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# NDPC Democrats begin to disinfect California from Brown and Hayden

*EIR conducted the following interview with William Wertz on Aug. 31. Mr. Wertz, who is based in Los Angeles, serves as the Western states coordinator for the National Democratic Policy Committee, the political action committee whose advisory board is chaired by EIR founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.*

**EIR:** You have recently called on California's governor, Jerry Brown, to withdraw from the race for U.S. Senate. Why?

**Wertz:** Last week I held a series of press conferences throughout California on behalf of the NDPC calling on Jerry Brown to withdraw from the race for the good of the Democratic Party. It is our estimate that if Brown is the party's candidate he will bring many good Democrats down to defeat with him.



William Wertz

The primary reason we believe Brown's candidacy would be disastrous is his totally incompetent handling of the Mediterranean fruitfly crisis. Although the crisis has received significant coverage nationally in the press, the true story is yet to be told.

**EIR:** Governor Brown has claimed that the attacks on his handling of the medfly crisis are merely partisan in nature.

**Wertz:** That is not true. There was a drive launched to impeach Brown by Republican Assembly Minority leader Carol Hallett in order to force him to launch an effective eradication program. If Brown had been impeached, his replacement would have been the Republican lieutenant governor, Mike Curb, who is himself a candidate for governor. This would have given the Republicans significant veto power over current Democratic redistricting plans. However, although this particular move did not receive significant Democratic support, leading Democrats have been highly critical of the governor. It was the Democratic-controlled legislature which threatened to override Brown if he continued to

oppose aerial spraying with malathion. Even Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles, a close Brown ally who is running for governor, has criticized Brown's handling of the crisis.

**EIR:** In what way was Brown responsible for the medfly crisis?

**Wertz:** In 1978, under the influence of Tom Hayden, Jerry Brown's Department of Food and Agriculture adopted the extreme environmentalist "integrated pest management" program. The purpose of this irrational program was to cut the use of needed pesticides in half and to replace effective pesticides with totally ineffective so-called natural controls.

Having thus adopted Hayden's antipesticide bias, Brown in December 1980 ignored the advice of both his own medfly technical review committee and the USDA to begin aerial spraying of malathion. When a new outbreak occurred in June 1981, Brown once again rejected aerial spraying until forced to by the federal government and state legislature.

Hayden's influence in the crisis was even more direct. It was Hayden's organization, the Campaign for Economic Democracy [CED], which, through the dissemination of hysterical misinformation on the alleged harmful effects of malathion, organized popular opposition in Santa Clara County to aerial spraying. In fact, even as the medfly was spreading into the San Joaquin Valley, Tom Hayden's Toxic Responsibility Action Committee held a demonstration on Aug. 11 in Sacramento in opposition to the use of pesticides. Bob Brownstein, Hayden's top organizer in Santa Clara County is currently fundraising for the CED by organizing two-week tours to rural Red China, Tom Hayden's agriculture model for California.

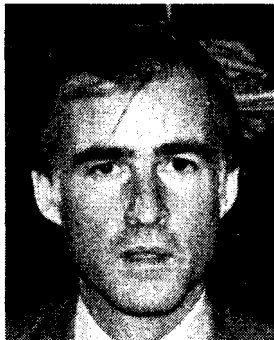
**EIR:** Tom Hayden was a founder of Students for a Democratic Society, a defendant in the Chicago Seven conspiracy trial, he helped provoke the Newark riots, he was part of the Berkeley counterculture. Are you suggesting that he has sufficient political power to have dictated Jerry Brown's medfly policy?

**Wertz:** Yes, indeed. I have commissioned a research

project, the results of which will be shortly released in the form of a pamphlet detailing Hayden's rise to power in the state of California. However, just to give some indication of Hayden's power in California, it should be noted that he now controls 25 percent of the State Democratic Central Committee. He has also taken over the majority of two city councils in the state—Santa Monica and Chico—and the Orange County Democratic Party. He represents the state of California in Western Sun, a federal energy program. He has been appointed by Governor Brown to the Southwest Border Regional Commission and to the Solarcal Council.

What is more, the Democratic-controlled legislature, in collusion with Governor Brown, is currently plotting openly in the press to give Tom Hayden a state assembly seat in Santa Monica by creating a congressional district for the incumbent Mel Levine, a Hayden ally.

**EIR:** How would you characterize Tom Hayden's political philosophy?



Jerry Brown

**Wertz:** Mussolini's socialism. Read Hayden's most recent attempt at a book, *The American Future*. Hayden doesn't have an original idea in his head. He is a total tool of the British-centered oligarchy's Socialist International. His economist of explicit preference is John Stuart Mill. He totally rejects the Hamiltonian notion of republicanism as elaborated in

the *Federalist Papers* and instead harkens back to Jeffersonian democracy and even more explicitly to Aristotle.

As the title of his book suggests, he is a thorough futurologist in the tradition of Marilyn Ferguson's *Aquarian Conspiracy* and her mentor Willis Harmon's *Changing Images of Man*, both of which he references throughout. His objective is to turn California into a solar-powered "brave new world." He wants to phase



Tom Hayden

out California's only two nuclear power plants, Rancho Seco and San Onofre, and to keep Diablo Canyon shut down. He boasts that in 1978 Governor Brown killed the Sun Desert nuclear plant and, due to a CED mobilization, created Solarcal Council, the aim of which is to impose Amory Lovins's soft energy path on California—"the first society based on renewable resources."

His international policy is racist genocide. He endorses the *Global 2000 Report* which proposes to reduce the world's population by 2 billion by the year 2000. He

endorses the Club of Rome's report on *Reshaping the International Order*. Instead of developing the Third World, Hayden proposes the World Bank's appropriate-technology program: solar energy at the village level to prevent migration to the city and to enforce economic and cultural backwardness.

To summarize the millionaire socialist's program, it is as follows: "In an era of limits . . . less is more and the best things in life are free."

**EIR:** The NDPC has made the dumping of Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Adolph Volcker one of its primary goals. How have the Brown-Hayden forces in California responded to this initiative?

**Wertz:** They have moved to protect Volcker from our campaign at every turn. First, they have killed anti-Volcker resolutions that we have introduced before the state party, the California Democratic Council and the state legislature. Second, when these moves failed to slow our anti-Volcker campaign, the state executive committee voted to censure our political action committee. There is every indication that the executive committee's action was sanctioned, if not solicited by, Democratic National Chairman Charles Manatt, who is himself a Los Angeles-based banker. And finally, they have attempted to divert the ranks of the party from a fight against Volcker by launching a campaign to impeach interior Secretary James Watt.

**EIR:** What is your strategy for stemming Hayden's influence, aside from urging Brown not to run?

**Wertz:** Our strategy is to reconstruct the Democratic Party in the state by challenging Hayden on every front. After five years Hayden's CED has 10,000 members. We intend to have 5,000 NDPC members by January and 10,000 before the June 1982 primaries. Everywhere Hayden moves, we intend to counterattack. In Santa Monica we now have nearly 300 members. We plan major events there and in Chico and Orange County in late September. In short, we are rallying the opposition because no one else is and, as a result, by Labor Day we will have 2,000 members in the state. We are recruiting at a rate of over 150 new members a week.

The situation in Santa Monica is especially hot. Two weeks ago there were two mass demonstrations in the city protesting Hayden's dictatorial zero-growth policies. We have also made significant inroads in the rural areas of the state which are hardest hit by the medfly crisis and where Volcker's high interest-rate regime is driving farmers off the land.

**EIR:** Apart from his handling of the medfly crisis, are there any other issues that have weakened Brown?

**Wertz:** Yes. When the California Democratic Executive Committee censured the NDPC back in July, one reason cited was our description of Jerry Brown as the "candi-

date of sodomy." We were not wrong. Last week Brown appointed the first practicing lesbian to the bench in San Francisco. He previously appointed two gay judges in Los Angeles.

It has also been revealed in the press that Brown was recently the honored guest at a fundraising reception hosted by Los Angeles County's reputed porno king Milton Luros. Brown had earlier appointed Luros's son as a Los Angeles municipal judge.

**EIR:** What does the senatorial race look like on the Republican side?

**Wertz:** The Republican Party is in some disarray. The incumbent, S. I. Hayakawa, is being challenged by several other Republicans primarily because of his age. The challengers include Barry Goldwater, Jr., Pete McClosky, Maureen Reagan, and San Diego Mayor Pete Wilson. If Hayakawa drops out of the race, Wilson, who has the backing of the Reagan kitchen cabinet, will probably become the front runner. Wilson in fact began his campaign last week by attacking Brown for adopting "the farm policy of Cesar Chavez, the domestic policy of

Tom Hayden and the foreign policy of Jane Fonda."

**EIR:** Are there any other Democratic candidates challenging Brown for the nomination?

**Wertz:** There are two Democrats considering running against Brown. Leo McCarthy, former Speaker of the Assembly who is expected to make a decision shortly after Labor Day, and Mayor Whitehurst of Fresno. McCarthy is being pressured by Brown to run for another statewide office. Whitehurst, a conservative with agricultural and business support, will be definitely running in the mid-term elections.

**EIR:** Does the NDPC intend to support either one of these two candidates, and if not, what kind of candidate are you looking for?

**Wertz:** At the moment, rather than supporting a particular candidate, we are attempting to shape the process by which an alternative to Brown can emerge who will lead a fight to retake the state party from Tom Hayden and mobilize the party against Paul Volcker's efforts to destroy the U.S. economy.

## Will Wertz goes on the offensive against Brown

National Democratic Policy Committee coordinator Will Wertz spoke on Sept. 1 to the area press corps on his call for Jerry Brown to withdraw from the U.S. Senate race. Brown has not only disastrously mishandled the Mediterranean fruitfly crisis, Wertz charged, but the likelihood that Brown will lose his Senate bid is so great that he may pull sound Democratic candidates down with him to defeat. For the good of the party, Wertz concluded, Brown should withdraw.

Attending the press conference were the two all-news radio stations, KFWB, a Westinghouse affiliate, and KHJ, a CBS affiliate, and three independent television stations, including KMEX, the city's largest Spanish-language station. City News Service, subscribed to by the majority of the city's media, interviewed Wertz after the press conference.

An incognito representative of Tom Hayden's Campaign for Economic Democracy also attended, sitting rather dejectedly until the end, when he distributed an "information packet" on the NDPC and its advisory board chairman, Lyndon LaRouche. The

packet included a leaflet the NDPC had put out depicting the Haydenites as modern Robespierres, and copies of *New York Times* attacks on LaRouche.

Following the press conference, KMEX button-holed Wertz to ask about the NDPC's national policies. Wertz explained the NDPC's attempts to ensure that the Oct. 22 North-South conference at Cancun, Mexico revolves around the issue of industrial development for the Third World, not depopulation, and outlined the national significance of the NDPC's support for New York Democratic mayoral candidate Mel Klenetsky against "planned shrinkage" of the nation's cities.

After press coverage appeared the next day, in a surprise move, the Democratic National Committee decided to throw its support behind Brown. Peter Kelly, Southern California chairman of the Democratic Party, was interviewed on the Westinghouse-affiliated radio station making the implausible threat that the party may seek to attach the NDPC's funds. Kelly is a law partner of Democratic National Committee Chairman Charles Manatt who, NDPC chairman Warren Hamerman has exposed, last month sold a controlling interest in his Bank of Los Angeles at great profit to a Socialist International-linked Italian bank, the San Paolo di Torino. Jerry Brown's campaign manager, Mickey Cantor, is also a partner of "banker Manatt," as the NDPC has dubbed him.