

National News

LaRouche Democrat wins Louisiana party post

The results of the Oct. 22 state wide elections in Louisiana will not please Democratic Party chairman Charles Manatt. The vote produced a victory for LaRouche Democrat Martha Rabb for Democratic State Central Committee, and a significant vote for the other candidates backed by the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC).

Immediately after winning, Rabb issued a statement calling on all Louisiana Democrats to support President Reagan's beam weapons program and reject the Manatt-and Andropov-promoted nuclear freeze movement.

The success of the NDPC candidates coincides with a sweeping victory for former Democratic governor Edwin Edwards, who won an unprecedented third term as governor over pro-Federal Reserve incumbent Republican David Treen.

The NDPC slate consisted of citizens who responded to LaRouche's call for a movement of candidates to shake up the country. None had run for office before. State Senate candidate Richard Torregano summed it up: "I'm running this time so others will join us and run next time."

In Lafayette, the NDPC-backed state representative candidate, Hal Vaughan, was officially endorsed by the the local Democratic committee. Plans are underway to form a slate of candidates for the 1984 elections.

NDPC spokesman Bruce Director commented: "Lafayette came through the state in 1824. The LaRouche faction is picking up where he left off."

FEF unveils crash beam program in D.C.

The Fusion Energy Foundation (FEF) presented its proposed crash program, starting at \$10 billion per year, for the United States to develop defensive beam weapons over the

next three to five years, at a Washington D.C. conference on Oct. 26.

The FEF conference occurred soon after the Fletcher Commission urged the President to move ahead with such a beam defense program.

The meeting also announced the release of a paperback book titled *Beam Defense*, written by the FEF's staff of experts and published by Aero Publishing Company.

The conference featured Dr. Steven Bardwell, a physicist from the FEF and a co-author of *Beam Defense*, Criton Zoakos, *EIR* editor-in-chief, and Col. Marc Geneste, a career officer with the French Army who served in World War II, Indochina, and Algeria. Colonel Geneste, who had addressed the Bonn meeting, helped develop the French neutron bomb and was part of France's Atomic Energy Commission.

Among the audience were representatives from about 18 embassies, congressmen and senators, and representatives from the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Science and Technology Committee, and the Education Committee. Eight departments of the U.S. government were represented, with heavy emphasis on areas involved in military R&D and applications. Ten corporations sent representatives, as did five associations. A national UPI news wire on the book and the crash program helped generate widespread publicity for *Beam Defense*, which is available at B. Dalton bookstores.

Cleaning up after Carter in Grenada

The Carter administration's major drug and cult promoter, Dr. Peter Bourne, and his father Geoffrey Bourne, former director of the Yerkes Primate Center, have been playing an important role in Grenada's political life through their connection to St. George's Medical School.

The school—one of a number of such "offshore" institutions which have mushroomed in the Caribbean over the last decade, and often function as drug-running bases—is reported to be performing brainwash-

ing experiments on the local population. Geoffrey Bourne has been vice-chancellor of St. George's for six years, and his son Peter became a visiting professor after his former psychiatric patient, Jimmy Carter, had to remove him from his post as White House adviser on drug abuse when he got caught pushing pills.

The two Bournes reportedly maintained close contacts not only with ousted Grenada Prime Minister Bishop, but with the two other key actors in the Soviet-backed coup against Bishop, Deputy Prime Minister Coard and Commander of the Army Austin. Geoffrey Bourne compared the U.S. military operation in Grenada to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

St. George's has supplied many of Grenada's medical personnel, and students are required to participate in the Grenadan community health plan—where, according to Bourne, they have been working for the last two years under Cuban doctors.

Abscam comes to North Carolina

Soon after the political corruption trial of Lt. Gov. James Green of North Carolina began on Oct. 20, the state government's key prosecution witness submitted a sworn affidavit revealing that he had lied to the FBI about Green. The prosecution was forced to drop one count of the five-count indictment.

Green, leader of the conservative Democrats in the state, is charged with conspiring with Howard F. Watts of Clarkton, to receive bribes; twice consenting to receive a series of \$10,000 monthly payments; and consenting to receive, and later receiving, a \$2,000 bribe which had been mailed to Green under the guise of a contribution from a fake political action committee, Americans for Quality Government, set up by the FBI for this sting. Green in fact refused the mailed bribe by returning it to FBI undercover agent Drdak as soon as it arrived.

A serious consequence, if not aim, of the "Colcor" sting operation has been to undermine of Green's plans to run for governor in 1984. Current North Carolina governor

James B. Hunt, architect of the 1972 McGovern reforms of the Democratic Party, plans to run for the U.S. Senate in 1984, since he is unable to run again for governor. Hunt's challenge to incumbent U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.)

ical scene, especially if at the same time like-minded liberal Rufus Edmisten, currently the state attorney general prosecuting Green, and now running for governor himself, were to win the top post in the state.

Green's case was set up by the FBI, then handed over to Edmisten's State Bureau of Investigation for prosecution.

U.S. News spreads water crisis psywar

"Statistically, the U.S. should not have a water problem at all," begins a recent *U.S. News and World Report* cover story. Nonetheless, "many experts . . . predict that 'Water will be the resource crisis of the '80s.'"

Designed to prepare Americans for yet another crisis of "limited resources," the article provides a Strategic Bombing Survey-style map of the United States, with points of conflict over water designated by explosions. An attempt by the city of El Paso, Texas to buy water from the state of New Mexico is described by a New Mexico irrigation district official as "nothing less than a well-planned invasion by a foreign country."

Other panic-mongering pressure-points include California, where an "expert" asks, "Does it make any sense to have millions of people living in Southern California, where the water has to be brought immense distances at incredible cost?"

The conclusion of the article is that, regardless of the outcome of specific fights, "America's consumers will be paying sharply higher prices for water in coming decades."

However, the article cannot quite evade reality. The obligatory section on solutions, which lists home use cutbacks, agriculture shifts, and recycling schemes for industry, concludes: "Even conservation, however, may not be able to stretch water supplies if

people and industry continue streaming into the desert Southwest in the coming decades. This is why many experts still advocate seemingly wild schemes such as bringing water from the Arctic to literally make the deserts bloom.

"One project, the North American Water and Power Alliance, would bring water from northern Alaska and Canada to the Southwestern desert through a series of canals, tunnels, reservoirs and existing rivers. Besides providing water, it would generate millions of kilowatts of electricity."

Arms controller: Soviets have deal with Kissinger

A well-known figure on the arms-control circuit said in private conversation recently that he is aware that the Soviets have a deal with Henry Kissinger to gain Kissinger a larger role in the Reagan administration. The deal will only be good until November 1984.

The response of the Harriman Democrats will reportedly be to "make the Soviets a better offer and then take the White House."

The former negotiator also stated that the beam-weapons strategic defense program represents a serious commitment by President Reagan. The central Harriman strategy for blocking the program is to encourage the White House to continue what it is currently doing—keeping a low profile, rather than reviewing the public presidential commitment to such weapons systems. Then, if Reagan is ousted in the election, the program can be killed.

Meanwhile, the arms controller noted, Kissinger and the "saner people" in the administration will be useful in holding the administration in check. He said that there is no question that the Soviets are into challenging the United States everywhere across the board, and that the U.S. Euromissile deployment will be met by deployment of Soviet submarines off the U.S. coast, if they aren't there already, as well as placement of SS-20s in positions in Western Siberia where they can hit the United States.

But this, said the Harrimanite, is all Reagan's fault.

Briefly

● **JOHN NUCKOLLS** has been named associate director for Physics at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The pioneering laser-fusion and nuclear-weapons physicist will bring the lab's inertial fusion target design division, which he has headed since its creation in 1980, from the nuclear design department to his new department.

● **JAMES COOPER**, the secretary of the North-American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA), was convicted on Oct. 21 of sexually assaulting a 15-year old New Jersey boy after seducing him with lavish dinners and wine. NAMBLA has been defended in the past by prominent New York politicians such as state attorney general Robert Abrams, and deputy mayor of New York City Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

● **NORTH DAKOTA** LaRouche Democrat Annabelle Bourgeois announced her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Dakota on Oct. 20, creating a splash in the state press. A family farmer from Baldwin, North Dakota, she ran for U.S. Senate in 1982 and received 8,200 votes as an independent. Her campaign slogan "You don't have to be gay, kill babies, or speak Russian to be a Democrat" is ruffling feathers in the state.

● **THE SOVIET DELEGATION** to Target Seattle will not attend the event after all, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* announced on Oct. 27. Target Seattle, which began Oct. 28, is a peace movement promotion of the Soviets as "just folks." The Marc Calney for City Council campaign had mobilized opposition to the propaganda effort. According to the *Post-Intelligencer*, "Earlier, it was hoped that the Soviet representatives would be able to attend Target Seattle, possibly including Soviet diplomat Valentin Berezhev, an expert on the U.S. and Canada. But, Target Seattle leaders were told about three weeks ago that no Russians would attend."