

National News

Novak warns U.S. becoming police state

Columnist Robert Novak said that the United States is becoming a police state, on the CNN show "Capitol Gang" on June 9.

Novak, with columnist Mark Shield, Alan Ritter of the *Wall Street Journal*, Patrick Buchanan, and special guest Jesse Jackson, were discussing the case of Washington Mayor Marion Barry. Jackson said he believed there was a Department of Justice campaign targeting black politicians.

"But I would say this, Jesse," responded Novak. "You mentioned a lot of black mayors, black politicians that have been targeted by the IRS. I can tell you a lot of white businessmen who've been targeted by the IRS. I can tell you a lot of people who have been persecuted by the IRS with mistakes. It's getting so that the U.S. is beginning to look like a police state."

Cable News Network, operated by Ted Turner, omitted Novak's police state comments in their published transcript of the program.

Alleged Noriega drug running lacks evidence

Despite an unceasing search to find physical evidence of drug dealing by Gen. Manuel Noriega, U.S. officials say they have found almost no documents that conclusively prove General Noriega trafficked in drugs, the June 10 *New York Times* reported.

American officials say they had expected to find a damning paper trail among General Noriega's private and official papers, most of which are thought to have been seized by American troops who invaded Panama last December, said the *Times*.

So far, the most damaging "evidence" is a letter "discovered" in May by Rogelio Cruz, the Attorney General of Panama, who is tied to the Colombia's Cali and Medellín cocaine cartels and has defended narco-trafficker Gilberto Rodríguez Orejuela, written to Noriega by a convicted American drug

dealer, Steven Kalish.

The government has also secured the testimony of Enrique A. Pretelt, a 47-year-old Panamanian jeweler who has agreed to testify against Noriega as part of a plea bargain conviction for laundering drug money.

Bush Democrats ceding 1992 presidential election

The U.S. Democratic Party leadership has essentially decided to concede the 1992 presidential election to George Bush, according to a European insider who has spent time during May and June in the United States.

"Cuomo is the boy of the day, but he might not last long. Nobody else is being put forward. I'm absolutely certain that they've come to a decision not to mount a serious challenge to Bush," he said. "The Democrats' attitude is that Bush will easily win a second mandate, and that the Democrats have six years to reorganize themselves. Not two years, but six."

The Democrats' mood is all the more peculiar, he said, since Bush will become more vulnerable because of the growing banking crisis and the likelihood that his leading supporter, Gorbachov, will be thrown out of power. Once Bush becomes more vulnerable, all the old files, whether it be Irangate, Bush's dealings with Red China, or his sellout of the Baltics, could be used against him in a devastating way.

Science education advocate ousted

Bassam Shakhshiri, one of the nation's leading advocates of science education, has resigned as the assistant director of the National Science Foundation's education directorate and will be replaced by Luther Williams, the June 1 *Washington Post* reported.

"I am puzzled why in essence I am being fired," Shakhshiri stated. "I came here

when science education was decimated. I have rebuilt it. I am committed to that. I have dedicated my life to that." During his leadership funding for education has gone from \$55 million in 1985 to President Bush's current request for \$251 million.

Williams, as chairman of an NSF policy committee, recently recommended dividing the duties and money of the education directorate among the seven science directorates, each of which support different disciplines and compete for funds, a move which Shakhshiri said would "emasculate" science education.

Bill Aldridge, executive director of the National Science Teachers Association, said, "It's an outrageous thing to do, especially when everyone, including Congress, has been calling for more support of science education."

LaRouche Dems score in Calif., N.J. primaries

Four candidates for the U.S. Congress campaigning in support of Lyndon LaRouche and his policies, received vote totals in the 20-35% range, and more than a score of LaRouche Democrats were elected to party central committee positions in the June 5 California and New Jersey primaries.

Voters in California turned to LaRouche candidates to an unprecedented extent, despite years of intense Anti-Defamation League-inspired hate propaganda against LaRouche and his movement. In Democratic congressional primaries, Art Hoffman (38th C.D.) took 34% of the vote; Robert Ingraham (14th C.D.), 21%; and Scott Gaulke (26th C.D.) 14%. In northern California's 4th C.D., LaRouche-backer and Food for Peace activist Edward Anderson won 32% of the vote, finishing second in a four-way race for the GOP nomination.

In Los Angeles County, LaRouche candidates won 17 seats on the Democratic Central Committee and now constitute 8.6% of the largest Democratic Party machine in the state. Nine more LaRouche backers won committee seats in Los Angeles and surrounding counties, including six Republicans. In northern California, more than a dozen LaRouche Democrats in

seven counties were elected to party central committees.

Longtime LaRouche foes, Attorney General John Van de Kamp and Los Angeles County District Attorney Ira Reiner, lost bids for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, to former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein by 52-41%, and for Attorney General, to San Francisco D.A. Arlo Smith, respectively.

Two LaRouche congressional candidates in New Jersey's Democratic primary also scored in double figures, with the slogan "Freedom for LaRouche" printed on the ballot. Michael DiMarco, running in the rural 13th C.D. won 20% of the vote, finishing second in a three-way race. He defeated an environmental activist who has called for shutting down the Oyster Creek nuclear reactor.

In the 11th C.D., Mary Frueholz was officially credited with 14% of the vote against lawyer Michael Gordon, a member of the state's environmental enforcement advisory committee. Gordon's ballot status has been challenged, however, for filing after the deadline and using on-duty sheriff's officers as "couriers" of his petitions. Frueholz maintains that, under the law, she is the Democratic nominee.

Bork denounces RICO as legally intolerable

Former federal judge Robert Bork in a commentary in the June 6 *Wall Street Journal*, condemned the abuse of due process in the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations act case against Ed Meese associate, E. Robert Wallach.

"RICO is constitutionally intolerable. The due process clause of the Fifth Amendment forbids Congress from enacting penal statutes that are so vague and indefinite as to deprive a person of ordinary intelligence of notice of prohibited conduct, and to afford unfettered discretion to prosecutors," Bork wrote in an appeal filed on Wallach's behalf, which he included in the commentary. "As Wallach's prosecution demonstrates, RICO grants essentially unbridled discretion to judges and juries and affords no notice of what conduct it prohibits. . . .

The existence of an 'enterprise' and . . . 'pattern of racketeering' have no limited definition in the statute."

Columnist on target against Dr. Kevorkian

The June 4 killing of a supposed victim of Alzheimer's disease Janet Adkins of Portland, Oregon by Nazi doctor Jack Kevorkian, was strongly condemned by Patrick Buchanan in a June 9 column.

Kevorkian watched as Adkins allegedly pushed the button on Kevorkian's "suicide machine" releasing thiopental to induce coma, and potassium chloride to stop the heart. The killing is being used as the kickoff for the Hemlock Society's campaign to legalize euthanasia.

"Few may acknowledge it, but we are far along in a process that is altering the character of our nation," Buchanan warned. "The first, critical step was to deny that all life is a gift from God, and that no man can take it; and to assert, instead, our right to decide when a human being is a 'person.'"

"The second step was to assert that some persons are better off dead, such as comatose victims of accidents. . . . The third step is to assert a 'right to die' and a concomitant duty to assist individuals who seek to exercise it. . . .

"Indeed, if a lethal injection is the dignified way out for Mrs. Adkins, why is it not also a dignified way out for the homeless, who, enfeebled, rummage through garbage cans for food? (To quote Dr. Kevorkian, 'What kind of a life is that?'). . . .

"And, if Mrs. Adkins' decision was rational, why is it not equally rational to ask all those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and terminal cancer. . . . Perhaps Dr. Kevorkian has, in his machine, the final solution to the AIDS problem? . . .

"Inexorably we reach the fundamental question: Is there a higher law, call it God's law, or natural law, to which man-made law must conform, or be invalid? And if no higher law exists, on what moral ground do we stand to condemn the German doctors whose 'crimes against humanity' consisted only of doing to the feeble-minded exactly what we seek to do today?"

Briefly

● **'THE WASHINGTON** summit: The worst strategic miscalculation since Yalta," is the title of a White Paper written by former Reagan administration arms control staffer Sven Kraemer. Not since Roosevelt and Churchill allowed "Eastern Europe to be regarded as a Soviet 'sphere of influence' has an American President accepted greater risks," Kraemer writes.

● **AMB. EDWARD ROWNY**, who resigned as President Bush's special adviser on arms control, denounced strategic arms concessions to the Soviets as "unnecessary" and ones that "will come back to haunt us," in a speech to the American Bar Association, the June 8 *Washington Times* reported.

● **OHIO GOVERNOR** Richard Celeste insisted his wife, Dagmar Celeste, is not a lesbian after she spoke at a gay and lesbian political rally, the June 11 *Washington Times* reported.

● **TED TURNER**, owner of Cable News Network, said June 13 he plans to apologize for calling Christianity "a religion for losers" but added he might say other things we might not like, according to the June 8 *Washington Times*.

● **THE WASHINGTON** *Post* defended George Bush's refusal to eat broccoli in several articles in early June. The *Post* does not mention Lyndon LaRouche, nor his campaign slogan, "Eat It, George," by name, but runs thousands of words of copy arguing against forcing children to eat broccoli and other vegetables.

● **A DU PONT CO.** "refrigeration expert" fled a debate with *21st Century Science & Technology* spokesman Roger Maduro sponsored by the Vermont Chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers in Burlington, on June 6. Maduro exposed the global warming and ozone depletion hoaxes which has led to the ban on chlorofluorocarbons.