

## National News

### Seaga says Kirkland supports cheap-labor zone

Edward Seaga, the practicing voodoo witch-doctor who is also Prime Minister of Jamaica, told the *Journal of Commerce* that AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland would not mount serious opposition to the so-called Caribbean Basin Plan, the David Rockefeller-authored scheme to create a "free trade zone" for slavery and drug-running in the Caribbean, which has been foisted on the White House.

Seaga said he had met with Kirkland a month ago and "left the meeting with the impression that labor . . . would not object to the measures . . . as long as these did not lead to loss of jobs."

In his first week in office last year, Seaga ordered Jamaica's banks to accept dollar-profits from the illegal export of marijuana to the United States. The new plan will also allow Jamaica to export tax-free rum, and will grant U.S. tariff breaks to Jamaican goods manufactured with cheap labor.

### NASA finds abundant fusion fuel on Venus

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) reports that its Pioneer Venus spacecraft has returned data which measure the ratio of deuterium to hydrogen on Venus to be over 100 times larger than it is on the earth. Deuterium is the main isotope of hydrogen which provides the basic fuel for both thermonuclear bombs and thermonuclear fusion reactors. A single gram of deuterium can provide as much energy as \$3000 worth of fossil fuels. According to NASA officials, the extreme plentitude of deuterium on Venus is strong evidence for the theory that billions of years ago, Venus may have had a large ocean which since that time has lost almost all of its light water content to space, leaving the "heavy water" deuterium behind.

Other recent NASA Venus findings include evidence that there are at least two active volcanic areas on the planet

which function as the principal vents for its internal heat.

While NASA's Pioneer spacecraft is still orbiting Venus and providing data, all new Venus probes by the U.S., including the previously planned Venus Orbiting Imaging Radar (for mapping the planets' surface) have been cancelled by administration budget cuts.

### 'Air Opium' has DNC's Manatt on board

The Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, banker Charles T. Manatt, is on the board of Flying Tiger International, the airline which has earned the nickname 'Air Opium,' according to the March 8 issue of *New York* magazine. *New York* reports that Metro International Airways, a Flying Tiger subsidiary, is currently under Pentagon contract to fly Salvadoran soldiers to Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

An aide to Manatt confirmed that the California banker has been on Flying Tiger's board since 1979, but claimed that "he was never informed about the El Salvador contract."

Flying Tiger got its start running arms to Chinese Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek in the 1930s and later earned its nickname for its role in flying drugs out of Southeast Asia's Golden Triangle. It also is widely believed to be a front for CIA operations.

### Supreme Court drops boom on head shops

Within a five-day period, the Supreme Court has done what amounts to turning its head while lower courts lower the boom on head shops (stores that feature dope-related items) around the country. Although the Court has made no ruling on the constitutionality of a ban on drug paraphernalia, its latest actions are tacit approval of bans and restrictions being enacted by communities nationwide.

On March 8, the Court refused to hear two separate headshop ban cases filed by drug paraphernalia lawyers de-

manding local ordinances be overturned. The Court's decision bounced the cases back to the Court of Appeals, which in turn has upheld the local laws.

On March 5, the Supreme Court ruled that the definitions contained in an Illinois community ordinance were not "vague" as the dope lobby lawyers had contended. Though the Court was only ruling on the language of the ordinance and not on the law itself, which requires headshop owners to list names and addresses of customers, the law stands.

The March 8 decision in particular is seen as positive by anti-drug forces, since it gives a nod of approval to anti-paraphernalia laws based on a model bill drafted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and endorsed by the National Anti-Drug Coalition. Most municipalities with anti-headshop laws have used this model.

Further, Justice Thurgood Marshall, in the March 5 ruling, said the drug lobby's concept of "free speech" amounted to "speech proposing an illegal transaction, which a government may regulate or ban entirely." The Justice's notion of freedom of speech tied to the idea of public good had been almost abandoned by modern courts.

### High Plains Council debates NAWAPA

The "Water from Alaska" aspect of the National Democratic Policy Committee's four-point program to get the country out of the depression was the subject of a heated debate March 4 at the quarterly meeting of the High Plains Study Council chaired by Texas Governor Williams Clements.

The High Plains Council, created by Congress to include governors and selected appointees from six states facing a severe water shortage due to the depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer, met to deliberate over its final report to Congress.

High Plains Council member Keith Farrar, urged a followup study on the feasibility of importing water to the crisis-stricken high plains from Alaska and Canada under a revived "North American Water and Power Alliance"

(NAWAPA) plan of the Parsons Engineering Company, originally developed in 1964.

Nicholas Benton, southwestern director of the NDPC stated, "We are at the point of almost having to make a political revolution just to get a drink of water."

Gov. Clements stated that he thought the discussion was "extremely interesting," but punted on endorsing formal Council adoption of Farrar's call for a resolution to the U.S. Congress.

High Plains Council members felt confident the Council would not submit its final report to Congress this fall without including a recommendation calling for work to begin on a study of a "NAWAPA" approach.

## LaRouche awarded injunction against FEC

The Federal District Court in New York City issued a preliminary injunction March 9 against the Federal Election Commission, barring them from launching any new investigation of Citizens for LaRouche (CFL) or contributors to the 1980 president campaign of *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. Blasting the "interminable, inconclusive and oppressive investigations" of CFL being conducted by the FEC, Judge Charles Brieant warned that such investigations "are not, nor should they become, star chamber proceedings."

"It would be hard to imagine a more abusive visitation of bureaucratic power" than the FEC's numerous investigations of CFL, stated Brieant. The injunction is the result of a lawsuit brought last fall, *Dolbeare v. Federal Election Commission*. The FEC has been under fire from both the Republican and Democratic Parties for widespread abuse of its powers.

The Southern District Court of New York ruling in the *Dolbeare* case stipulates that the FEC must expedite its finding of probable cause and conciliate all pending matters, or drop its investigations of CFL. It must also establish procedural safeguards.

The FEC, created in the wake of Watergate, regulates federal campaign financing and provision of "matching funds."

## Liberal Dems convene to revive Mussolini

The annual convention of the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), held March 6-7, put forward a full-fledged Mussolini-style corporatism as the solution to America's economic crisis. The 44-point statement of principles issued by the Socialist International's key U.S. outlet included wage-price controls, work retraining and relocation, establishment of a National Industrial Policy Board and an Urban Infrastructure Board, and a call for "corporate democracy."

Patrick Caddell, Jimmy Carter's pollster, sounded a major theme of the convention when he declared that President Reagan was destroying his own popularity along with the U.S. economy, and that therefore the Democratic Party is the wave of the future. Capitalizing on the President's biggest blunder, toleration of Federal Reserve chief Paul Volcker, an ADA spokesman said the group "will be making the ending of the independence of the Fed one of the major goals we'll be organizing for."

This was echoed at a major conference banquet by Shirley Williams, the leader of England's new Social Democratic Party, who called on American liberals "to rise up and replace Reagan's monetarist policies," which she likened to Margaret Thatcher's.

Among the more than 60 speakers at the social fascist weekend were Michael Harrington, head of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee, Club of Rome member and former congresswoman Patsy Mink, Rep. Henry Reuss (D-Wis.), Ralph Nader, Andrew Young, and National Education Association head Terry Herndon.

Many of these were part of the original coalition behind the Humphrey-Hawkins make-work/forced-labor bill, which the ADA is now trying to revive.

## Briefly

● **THE WHITE HOUSE**, the National Security Council, and Henry Kissinger's office at Georgetown University are all keeping quiet about a report in *Newsweek* magazine that Henry has been named to head a new "special consulting group on East-West credits" within the NSC. *Newsweek* says that the group also will include David Rockefeller, thus containing "two names certain to irritate" some Reagan backers.

● **THE GUARDIAN ANGELS**, the gang-member-turned-crime fighter group, has been linked to the Dec. 30 Newark, N.J. robbery in which one of the vigilantes was shot by a policeman while allegedly attempting to stop the robbery. According to Newark sources, one of the three suspects in the heist is the son of the second-in-command of the guardian Angels in Newark:

● **MAYOR ED KOCH** of New York City announced March 10 that he will introduce legislation to send small-time offenders to Quonset hut minimum-security camps on Rikers island for terms up to 15 days. The inmates would then be trucked around the city in work gangs, with penalties for escaping ranging up to three years in prison. "They are not concentration camps. They are work camps," the Mayor said in answer to criticism.

● **GORE VIDAL**, the novelist best known for his "picaresque comedy about bisexuality," *Myra Breckinridge*, has announced he will enter the California Democratic Senatorial primary against Jerry Brown. Also running in the race is Will Wertz, who has been endorsed by the National Democratic Policy Committee. Vidal says he will run on a platform opposing any military budget, calling for taxes on religion, and supporting legalization of marijuana and prostitution. Insiders speculate that Vidal has been asked to enter the race to "make Jerry Brown look normal."