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Du Pont heir demands Bronfman resign

Lewis du Pont Smith, an heir to the du Pont family fortune who is running for Congress from Pennsylvania on a policy platform associated with Lyndon LaRouche, called for the resignation or removal of Edgar Bronfman from the Board of Directors of the Du Pont Corp. on Aug. 23 at a press conference held in Wilmington, Delaware.

Smith said he demanded the resignation because of Bronfman's "gangster mentality," which is contrary to the policies of sound economics needed to get out of the depression. He cited Bronfman's support for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), and his dealings with Erich Honecker and the East German communist regime as exposed in *Semit* magazine, as proof of this mentality. Smith also attacked Bronfman's leadership of the company, and pointed to the greatest swindle of the 20th century—the banning of chlorofluorocarbons, (CFCs) which will force the world to buy replacements at up to 30 times the current price.

Smith announced that he is writing to the East German embassy to ask them to release their files on Bronfman.

In response to media questions on CFCs, Smith said he expected to announce a panel of experts in the next few weeks that would expose the CFC swindle.

Smith's call was covered in the *West Chester Daily News* and on radio stations in his district.

Anti-tax measures on ballot in eight states

Evidence that ferment is growing throughout the United States over the ongoing depression, is indicated by the fact that anti-tax ballot measures will be voted on in at least eight states this November, the most since 1980, the *Wall Street Journal* noted in an editorial on Aug. 28.

According to a Department of Commerce study, state tax collections nation-

wide were up 7.5% in 1989 compared to 1988, well above the official inflation level. Oregon led the nation with a 22.5% increase; California was up 14.2%. Both states have votes scheduled.

Massachusetts, the only state in the union to have raised taxes three years in a row, Oklahoma, and Illinois also have votes scheduled. The message to Bush and Congress, the *Journal* said, is that "voter resentment over high taxes has by no means dissipated."

RICO law backfires on local police

In a novel use of the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) law, California lawyer Ernest J. Franceschi has won court approval to sue a local police department as racketeers, based on their operation of an unlawful radar trap.

Franceschi argued that the township had not based its speed laws on valid engineering studies as mandated by California law, and was therefore illegally ticketing people caught in a speed trap. The city is thus considered a "racketeer," using the police to extort money from motorists.

U.S. District Judge Stephen Wilson agreed with the argument, and will allow the \$60 million law suit to be heard.

Record salmon catch despite Valdez spill

Despite the Valdez oil spill, Alaska is harvesting a record catch of salmon, according to a commentary by syndicated columnist Warren Brookes in the Aug. 29 *Washington Times*.

Brookes reported that the catch of more than 40 million tons of fish far exceeds the previous record of 29 million three years ago. "Alaskan fishermen, who made a fortune renting their boats, equipment, and time in Exxon's \$2 billion cleanup last year . . . are now known as Spillionaires," he wrote.

Ecological recovery from the spill is so far advanced, Brookes said, that the Spillionaires' proposals for further cleanup—rock washing and excavation of beaches to wash them with detergents—are crazy. "Further cleanup would do more harm than good," says one expert. Most of the remaining oil is well below the surface and is not expected to do any more harm.

In 30 years of studying oil spills, one of the experts said, "the one ingredient is that their actual effects on the ecology are relatively short-lived, usually less than three to five years . . . even though some oil can often remain for a decade or more. . . . After all, oil is not some synthetic man-made chemical. It is a fossil fuel made up primarily of natural hydrocarbons. Its most toxic elements evaporate relatively quickly after a spill; what remains becomes nutrients for micro-organisms."

The environmentalists have vilified the report of independent consultants in marine pollution that came to this conclusion. According to Brookes, "That great scientist and folk singer John Denver accused the scientists and Exxon of 'lying through their teeth.'"

Truckers demand pricing sanity to end depression

The Regular Common Carrier Conference, which represents about 350 trucking companies, told the Interstate Commerce Commission on Aug. 24, that it must reestablish "pricing sanity" to end the "depression."

The ICC must "reassert its authority over motor carrier tariff matters in order to reestablish pricing sanity in the trucking industry. The less-than-truckload general freight trucking industry has been suffering an extended financial depression due in large part to the absence of any effective downside rate regulation by the ICC over the past ten years, which has led to extreme discounting," the truckers said in a statement to the ICC.

The RCCC pointed to the 1990 Supreme Court decision on *Maislin Industries, U.S., Inc. v. Primary Steel, Inc.*, in which the Court held that "generalized congressional

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exhortations to 'increase competition' cannot provide the ICC authority to alter the well-established statutory rate requirements," and noted that under paragraph 49 of the U.S. Code, section 10701, the ICC is mandated to "regulate the reasonableness of rates," and to "establish reasonable revenue need standards designed to promote a sound motor carrier industry able to earn adequate returns and attract capital."

The RCCC argued that the ICC, however, interpreted the Motor Carrier Act of 1980 "as a mandate for a *laissez-faire* approach to trucking."

Treasury workers protest layoffs

Members of the National Treasury Employees Union held a rally outside the White House on Aug. 30 to announce their union's "Furlough? NO!" campaign to "force our lawmakers to agree to a budget alternative that will neither paralyze essential government services nor hurt the employees who make our government work."

NTEU president Robert M. Tobias cited administration projections showing the impacts of program cuts which include: slow-downs of Social Security payments; air travel delays of 400-600%; one million children not being vaccinated for polio, measles, and rubella; closing of many commercial ports, fewer cargo inspections, and increasing import cargo delays.

Shrimper restrictions roundly attacked

The Department of Commerce's Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council encountered fierce opposition at a hearing in Galveston, Texas Aug. 30 as they continue the drive to shut down shrimping in the Gulf.

In addition to demands that shrimpers install Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs), which significantly reduce the shrimp catch, allegedly to protect the Kemp-Ridley's sea turtle, they now are claiming that shrimpers

are wiping out red snapper, and have put forward new restrictions including one which would end shrimping from the shore out to two hundred miles from May 1 to July 31, a major part of the shrimping season.

More than 150 shrimpers attended the hearing to protest the new restrictions. Several speakers ridiculed the Council for using non-scientific criteria, ruining people's livelihood based on unproven suppositions.

Mike Maddi, who testified at the hearing, attacked the hidden agenda of the eco-fascists. He said if the economic warfare being conducted against family farmers and shrimpers succeeds in imposing these regulations, millions more will go hungry. He explained how this crisis will promote the imposition of pagan beliefs and the destruction of Christianity. Maddi quoted from *EIR* articles on the animal rights movement and on Prince Philip. He urged people to fight this by backing the LaRouche candidates movement.

Environmentalists hold U.S. hostage: Buchanan

Columnist Patrick Buchanan attacked the hypocrisy of politicians and other Americans willing to put the lives of American soldiers at risk for Saudi oil in an Aug. 22 column, while refusing to ask Americans to shoulder the immeasurably smaller risks associated with offshore and national wilderness oil drilling, nuclear energy, and coal combustion.

The problem, Buchanan noted, is the environmentalist movement, whose dozen largest groups have a combined membership of 13 million and a total annual budget of \$336 million—quadruple what the Republican and Democratic National Committees and their congressional auxiliaries spend. Buchanan quoted Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Cal.) that in maintaining U.S. dependence on Gulf oil, the environmentalists are a greater "security threat than Saddam Hussein could ever hope to be."

"What, after all, is more precious—the lives of 19-year-old troopers of the 82nd Airborne or Alaskan caribou and Atlantic sea gulls?" he asked.

● **NATION OF ISLAM** newspaper *Final Call* devoted a significant portion of its Sept. 7 issue's coverage of the threatened outbreak of war in the Middle East to quotes from Lyndon LaRouche and the *EIR*. The article cites the July 20 *EIR*, which it says carried a remarkably "prophetic" headline, "Israel Gets Ready for New Mideast War."

● **THE FBI CLOSED** an investigation after only one day into allegations of cocaine use by William Thornburgh, son of Attorney General Richard Thornburgh. Clearly suggesting a coverup, the Aug. 27 *Washington Times* reported that the FBI interviewed only two cokehead buddies of William Thornburgh.

● **BLACK FARMERS** are disappearing. In 1920, there were 900,000 black farmers—about 14% of the nation's total. By 1978, there were only 57,271. In the last agriculture census in 1987, there were 22,954—a drop of 60% in nine years. Today, blacks are just 0.1% of all farmers, and are leaving farming three times faster than whites, the Aug. 26 *Washington Post* reported.

● **A HOUSTON MAN** who escaped from Kuwait held a press conference Aug. 25 upon his return to Houston, astonished the local press when he told them that the Emir, on whose behalf President Bush is willing to risk the lives of tens of thousands of young Americans, is spending \$800 million on a new palace.

● **CHARLES KEATING** lost his legal bid to reclaim Lincoln Savings and Loan when Federal Judge Stanley Sporkin dismissed Keating's attempt to dislodge Lincoln from control by the federal government.

● **RALPH NADER** called for a return to the disastrous energy policies of Jimmy Carter in a Washington press conference Aug. 28—fuel-efficient cars, soft energy alternatives, and no nuclear power or offshore oil drilling.