

## Eye on Washington by Nicholas Benton

### 'Moonie Times' lauds American trash culture

It fits: This town's "darling of the conservatives," the *Washington Times*, the paper owned by Reverend Moon's Unification Church and edited by Arnaud "The Spike" De Borchgrave, revealed the true colors of the "spook" elements that sponsor it with an editorial praising rock musician Bruce Springsteen Aug. 7.

Springsteen, whose act is indistinguishable from the worst exhibitions of the drug-rock pit that is destroying the nation's youth, was praised for launching a patriotic revival in the U.S. Why? Only because he uses the word "America" in his lyrics! Mindless "stoned" youth can "get off on" waving American flags as much as with swearing allegiance to the Devil, the Springsteen promoters have shown.

Even more insidious was the editorial's praise for what it called "America's trash culture" in general. It's our key anti-communist weapon, the paper argues: "For good reason, the Soviets try to suppress and control trash culture. Its anarchic energy and its 'give the people what they want' ethos make it incompatible with Communist culture," it says. *Really?*

### War on Drugs at stake in Florida Senate race

The battle lines are already being drawn in one of the more important

1986 Senate races. In Florida, Republican incumbent Paula Hawkins will be fighting for her political life against a challenge from Democratic Gov. Bob Graham. While Hawkins has put herself forward as the Senate's chief champion of the administration's War on Drugs, Graham has distinguished himself for turning Florida into the biggest "offshore" drug money laundering haven in the United States.

Graham is the brother-in-law of Katharine Graham, publisher of the dope-promoting *Washington Post*. He has made national headlines for commissioning a panel to advise him on whether or not to commute the sentence of a 76-year-old Florida man who was convicted of murder by a jury for the "mercy killing" of his 73-year-old wife. Graham is toying with the idea of outdoing Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm as the champion of active euthanasia against the nation's elderly. In the case in question, the man admitted that he shot his disabled wife in the head. Therefore, if Graham were to commute the sentence, it would not be on grounds that he didn't commit the crime—but that murder in the name of "mercy" is not murder, but an act worthy of endorsement by the state.

No wonder that Graham's biggest supporter in this operation is the reprehensible Derek Humphreys, head of the Hemlock Society, the man who is trying to make "assisted suicide" legal here. Humphreys went on national TV on Aug. 8 to defend the husband. While Humphreys conceded he preferred murder by drugs to murder by guns, his most insidious assertion was his repeated insistence that Alzheimer's disease should be classified as a "terminal illness" under provisions of "living will" legislation that mandates withholding medical treatment from "terminally ill" patients.

Not everything Senator Hawkins has promoted has been on the right

track—for example, her absurd bill to cut U.S. aid to friendly South American countries, supposedly to increase the pressure to crack down on drugs, would have been more convincing if equally applied to the State of Florida! But she cosponsored with Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.) key administration bills to augment the fight against drugs. She and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) worked to set up an "American International Narcotics Control Commission" as an amendment to the State Department Authorization Bill that will help optimize international cooperation to eradicate the drug plague.

Despite this, even conservative commentators in Washington, such as Robert Novak, have already written off her chances for re-election, and are advising Republicans that their money should be better spent on "winnable" campaigns (Novak said this on a "McGloughlin Group" local TV show in Washington last month).

Seems some "conservatives" don't really want a War on Drugs.

### State Dept. policy: People should starve

Senator John Melcher told *EIR* that the State Department is imposing on many nations the restrictions it tried to place on the Philippines for buying wheat. State told Manila: Yes, you can buy the wheat, but it won't be shipped until you reorganize your supply and distribution system according to our plans. Even when the Philippines did that, the State Department insisted that the wheat not go through the government, but through private agencies! According to information acquired by Melcher's office, Foggy Bottom is imposing such conditions even on African countries. "State Department policy," said Melcher, "is that people should starve."