Is President Bush Being Outfoxed?

August 15, 2001

When demonstrators displayed anti-American signs against our President while traveling to Europe last month, we could brush it off as a bunch of street radicals getting their kicks. But it is an insult when a foreign head of state comes to the heart of the United States and attacks our laws while his audience waves foreign flags.
Mexican President Vicente Fox spoke in Milwaukee on July 17 to 2,300 people at a meeting sponsored by the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic-U.S. group. He should be reminded to mind his manners and show a decent respect for our laws when he visits the United States.

Attacking "current immigration policies," Fox demanded "an integrated Mexican-U.S. labor market." He demanded that U.S. laws be rewritten to bring about open borders between the U.S. and Mexico, that we give illegal aliens U.S. driver's licenses (even though they can't read the road signs and don't have insurance), and that we give Mexican illegals university education and other taxpayer-paid benefits.

Specifically, Fox said, "Our goal is to legalize migrant flows between our two countries." Saying that "migration should be an option," he demanded that we exempt Mexico from limits on immigration.

Fox called for full legalization of illegal aliens, exempting Mexico from U.S. limits on immigration and work visas, giving Mexicans a guest worker program that uses temporary work visas, and allowing illegal Mexican aliens to get U.S. driver's licenses and in-state college tuition rates.

Fox also demanded that the United States increase foreign aid to Mexico. He didn't offer to give us anything in return except poor, uneducated, unemployed Mexicans who can't find jobs in Mexico's corrupt socialist economy.

If Fox wants to show friendship for the United States, he could offer to distance Mexico from the criminal price-fixing cartel called OPEC, which props up oil prices so much higher than they would be in a competitive market. Mexico isn't a member of OPEC but acts as though it is by promising Saudi Arabia that it will refuse to sell the United States more oil when OPEC punishes us by production cutbacks.

Fox is asking for more U.S. financial handouts to bolster his pathetic economy. But Mexico won't allow U.S. investment in the Mexican oil industry.

In Milwaukee and at other rallies in this country, Fox tried to show Americans that Mexicans are a potent political pressure group. He is also trying to build a partnership between legal Mexican immigrants and the illegals.

Fox had a tantrum after both Houses of Congress last week passed legislation to require Mexican trucks entering the U.S. to be inspected and meet the same safety and insurance regulations required of U.S. and Canadian trucks. Fox said on August 2 that, if these regulations go into effect, he will close the border to U.S. truckers!

If Bush gives in to Fox's tantrum, Bush may get caught in an embarrassment similar to the Illinois truck scandal. Nine people have been killed and 50 injured in truck accidents after licenses were corruptly sold to drivers who couldn't pass the test in English.

Fox promotes the concept of "dual citizenship." Every immigrant who becomes a naturalized American, takes an oath to "absolutely and entirely renounce all allegiance" to any foreign state. Mexico is openly fighting this fundamental principle by passing a law recognizing "dual citizenship." For example, on July 9 a former illegal alien now naturalized American, Andres Bermudez, was elected mayor of Jerez, a city in Mexico, declaring himself a "candidate of two nations."

If the Bush Administration believes in the rule of law, Bermudez's U.S. citizenship should be revoked immediately. Dual citizenship is an insurmountable barrier to assimilating naturalized citizens into the American culture and turning immigrants from all over the world into "e pluribus unum."

The Bush and Fox administrations are now negotiating a broad agreement on immigration policy changes that the two presidents are expected to sign in Washington in September. Fox went public with his accelerated demands in order to force Bush to acquiesce.

Fox's foreign minister said that Mexico will not sign any border agreement that fails to include amnesty for 3 to 4 million Mexicans illegally living in the United States. "It's the whole enchilada or nothing," Jorge Castaneda told journalists in Phoenix.

Vicente Fox's speeches are not the words of a friendly neighbor. They are words that resonate with the radicals whose goal is Mexico's conquest of southwest United States by overwhelming us with the sheer numbers of undocumented Mexicans coming north.

Foxy enough to avoid the A-word Amnesty, Fox is nevertheless trying to play U.S. politics to achieve that goal. He apparently thinks he can get George W. Bush to adopt the ridiculous assumption that circumventing our immigration laws will persuade Mexican-Americans to vote Republican.

In 1986 we amnestied 3 million of 5 million illegal aliens from several countries, promising that it would be a one-time-only amnesty. The result was the number of illegals increased to 8 million, and Americans don't want a repeat of that mistake.