texas. It is now slightly over one year since the people of the Republic of Texas decided that they wanted to seek their destiny as a unified people. In that time we have had to unlearn five years of bitterness, mistrust, and animosity. It has been a quick lesson learned for those who truly keep Texas independence as their priority. For those with other priorities it has been a near impossibility.

It has been the highlight of my days to see people, estranged from one another, again embrace as brothers and sisters, to see grown men, Texians all, cry at the remembrance of those who have fallen, and to be a part of a government that is the true embodiment of the freedom-loving people of Texas. As a people we are learning what it means to be a Texian – a lesson that has been long kept from us.

We are learning that Texians are a people of destiny. Though many have tried to destroy the Texian character, it still lives. After over a century of occupation, the light of freedom and independence still burns,

showing us, more than anything, that our destiny has not been fulfilled. Texas has a great place in history, including history yet to be written. And you will be a part of it.

Someday, generations removed, schoolchildren, sitting in a classroom in a school that will be named after some of you, will read about you in textbooks. Professors will give lectures about your struggle for



independence. Movies and songs will be written and performed about your spirit and sacrifice. You will be the guiding light for future generations.

What they will learn about, the move for Texas independence has begun in earnest. We have begun a journey across Texas, to promote independence, through rallies. We have held two already and the

results have been amazing. Those who have attended have been enlightened and empowered. More are on the way.

We have initiated production of a monetary system for our people. This monetary system is based on real money and is the foundation for our own economy. Imagine, Texians doing business with Texians, using Texian money!

We have moved to reorganize the government to make it more efficient, more representative of the people, and more effective. Through this reorganization the power shifts back to counties, where it has always belonged.

We have started the Acordada Project. This project is designed to help out our people when they are incarcerated by the

occupiers for being Texian nationals. Whether they are classified as political prisoners, prisoners of conscience or prisoners of war, it is necessary for the Republic of Texas to show that we do not forget our own. Through the establishment of the Acordada Project, we have shown that we support those who lose what little freedom they have in support of Texas independence.

We have so much more on the way. This newspaper is the first step in the establishment of our own media. We are in the process of making the leap to radio and TV. We are now producing audio tapes, video tapes, and DVDs to spread the message of Texas independence.

In conclusion, I want to remind you that service in the cause of Texas independence is not a choice. It is your duty. If you love freedom and you believe that Texas should be an independent nation, then it is your obligation before your fellow Texians and the Creator, to work for Texas independence.

Thank you for your time and service.

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I, _____, hereby affirm that the following facts are true, correct, and complete according to my personal first-hand knowledge.

I was born in <city> _____ or <county> _____
in <state/republic> _____, <country> _____
on <date> _____.

I have no disabilities that would prevent me from making this declaration. I am a sovereign, freeman character, who does and desires to operate and conduct my affairs under the common law in the Republic of Texas. I am not wanted for or under indictment for any crime in Texas or abroad under the common law.

I have never knowingly, intentionally or voluntarily become a citizen of any de facto nation or corporate entity, and hereby revoke all powers of attorney with any State, nation, or corporate entity and renounce any such citizenship.

This Declaration is made without deception or for purposes of evasion.

I hereby attest that I will uphold the laws of the Republic of Texas and bear true allegiance to the same.

Citizen's affirmation: _____ Date: _____

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Do You Want To Become A Texian National?

The patriation form is an affirmative act that you may wish to take as you assert your Citizenship in the Republic of Texas. It is not an absolute requirement, but you are encouraged to use it as an affirmative action to firmly establish your Citizenship status. Please note that the Constitution for the Republic of Texas (1836), General Provisions, section six, provides that:

“All free persons who shall emigrate to this republic, and who shall, after a residence of six months, make oath before some competent authority that he intends to reside permanently in the same, and shall swear to support this constitution, and that he will bear true allegiance to the Republic of Texas, shall be entitled to all the privileges of citizenship.”

If you wish to fill out the form and assert your Texas Citizenship, please fill in the blanks on two copies, then sign them and have two witnesses sign them. Keep one copy for your records, and return the other copy to PO Box 1039, White Oak, Texas, 75693.

You may make as many copies of the form as you need for the purpose of allowing others to positively declare their Citizenship in the Republic of Texas.

If you need information on the Republic of Texas, please call 888-802-6352, check our website at www.republic-of-texas.net, or email webmaster@republic-of-texas.net.