

Clinton draws beads on liberty and the right to bear arms



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Some Americans still remember the Second Amendment, which states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, SHALL NOT BE IN-

FRINGED." In order to get around this technicality, the government has taken a divide-and-conquer approach.

Bill and Janet's visit to Florida for a gun-control talk is no accident. The brutal murders of European tourists by thugs released from

prison has created a situation these two villains of freedom can exploit. By playing on the fear and disgust of these murders and the threat to tourism in Florida, Clinton and Reno are putting forward a plan to ban assault weapons and prevent juveniles from owning guns.

act was followed up by the 1938 Federal Firearms Act. This violation of the constitution, required "persons engaged in the business of selling firearms" to obtain a federal license to sell guns and to keep records of those persons purchasing them.

This trend has continued and now Bill and Janet are planning the next incursion on our natural right to bear arms, inherent in all men and women. It is not given to us by any government or constitution.

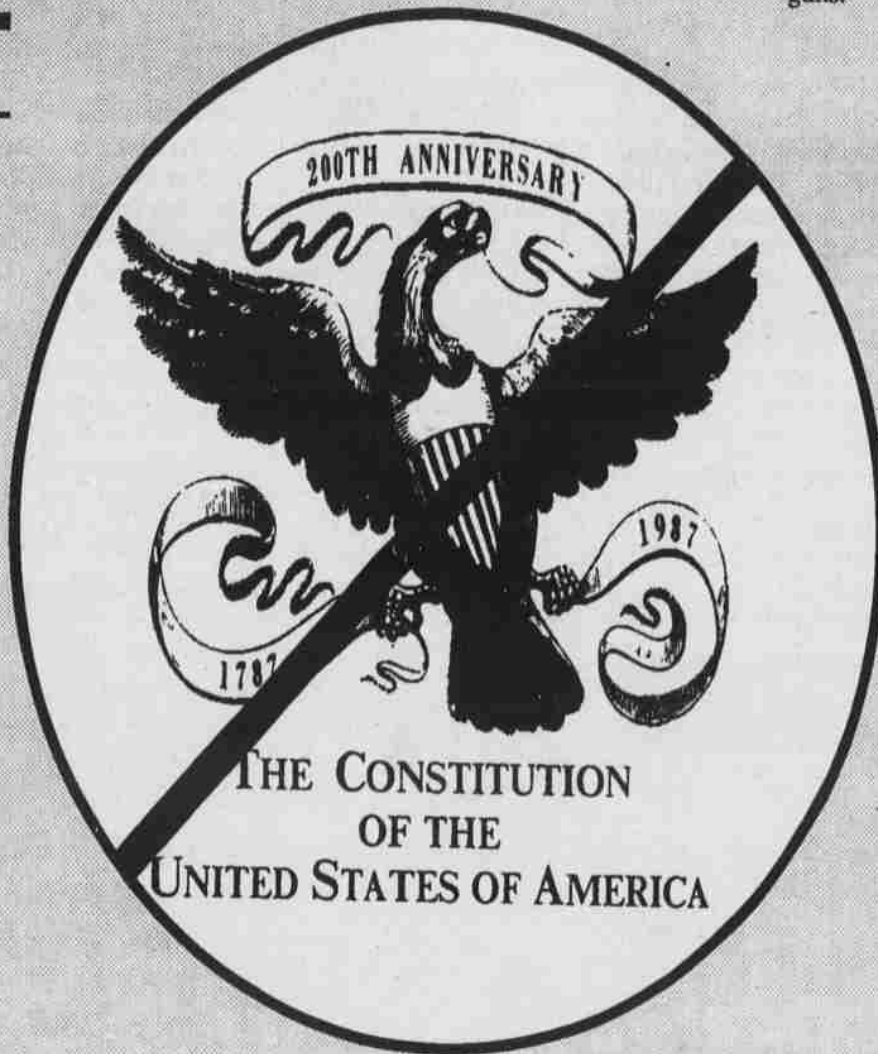
The Bill of Rights is not the protector of our rights, it is merely an incomplete cataloging of natural rights. We must defend our natural rights from the government, not the other way around. To defend our liberty the right to bear arms is essential. It protects us from crime and tyrannical governments.

To allow "Slick Willie" and "Crocodile Janet Reno" to make off with our natural right to bear arms is something each one of us must prevent. Otherwise our fate will rest with the will of those who will own guns, the criminals and the government.

To the common American, the Second Amendment would seem to be crystal clear. Infringed is defined as to encroach upon in a way that violates law or the rights of another. Any action by the government to prevent or hinder the purchasing of arms by law abiding citizens is a violation of this amendment. The problem is, this country already has a strong tradition of violating the "right of the people to keep and bear arms," Bill and Janet are just continuing a pattern started almost 60 years ago.

The first major infringement of the Second Amendment was the 1934 National Firearms Act. This act placed a \$200 excise tax on the sale of automatic weapons and certain shotguns. This

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"Clinton Draws a Bead on Handguns" is the title of a Sept. 25 article in the *Review Journal*. The article is about an appearance that Bill Clinton and his henchwoman Janet Reno made to St. Petersburg, Fla.

During this visit, President Clinton and Attorney General Reno announced a startling new approach to solving the crime problem. Instead of searching out peaceful gun owners, shooting their wives and children (like in the Randy Weaver case), or sending the ATF to surround their property and riddle it with gunfire, before burning it and the inhabitants to the ground (Waco, Texas), now Bill and Janet want to forbid peaceful citizens from owning guns. This will save Bill and Janet the ugly task of going to get those guns in the

There are many laws already in violation of the constitution, the Second Amendment may be next.

