

National News

LaRouche asks death penalty for 'legalizers'

Lyndon LaRouche, *EIR*'s founder and a presidential candidate, issued a statement Aug. 13 under the title, "Under What Conditions the Death-Penalty Should Be Sought for Those Promoting Legalization of Drug-Trafficking." In the statement, he cites various treaty agreements between nations characterizing drug traffic as a "crime against humanity," which "makes it a 'Nuremberg-Trial' class of offense to promote legalization of drug traffic, as well as to engage directly in that traffic."

LaRouche says that the same logic must be applied to those who would legalize drug trafficking as to those who would seek to block effective actions against Soviet-directed international terrorism—and the two are, in fact, closely linked.

"Without liberal backing for drug trafficking by circles of such 'respectable' figures as those of Sol Linowitz and Senator Moynihan, today's levels of drug-trafficking would be impossible. These drug-lobbyist liberals are therefore directly responsible for the deaths and other sufferings of millions, and for promoting a major national-security threat to our own and other nations of this hemisphere. By Nuremberg Trial standards, they are as guilty as Hell.

"The object is not to have lesser fry, such as Chicago's barroom drug-lobbyist, Mike Royko, hanging from every lamp-post. The object is to root out the big fry, to establish an awful example which will scare the wits out of lesser fry.

"Indict and punish the big fry, and the lesser fry will promptly cease their campaigning for legalization."

Bryen worried by information release

Senior Pentagon official Stephen Bryen denounced as "ethnic McCarthyism," the re-

lease to the public of 100 pages of Justice Department documents, showing that he was suspected of passing classified data to Israel.

The documents, obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, were made public by the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA), which has asked the Defense Department to suspend Bryen's top-security clearance, and called for a grand jury investigation.

Evan Hedricks, a spokesman for NAAA, said Bryen's remarks were an effort to distort the issues, which "relate to the potential security risk and Mr. Bryen's relations with a foreign country."

Hollywood stars falling over LaRouche

A group of Hollywood movie stars has formed a "No to 64—Stop LaRouche" Entertainment Committee in Hollywood, according to a *Los Angeles Times* story of Aug. 8. Proposition 64 is the California ballot initiative, sponsored by supporters of presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche, that would mandate the use of traditional public health measures of quarantine and prevention for AIDS.

Leading the pack in defense of the civil rights of the AIDS virus are Bob Hope, Elizabeth Taylor, Gregory Peck, Carl Burnett, Goldie Hawn, Barbara Streisand, Diahann Carroll, Sally Field, Gene Kelly, and Quincy Jones.

Says the article: "Also industry biggies like movie executive Barbara Corday, producer Barry Krost, songwriters Alan and Marilyn Bergman, and directors Sydney Pollack and Martin Ritt. The committee will mobilize the entertainment industry for No on 64, the initiative that the opposition said will quarantine people with AIDS. . . ."

Lyndon LaRouche had his own comments, issued Aug. 9:

"In Hell, Satan tortures the dead pimps by forcing them to watch old Elizabeth Taylor movies, over and over, through a good chunk of eternity. The latest from Meyer Lansky's and Sidney Korshak's Hollywood, is that 'Liz' Taylor has now given

new meaning to the term "femme fatale"; she's promoting the spread of the most deadly disease since plague, AIDS. . . .

"In a way, the funniest thing I've heard all week, is the news from Hollywood, that Liz Taylor turned down Proposition 64. . . .

"As for popular respect for Hollywood stars, this must be said. As a people selects its heroes, so it judges itself. As a people so judges itself, so will the remorseless progression of events pass judgment of history upon that nation. If some among us admire fallen stars, then, to that degree, our nation's star will fall."

Weinberger critical of Glenn's SDI amendment

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has criticized Sen. John Glenn's (D-Ohio) amendment barring foreign firms from getting research contracts unless no U.S. firms could do the work.

Appearing on the "Today" show on Aug. 13, Weinberger responded to a question as to whether the amendment would bind his hands: "Oh, I think it will. It's also another part of this isolationist tendency of buy-American kind of philosophy that totally fails to recognize how much value we get from our relationships with our allies. It also fails to recognize how important contributions can be made to all of our defense needs by our allies.

"It certainly is an important part of the program that we utilize the very best brains that we can find anywhere to work on the program and some of those are not in the United States—many of them are. We would like to be free to draw on the best talents we can find anywhere."

Found in a bottle on Capitol Hill

Senator Ted Kennedy tottered, about an hour late, into the Senate Judiciary Committee

hearings on mass-perjurer William Weld. Obviously, the Senator's condition was that of a man exhausted from an hour's breathing fuel into the carburetor of his limousine.

The Senator managed to aim himself at the microphone, probably guided, patriotically, by the latest Massachusetts microchip in his spectacles. Before being mustered out of the hearing-room, he delivered what seemed to be a very brief graveside elegy for that lying son of a spalpeen, Weld.

It has been an unusually active August for the Senator. Apart from the occasional bit of *purely social* drinking (mind you) with the odd friend or acquaintance, himself has endorsed the leftist U.S. Representative from Maryland, Barbara "Bubba" Mikulski. Mikulski may smell of an undredged harbor-channel, and may be so stupid, that she probably thinks radioactivity from nuclear families causes athlete's foot, but, even so, how could The Honorable resist making the endorsement?

Veteran (of something or other) Mikulski is shaped like a bottle and wears a skirt.

Reagan again refuses South Africa sanctions

President Reagan made one of his strongest statements yet in rejection of sanctions against South Africa, during a nationally televised press conference in Chicago Aug. 12. Punitive sanctions, he said, "would not only be disruptive to surrounding states that are virtually linked to South Africa's economy, but would also be very punitive to the people that we want to help."

The President also endorsed the call of South African President P. W. Botha for a meeting of major Western nations with representatives of the Pretoria government to work out an orderly process of abolishing the apartheid system.

The President cited Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, chief minister of KwaZulu/Natal, and other black leaders opposed to sanctions against the South African economy. One black leader "wrote a most statesman-like and eloquent letter to me just recently, and he pointed out that while, yes, there was impatience and, yes, we hope we can make

progress faster, he pointed out he did not disapprove of Botha."

Biggest coke bust in U.S. history

On Aug. 8, the Justice Department announced that federal agents have broken up the largest cocaine trafficking ring in U.S. history. The announcement came only two weeks after President Reagan committed the nation to an all-out War on Drugs.

Twelve people were arrested in raids in the Pocono Mountain region of Pennsylvania. Eight Colombians and four Americans were charged with using Air America of Avoca, Pa. to fly cocaine into the United States, receiving more than \$25 million in profits. Federal agents recovered more than \$4 million in cash during the raids.

The ring was responsible for "the largest documented amount of cocaine ever smuggled into this country by a single trafficking organization," said Attorney-General Ed Meese.

Marijuana famine hits East Coast

Authorities say a marijuana "famine" has hit the East Coast of the United States because of the U.S.-Colombian effort to cut supplies, the *Washington Post* reported Aug. 9.

An estimated 20 million Americans regularly smoke marijuana, according to government surveys. They are finding their supply uncommonly hard to find. "Yes, there's a famine on the East Coast," Kevin Zeese, director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) told the *Norfolk Virginian-Pilot and Ledger-Star*.

"He's probably right," said Virginia Beach narcotics investigator Gary Goodfellow. "It is slack right now."

This year's marijuana crop from Colombia is expected to be 1,250 metric tons, considerably down from the 1983 harvest of 13,500 tons and less than half of the 3,000 metric tons produced in 1985.

Briefly

● **WHITE HOUSE** spokesman Larry Speakes praised Peru's war on drugs during an Aug. 1 press briefing, but the statement was blacked out of the U.S. press: "We applaud the fact that the government of Alan García took the matter in its own hands and went to the very sources of the drugs." The Peruvian Air Force had just completed bombing runs against jungle cocaine labs.

● **THE WASHINGTON POST** and the *New York Times* both misreported what President Reagan said about Lyndon LaRouche at his Aug. 12 Chicago press conference. The *Post* quotes Reagan: "Well, let me say, I'm as yet to do battle with him. . . ." The *Times'* version: "Well, let me say I'm here to do battle with him. . . ." Reagan's actual formulation was: "Well, let me say I'm not here to do battle with him. . . ." The *Washington Times* decided not to quote—Reagan went on to say he didn't "agree with everything" LaRouche stands for.

● **U.S. POLICE CHIEFS** recommended Aug. 13 that police departments test all new employees for drug use, regularly recheck narcotics officers, and give urinalyses to any other civilian or uniformed employee who shows signs of drug abuse. Jerold Vaughn, executive director for the International Association of Chief of Police, said the group opted for mandatory testing of all new employees, civilian or uniformed, "to head off future problems."

● **AN AMENDMENT** to the 1987 defense bill to withdraw roughly 200,000 U.S. ground troops from Europe and Asia over the next five years was defeated 322-90 in the House Aug. 12. The amendment, sponsored by Colorado Democrat Pat Shroeder, called for withdrawing 35,000 troops a year from Europe and 10,000 annually from Asia—primarily Japan.