

National News

Nunn calls for renewed drive to bust IBT

A Senate subcommittee headed by Sam Nunn, Democrat of Georgia, has denounced the Labor Department's five-year investigation into the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Central States Pension Fund for its failure to successfully break the IBT. "The Labor Department's inquiry was a textbook illustration of how not to conduct an investigation," Nunn said, adding that a "historic opportunity" had been wasted "to rid the union of the influence of organized crime."

Nunn's subcommittee has issued a report which states that the Labor Department should assume a pre-eminent role in investigating union pension funds, and that operations should be fully co-ordinated with the Justice Department to allow for full criminal prosecution of "organized crime associates." The subcommittee is also recommending to Congress legislation to allow the Department to remove union officials at will "who breach their fiduciary duties." The subcommittee also recommended that the Labor Department seek a court order to remove Teamster president Roy Williams from office until he agrees to come before the committee and answer questions relating to "reports" that vaguely "connected" him to "organized crime."

"Organized crime" is a liberal code-word referring to any unionist not controlled by the Socialist International.

Heritage: 'Who knows less about science?'

The following dialogue was observed Aug. 11 in Washington, in a light but earnest tone. "He saw the coming of the atom bomb in the 1920s, he predicted ICBMs, and yet he knew nothing about science." "Well, I can confidently say that I know even less than you do, so I

guess you can say I get the prize when it comes to knowing nothing about science."

The scene was the headquarters of the Heritage Foundation, a nominally conservative think tank with close ties to Britain's Fabian Society. An audience of two dozen listened to the concluding remarks of Dr. Patrick Cosgrave, adviser to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, on the subject of Winston Churchill as a domestic leader. The second voice (and winner of the know-nothing prize) was John O'Sullivan, editor of the Heritage magazine, *Policy Review*.

Dr. Cosgrave had earlier explained how he solved the dilemma of having to write a speech on science policy for Mrs. Thatcher: he simply lifted a Churchill speech from the 1920s, because, as he explained, Churchill, who also knew nothing about science, said it so eloquently 60 years ago, why try anything new?

His overriding point was that the U.K.'s collapse since 1955 was due to Churchill's death. The solution, according to Cosgrave, is a return to Churchill's policies of free trade and no credit. Privately, he fretted about the Queen's shower of attention on Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington: "Only America has any right to formulate policy for the Middle East. Churchill was a friend of Israel. Carrington is pushing this ridiculous European stuff."

Volcker the topic at governors' meeting

At the National Governors' Conference in Atlantic City U.S. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Richard Lyng was put on the spot over the question of Paul Volcker's interest rate policy.

In the agriculture meeting, Idaho Gov. John Evans asked Lyng to "present the outlook" on governmental cutbacks on farm credit programs since he had been unable to get reliable figures. Lyng responded that there would be more credit in farm operating loans, but less in other

categories, and admitted that the problem came from high interest rates.

Governor James Hunt of North Carolina took up the theme of farm credit: "I want you to know that current interest rate levels are creating a hardship for all farmers—the tools used to fight inflation are exacting too heavy a toll," Hunt told the deputy secretary.

Lyng, feeling the pressure, said "I want to repeat we are very concerned on the interest rate problem; indeed it is *the problem*. Vermont's governor and incoming president of the National Governor's Association, Richard Snelling, then interjected, "I want to emphasize what Gov. Hunt has just said."

"I promise you interest rates will go down before the end of the year," Lyng said.

John Carlin of Kansas said, "but notice he didn't say how much they'll come down."

Rifkin provides 'entropy' for fundamentalists

Aquarian Age intellectual Jeremy Rifkin, a former leader of the proterrorist People's Bicentennial movement, explained in an Aug. 10 interview how he is using his entropy theory to transform such groups as the Moral Majority and National Right to Life Movement. He noted that the "creationists" have adopted the concept of entropy, because it entails that natural evolution toward higher states is impossible, and man-induced changes in God's universe represent decay.

Rifkin has appeared five times on the Pat Robertson "700 Club Praise the Lord" national radio program; Robertson himself has used Rifkin's book *Entropy* regularly in his newsletter, and now advocates total nuclear disarmament and "transfer of wealth" from richer to poorer nations. Cal Thomas, right-hand man to Moral Majority leader Jerry Falwell, is a close friend of Rifkin's, though Falwell himself "still believes in capitalism and the nation-state," Rifkin says. Yet

Falwell has used Rifkin's book, *The Emerging Order*, and has promoted entropy-based "creationism." Rifkin is writing a new book against Darwinism.

On June 24, Rifkin was one of four keynote speakers at the National Right to Life convention, where he discussed entropy, stewardship of nature, and a halt to genetic engineering. He has also toured fundamentalist Christian colleges. "There is a tremendous reservoir of support for the environmental movement in the nation's 40 to 50 million evangelicals. They are liberated from the enlightenment," he says, adding that the religion of the future will have to be a mixture of Judeo-Christianity with an Eastern "philosophy of learning to surrender to the world as it is."

Social democrats challenge Klenetsky

The first week of New York State Supreme Court hearings on a challenge to Mel Klenetsky's campaign for the Democratic mayoral nomination in New York City came to an end on Aug. 14. A day earlier, lawyers for Klenetsky's opponent Frank Barbaro argued that Klenetsky, who is supported by *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche and the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), is not a bona fide Democrat, but is part of an illegal "party-raiding" operation against the Democratic Party. New York has particularly strict laws against such raiding.

The challenge by Barbaro, part of a broader effort by the Harrimanite liberal wing of the party to contain the NDPC's national influence, has cost at least \$70,000 to date, Klenetsky's campaign spokesmen estimate, and has involved a line-by-line examination of all Klenetsky's petitions, surveillance, harassment, and interrogation of campaign workers and their neighbors. Teams of professional process servers have been hired to try to subpoena Klenetsky campaign workers for time-consuming court appearances.

During an Aug. 10 program on liberal radio station WBAI, Roy Cohn protégé Dennis King and Sheldon Ranz of Simon Wiesenthal's "The Generation After" group, reporting that they had turned over their files on LaRouche to the Barbaro campaign, described the Democratic Party as a battleground between the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee and the National Democratic Policy Committee, as well as their fears that Klenetsky would draw a large vote, especially among Jewish New Yorkers opposed to both Koch and social democrat Barbaro.

While Barbaro charges "party raiding" against Klenetsky, his backers and controllers, including Theodore Kheel, Bella Abzug, and Herman Badillo, have already formed a new party, the "Unity Party," which is petitioning for ballot status in the 1981 election.

Kemp: 'My economics based on football'

Congressman Jack Kemp, one of the masterminds of the Reagan economic program, told a reporter yesterday "Tip O'Neill has suggested that I don't know much about economics—Nonsense! I don't know *anything* about economics."

Rather than rely on economic science, Kemp explained in an interview in the *Washington Post*, he based his ideas in designing the economic package on his knowledge of football.

"The experience of being a quarterback from age 6 to 36 has led me to the conclusion," he said, "that the pressure point, the straw that was breaking the camel's back, the marginal straw that was causing the breakdown of our social, family and economic condition in this country was, in effect, the impact—are you with me?—of a sharply declining, uh, purchasing power of our dollar coupled with a steeply graduated tax system on both labor and capital."

"I love ideas," Kemp concluded. "But I'm no intellectual by any stretch of the imagination."

Briefly

● **ALEXANDER HAIG**, asked Aug. 11 what effect the neutron bomb would have on U.S.-Soviet reciprocity, responded, "I think a dandy effect."

● **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** department sources, commenting on the possibility of replacing Medicare with a voucher system for the elderly to buy their own private health insurance, said Aug. 12 that the plan is designed to do away with the "reasonable cost reimbursement system" now in effect, and drastically cut back the amount people spend on health care, in turn forcing hospitals to cut back on their own outlays. A special HHS task force is studying the plan, which would reverse the trend toward U.S. longer life spans achieved under Medicare. Impetus for the plan comes from David Stockman.

● **DR. ROBERT KUPPERMAN**, the executive director of Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote and directed the Aug. 6 ABC "If You Were the President" program, a simulation of crisis-managing a terrorist threat in New York Harbor. Kupperman, asked what other TV games he would like to play out, says "The sky is the limit. The 1980s will be a decade of unconventional warfare—low-intensity operations such as Third World flareups and terrorism. We could run the crisis management of a natural disaster, or something hairier like a strategic crisis between the U.S. and the Soviets over the Middle East. . . ."

● **GORDON WALGREN**, former president of the Washington State Senate and a leading traditionalist Democrat, was reinstated to the Washington State bar Aug. 5, outraging the liberal press. Walgren had been suspended as a result of a conviction stemming from an FBI "sting" during the Gamskam scandal. Walgren's conviction is under appeal.