

National News

Vote fraud charged in Pennsylvania primary

The *Philadelphia Daily News* June 21 ran a banner-headlined article revealing the existence of hundreds of illegal voter registrations on the books for one district alone at the time of Pennsylvania's April 10 primary. The primary was "won" by Walter Mondale. The charges were made by an aide to incumbent State Representative James McIntyre, defeated in the primary.

Within hours of the closing of the polls at the time, poll-watchers for Democratic presidential contender Lyndon LaRouche were reporting to his headquarters, "They stole the vote." LaRouche may have actually won 20-30% of the vote by his estimates. Candidates running with LaRouche for lesser offices scored up to 47%, but LaRouche was credited with only 2%.

McIntyre's staff has now checked 15 election divisions out of a total of 68 in his legislative district, and found 170 illegal registrants—addresses including vacant lots, welfare offices, schools, and abandoned buildings. In 1976, a lawsuit in New York State proved that Jimmy Carter's supporters included such illegal registrants put on the rolls with the newly adopted "mail registration." Prior to that primary, Walter Mondale told supporters to "vote early and often."

A common feature of the illegal registrations, says the *Daily News*, is that Ralph Acosta, McIntyre's opponent, witnessed most of them. According to his own estimates, Acosta and his staff signed up close to 10,000 voters.

At this time the District Attorney's office has turned over the investigation of the McIntyre charges to City Commissioner Tartaglione's office. The commissioner's office had the responsibility to purge the rolls before the election. In 1979, a federal investigation of voting machine breakdowns in Philadelphia implicated Tartaglione in doctoring a report on the breakdowns, but she turned state's evidence and got off scot free.

Attorneys for McIntyre intend next week

to go to court to ask a judge to order sequestration of the binder books containing the registration affidavits in question. Additionally, they will present their evidence to the U.S. Attorney's office with a request for an investigation.

White House takes on population-control lobby

The Reagan administration's draft of the American statement for the U.N. Conference on Population, to be held in August in Mexico City, is a strong attack on Global 2000 and the population-control lobby, according to press leaks in the June 20 *Washington Times*. The statement was issued by the National Security Council for government agency review. The State Department's Richard Benedick reportedly leaked a copy to the population-control lobby so that they could mobilize opposition.

The document also features "free-market" economics, primarily attacks on developing-sector nations' attempts to promote development through "state sectors," "oppressive economic policies" such as "governmental control of economies," and government-directed spending.

The document reads in part: "Among the less developed nations . . . population increase was . . . directly related to the humanitarian efforts of the United States and other Western countries. A tremendous expansion of health services saved millions of lives every year. Emergency relief helped millions to survive flood, famine, and drought. The sharing of technology, the teaching of agriculture and engineering, the spread of Western ideals and the treatment of women and children, all helped to drastically reduce the mortality rates. . . ."

"Before the advent of governmental population programs, several factors had combined to create an unprecedented surge in population over most of the world. . . . The baby boom that followed [World War II] resulted in a dramatic but temporary population tilt toward youth [which] sustained strong economic growth and was probably

critical in boosting the American standard of living to new heights. . . ."

"The second factor that turned the population boom into a crisis was confined to the Western world. It was the outbreak of anti-intellectualism, which attacked science, technology, and the very concept of material progress. . . ."

"Nor can population control substitute for the rapid and responsible development of natural resources. In responding to certain members of Congress concerning the previous administration's *Global 2000 Report*, this administration in 1981 repudiated its call for more governmental supervision and control. . . . This administration places a priority upon technological advance and economic expansion, which hold out the hope of prosperity and stability in a rapidly changing world."

Panel formed to sabotage U.S. ABMs

A panel of 46 high-level public figures has been formed to begin what it calls a "national campaign to save the ABM treaty." The group's goal is to persuade Congress to refuse to provide funds for the Strategic Defense Initiative, which it says is close to a clear U.S. violation of the 1972 ABM treaty. The 46 include McGeorge Bundy, former President Jimmy Carter, Dean Rusk, Robert McNamara, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, former CIA heads Stansfield Turner and William Colby, and Gerard C. Smith, the chief U.S. arms control negotiator when the ABM treaty was signed.

The 1972 ABM treaty, which the Soviets never abided by in any case, does not outlaw defensive systems based on "new physical principles," for example, laser and particle beam weapons which are the focus of the Strategic Defense Initiative. The panel did not mention this fact in announcing its goals.

At a Washington press conference June 19, Smith argued that a successful ABM system of one superpower would merely

produce irresistible pressure on the other to deploy enough missiles to penetrate it, accelerating the arms race. He said that his group does favor continuing U.S. research on advanced ABM systems as a hedge against a possible Soviet breakout. But the main thing, he said, is that "what we are objecting to is an American breakout."

U.S. mayors demand less spending, more spending

The Conference of U.S. Mayors is castigating the Reagan administration for not cutting the U.S. budget—and at the same time demanding billions of dollars more in federal expenditures.

With cities around the country facing budget crises and cutbacks in part because of the loss of federal funds, the Conference's resolutions committee voted to urge cutbacks in federal entitlement benefit programs to reduce the federal budget deficit, including cuts in Medicare, Social Security, and federal workers' retirement, as well as defense spending. The mayors then turned around 180 degrees and, while blaming city problems on Reagan's budget—especially tax cuts and defense spending increases—demanded *more* federal spending, in such areas as public housing, summer jobs, and mass transit.

Columnist attacks Manatt as Soviet spokesman

Conservative spokesman Patrick Buchanan has issued a hard-hitting attack on Democratic Party chairman Charles Manatt and the "cult of arms control" in his nationally syndicated column published in the *New York Post*, and entitled "Arms pacts with Soviets: echoes of Nazi treachery." The column is a bitter blast at the arms-control process in general and at the Soviets' "fifth column" in the Democratic Party in particular.

Buchanan calls the arms-control process

"dangerous," a "mindless process" which has left the United States significantly behind the Soviet Union in such crucial areas as ASATs. He then hones in on the similarity between the Soviet stand on the "arms race in space" and that of the Democratic Party.

Quoting from Manatt's June 11 press conference attacking the Strategic Defense Initiative, Buchanan comments, "Chernenko's line exactly. But Manatt went further," suggesting that "if President Reagan proceeds with Star Wars, the Russians may be justified in launching a nuclear attack on Manatt's own country. . . . We are courting the same fate as those decent men who, half a century ago, placed a similar faith in Non-Aggression Pacts they had carefully negotiated with Hitler and Stalin."

Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche used a May 11 broadcast to expose the role of the Soviet embassy in shaping congressional legislation cutting U.S. defenses, and the direct KGB links of Manatt's law-firm.

Air Force test of MX successful

The Air Force conducted a successful test of the MX Peacekeeper intercontinental ballistic missile June 15, United Press International reported.

In the test, conducted at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, pressurized gas propelled the missile into the air from its canister before ignition of its motors, a procedure known as a "cold launch." Such a "cold launch" capability makes the MX an important deterrent to a first-strike attack, which could easily destroy slower "hot launch" missiles.

The missile propelled six unarmed warheads 4,100 miles to their targets near Kwajalein Missile Test Range in the Marshall Islands, about 1,000 miles west of Hawaii. The test included the first flight of the Mark 21 warhead, the modified 400-kiloton Mark 12A warhead from the Minuteman III missile. The test was the fifth in a series of 20.

Briefly

● **THE TOLEDO BLADE** on June 16 editorially demanded that Mayor Donna Owens continue using police to protect scab operations at the strike-bound AP Parts plant. While UAW Local 14 insists that the city is subsidizing strike-breaking efforts, incurring \$41,000 in expenses for police to patrol the plant gates, the *Blade* charges that the union was responsible for the May 21 violence. Reporters in Toledo revealed that management goons provoked the violence.

● **AN AMENDMENT** to a fiscal 1985 draft defense budget, introduced by Sen. William Proxmire (R-Wisc.), calls on the Reagan administration to conduct regular consultations with Japan and other allies concerning the Strategic Defense Initiative program. It passed at a plenary session on June 19, according to *Jiji* press.

● **'NEW IDEAS?'** Gary Hart's defense adviser, William Lind, told *EIR* the United States should abandon Europe, and the continent's "best option would be the restoration of the Hapsburg monarchy, although I don't see this happening. . . . The Hapsburgs ruled Europe for a long time and did a good job, and Otto von Hapsburg has a lot of good ideas. . . . Now, some kind of Austro-Hungarian entity must be restored. . . . The American nuclear umbrella over Europe is less and less credible. . . . Europe has to become more independent."

● **JACK ANDERSON**, who rented out his column to help bankers destabilize Mexico by charging that the government is corrupt and President de la Madrid has millions stashed away in Switzerland, has now shied away a bit: De la Madrid's corruption is buried so deep, Anderson says, that he might not be able to produce the "facts."