

National News

LaRouche holds press conference on AIDS

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. told a press conference at San Francisco's Redwood City Hotel May 28 that he expects an AIDS ballot initiative he backs, Proposition 69, to win easily in June 7 voting in that state. LaRouche also announced a campaign broadcast to air on NBC three days before the election, as gay protesters marched outside the hotel.

Though Proposition 64, a similar initiative mandating public health measures against AIDS, failed in 1986, LaRouche pointed out drily that "those who led the opposition to it are dead. I should think that a lot of the people who opposed it are dead. So I think this time you will find a lot of the people who were panicked into opposing 64 are now thinking of supporting 69, because nobody else is doing a thing about this blasted disease."

He was asked about the effect of having virtually no support from elected officials or from the medical community. "So what?" he responded, "Maybe some people would like to survive. Maybe you will find in San Francisco and a few other places that a majority of what you call the 'gay vote' might turn out and vote for this thing."

His NBC television special will help, he added. "It is on the subject of 'Victory Over AIDS.' It will be quite a blockbuster. The program is like a documentary. . . . It's a national blast to put some dynamite under this thing nationally. . . . We are going to give them facts about the biological reasons for the disease and get rid of the idea that this disease cannot be licked. What I want to do is blow things up so people can come out and talk about curing AIDS."

"I think the public should be told that the 'safe-sex' material is garbage. Safe sex is nonsense, absolute nonsense, because this is not a venereal disease. [U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett] Koop is a liar. This guy is spending millions of dollars to mail silly, lying pamphlets, hoping that, like little Nancy Reagan, if you say 'no' to a little AIDS virus when it comes up and knocks on your door, it will go away," LaRouche said.

"The problem is not quarantine. The

problem is that quarantine costs millions of dollars. They panicked a good deal of the population into opposing it. I don't think it will work this time. Because these idiots said they had a better solution. They have no solution. They are doing less now than they ever did before, and the public knows it. . . ."

Washington archbishop named a cardinal

Washington, D.C.'s Archbishop James A. Hickey, whom the *Washington Post* described as having "shaped his ministry in the John Paul tradition of conservative theology and social activism," was named a cardinal of the Catholic Church on May 29. Also named a cardinal was Detroit Archbishop Edmund C. Szoka. The appointment of the two Americans will bring to five the number of active United States cardinals.

In all, 25 new cardinals were announced by the Vatican May 29.

Szoka and Hickey, who took their seminary training together, are expected to preach strict adherence to Roman Catholic teachings. "I shall do my best to live up to my episcopal motto chosen many years ago: Teach the truth in charity," said Hickey, who will be given his cardinal's biretta at the Vatican on June 28.

Hickey was responsible for "liberal theologian" Charles Curran being banned by the Vatican from teaching theology at Catholic University in the nation's capital. Curran taught a brand of "Christian ethics" which accepted abortion and homosexuality.

Hospitals quietly take precautions against AIDS

Many hospitals are quietly training their staffs in infection control, obviously with AIDS in mind, although most hospital officials deny it.

Goggles, gloves, and plastic gowns are being positioned in every patient's room. Staff are being required to attend classes usually consisting of a film and a lecture on

"infection control."

The two main themes are: It is prudent for staff to isolate themselves from *all* bodily substances of patients; but it is up to the staff member whether he or she actually does.

Even some small hospitals are remodeling to have at least several quite secure isolation rooms. In the past, often one regular room was designed as a quarantine room.

Nevertheless, hospital officials continue to regurgitate the line of the Centers for Disease Control and Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, that AIDS can only be transmitted by semen and blood. Questioned as to why the extreme precautions concerning all bodily substances, the standard reply is that it is "just better awareness" of the problem of all infections.

Dukakis says he'd recognize Jerusalem

In an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* May 29, Democratic presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis asserted that he would reverse more than 20 years of U.S. policy in the Middle East by recognizing Israel's claim to sovereignty over all of Jerusalem. He would also recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Dukakis declared that the future status of Jerusalem was "not negotiable" except in matters dealing with "the rights of religious groups, which are rights that Israel has accepted."

"If," Dukakis added, "Israel wants its capital in Jerusalem, then, as far as I'm concerned, its capital is in Jerusalem. If it wants its capital in Tel Aviv, then it's capital can be in Tel Aviv. That's their judgment to make."

Bush drug charges aired on national TV

On May 26, the internationally syndicated Cable News Network Larry King Show featured a 40-minute interview with Richard Brenneke, one of the primary sources of the recent accusations that George Bush aide Donald Gregg supervised a guns-for-drugs

Briefly

route supplying the Nicaraguan Contras.

Brenneke, who was interviewed in a recent issue of *Newsweek*, told King that he had been recruited to a CIA arms-for-cocaine effort by Israeli Mossad station chief in Guatemala, Pesach Ben-Or, who told him that he was acting on the authority of the U.S. government. Brenneke said that he was given Donald Gregg's name and telephone number at the White House, in order to confirm Ben-Or's bona fides, and that he had several phone discussions with Gregg in which the ex-CIA official gave Brenneke a green light to participate in the program.

Sometime during the mid-1980s, Brenneke said, he flew two planeloads of cocaine into the United States from Medellín, Colombia, and from an undisclosed location in Panama.

While painting a convincing and confident picture of Gregg's role in the Central America cocaine pipeline, Brenneke was careful to tell the audience that he had no personal "proof" that Vice President Bush, Gregg's boss at the time, had any personal knowledge of the guns-for-drugs transactions. Under grilling from both Larry King and from at least four callers who claimed to be former intelligence operatives with firsthand experience in Central America, Brenneke stuck to his story and told viewers that he had extensive written proof of his charges that would be presented to congressional investigators and reporters.

According to at least one U.S. intelligence source, the Brenneke charges are accurate and are part of an effort to expose and shut down the CIA-Israeli connection that was pivotal to the entire Iran-Contra fiasco.

Bush wants Meese to resign

George Bush met secretly with Ed Meese recently, to discuss the political fallout from the attorney general's continuing legal problems. The contents of the meeting have not yet been revealed, but, according to a story in the May 28 *Washington Post*, the meeting indicates that Bush is stepping up his effort to oust Meese.

From mid-May on, the Bush camp has been running a none-too-subtle campaign

against Meese, with spokesmen for the vice president telling all who would listen that Meese should step down, before he harms Bush's election chances.

On May 31, Bush himself confirmed that he met privately with Meese to talk about the problems Meese might be creating for Bush's presidential try. Asked if Meese pledged not to do anything to harm Bush's campaign, Bush responded, "Yes, yes, I think you can say that." Adding that the report of Special Prosecutor James McKay would be out soon, Bush said, "Let's see what it says."

Cuomo, Dukakis may suffer from nuke closings

Politicians, "prominent among them Mario Cuomo and Michael Dukakis," who respectively managed to destroy the Shoreham, New York nuclear plant and place the Seabrook, New Hampshire nuclear plant perilously close to destruction, will suffer from the fallout of their actions, warned the June 1 lead editorial in the *Wall Street Journal*, under the headline, "Lights Out."

In an unprecedented action, the Long Island Lighting and Power Company finally reached a deal with Mario Cuomo's State of New York to bulldoze its Shoreham facility, which cost \$5.3 billion and took 23 years to build, but was never put into operation because of environmentalist roadblocks—Cuomo's support. Dukakis, as governor of Massachusetts, has done everything in his power to see that the environmentalist-besieged Seabrook plant suffers a similar fate.

Not only will citizens who would have benefited from those plants "be awarded the honor of paying higher taxes and utility rates for nothing," but "those same ratepayers and taxpayers can look forward to power shortages this summer," said the *Journal*.

"Other nations—France, South Korea, Japan, Britain—are pressing ahead with nuclear power development with none of the political paralysis that has occurred in the U.S." As a result, the United States, which "will lose its 15% safety margin in electrical generating capacity only three years from now," can look forward to "brownouts and, possibly, retarded industrial development."

● **MAYOR COLEMAN YOUNG** of Detroit has issued a regulation requiring testing of members of the Detroit Police Department for drug usage. The regulation requires that the names of all 5,000 members of the police force be submitted for random testing.

● **PATTY DUKE**, who led the Hollywood charge against the LaRouche-backed Proposition 64 AIDS initiative in 1986, has been diagnosed as a manic-depressive. Duke reveals in a new book that she has begun taking lithium, after "innumerable suicide attempts, bizarre behaviors, broken relationships. . . . People would look at me like I was crazy, not realizing that I was. . . . The manic behavior was kind of acceptable behavior for a star."

● **PRESIDENT REAGAN** said in a televised interview with two Soviet journalists at the end of May that he would probably write a book to "straighten out the record." "I've been thinking very seriously about writing a book. In view of the fact that several people who have left government have written some books, I think maybe I'd better straighten out the record and tell things as they really are."

● **GEORGE BUSH**, in a replay of his poor little rich boy act, indicated that he may curtail some political travel as a result of a dwindling treasury. "It's expensive to take this show on the road," Bush told reporters.

● **LAWRENCE WALSH**, independent prosecutor in the Iringate affair, has asked the District Court in Washington to deny a request for separate trials by the four defendants in the case, Oliver North, John Poindexter, Richard Secord, and Albert Hakim. Walsh said that each of the defendants' roles and actions fit together in one conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government.