

National News

Bush tax dodge enters bankruptcy

The Houstonian Hotel, in Houston, Texas, which George Bush maintains as his official residence for voting and tax purposes, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization.

According to press accounts, the Houstonian Hotel leases President Bush a suite at a discount price and charges him only for the days he is in town. The rest of the year, the suite is left vacant and the hotel takes the loss. This allows Bush to avoid Washington, D.C. and Maine income taxes. Texas has no state income tax.

Judge in LaRouche case cited for bias

Attorneys for Lyndon LaRouche, William Wertz, and Edward Spannaus filed a petition for a writ of mandamus with the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Feb. 19 asking that the court remove Judge Albert Bryan, Jr. from hearing a 2255 motion of LaRouche, Wertz, and Spannaus.

The 2255 motion, filed on Jan. 22, seeks to vacate LaRouche's 15-year sentence because his conviction and detention were unlawful. Based on new evidence, it charges that the prosecution acted "illegally and wrongfully" to convict LaRouche and his associates "by engaging in outrageous misconduct, including financial warfare."

The petition was filed because Bryan refused to remove himself when the 2255 was originally filed. Under federal law, 2255 motions are referred to the judge who originally presided over the trial.

The petition before the Fourth Circuit charges that Bryan has already pre-judged the issues presented in the 2255 motion. The petition states, "Judge Bryan's response to the Spannaus allocation revealed his immutable prejudice concerning this subject matter. Judge Bryan rejected 'this idea' that the prosecution was politically motivated as 'arrant nonsense.' Further, he declared 'the idea that this organization is a sufficient threat to anything, that would warrant the

government bringing a prosecution to silence them, just defies human experience.'

"The petitioners' motion for collateral relief contains an abundance of new evidence showing that the government did target the petitioners. Yet, the judge sitting on the motion has already expressed a biased and intractable opinion on the issue. The very idea of ascribing any improper motive to the prosecution is rejected at the threshold as 'arrant nonsense.'"

LaRouche scores Bush for ozone fraud

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche on Feb. 23 attacked George Bush's formal decision to speed up the phase-out of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) by 1995 as a "campaign stunt."

"It has been just recently leaked through European press that NASA officials were very discontent with the distorted picture presented by NASA alleging a sudden increased depletion of ozone in the atmosphere. This was faked," LaRouche said.

"The story is that Bush was trying to get close to the hard-core environmentalists by taking this kind of official position—a fraudulent one, but an official one—on the ozone situation.

"The fact is, the ozone hole in Antarctica has existed for at least hundreds of thousands of years, and probably billions of years, and has not significantly increased in size, during the winter months when it develops, over millions of years, that is, if you take 30-year Sun cycles. The same average level of ozone hole is there as, say, 100 million years ago, or less, perhaps.

"The ozone hole was discovered in 1956-57 as part of the Geophysical Year experiments by a scientist called Dobson from Oxford University in England. That was before CFCs were in general use. In 1986, a fellow from Cambridge University, just down the street from Oxford, pretended that *he* had discovered the ozone hole in Antarctica, 30 years later than the actual discovery. He measured the discovery—obviously—in Dobson units!

"So everyone says, 'Ah, the ozone hole developed in 1986, and it was caused by CFCs.' It was discovered in 1956, before

the use of CFCs, and has been in existence through the action of sunlight and lack of sunlight during the winter months for millions of years.

"So much for Dan Quayle and George Bush."

Businessman points to 'environmental dividend'

The hundreds of billions of dollars that industry will have to spend to meet environmental regulations should instead be used as an "environmental dividend" for the economy, Charles DiBona, head of the American Petroleum Institute, told the Economic Club of Detroit on Feb. 18.

DiBona stated that the nation could save 30% of these hundreds of billions, more than the projected so-called "peace dividend." The only action required, he said, would be to get rid of the regulations in the Clean Air Act amendments, which have been promulgated through the "misuse of science, particularly the use of distorted risk assessments; a cavalier attitude toward costs; the constant use of command-and-control regulation; and the legalistic complexity of the system."

DiBona attacked the Environmental Protection Agency's linear extrapolation from animals to humans of the effect of massive doses of chemicals, and the method of multiplying minuscule risks together until one gets a large, scary number. Taking these hundreds of billions of dollars out of the economy and industry while ignoring the economic impact "is an immoral course of action as well as an inefficient one," DiBona stated.

Hate crimes level holds steady in New York

Despite the best efforts of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and their allies in the media, the New York City police report that the number of "hate crimes" there has held steady over the last four years, at about 540 reported incidents per year.

William T. Wallace, head of the Bias Crimes Unit, told the Feb. 18 *New York Times* that the number of such incidents is actually falling. "People say 'I don't remember it this bad,' how could they remember? We didn't count these crimes years ago. Why were there all those civil rights marches if things were so hunky-dory in the good old days? In all probability, there were more bias crimes 30 or 40 years ago," Wallace said.

The *Times* pointed out that in most of the so-called bias incidents, there is so much ambiguity about motivations that the statistical information is virtually useless. An enraged father of a girl raped in an incident which was characterized as a bias crime told the *Times*, "In my days good guys were good guys and bad guys went to jail. This bias nonsense is clouding a lot of issues. You do the crime, you do the time."

Included in the statistical base of the bias crimes are anonymous letters and phone calls reported by the purported victims, and outright hoaxes, such as one typical case where school children reported being chased by gangs of different ethnic groups, then later admitted that they made the story up as an excuse for being late for school.

Teller: Be generous in helping Russia

Dr. Edward Teller called for the United States to be generous in helping Russia, in a commentary in the Feb. 23 *Washington Times*.

"If the cold war was indeed a war, it should be acknowledged that the Russians did incomparably less damage to the American people than the Nazis or Japanese," Teller said in arguing that aid is "urgent." "I cannot be accused of having favored the Russians in the past," he said, noting "some may even think of me as Dr. Strangelove." However, we are at a turning point, and there is an opportunity that cannot be missed, he said.

At the same time, the Feb. 17 edition of *Aviation Week and Space Technology* warned that President Bush is failing to address the crisis in the East, in an article headlined "President Bush's Abdication." *Aviation Week* wrote: "Bush's failure to lead the

West through the crisis spreading across the former U.S.S.R. is obvious to everyone, it seems, but the President himself. One need only recall his near-superhuman effort in assembling the coalition against Iraq to realize the magnitude of his abdication." The magazine blasted a "befuddled" administration that "has defaulted" in putting together serious aid and support for the republics of the former U.S.S.R.

The magazine foresees that "the U.S. may be torn apart over how democracy was doomed in the Commonwealth and eastern Europe despite trillions spent in winning the Cold War."

Deportation ending political refuge in U.S.

The U.S. government has handed Joseph Doherty, a member of the Irish Republican Army who has been fighting deportation for eight years while being held in U.S. prisons, over to the British. The case raises the issue of whether the Bush administration has abandoned defense of "political refugees" in favor of political expediency.

A federal judge ruled in 1985 that Doherty could not be extradited because the killing of a policeman of which he was accused, was a "political offense," and thus extradition was barred by treaty law. The Justice Department then sought to deport, rather than extradite, Doherty. When Doherty asked to be sent to Ireland rather than Britain, the Justice Department said this "would be injurious to our relations with the United Kingdom."

On Jan. 15, in an opinion written by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a decision by a federal appeals court which had said that Doherty was entitled to a new immigration hearing to argue for political asylum. The Rehnquist ruling upheld an action by former Attorney General Richard Thornburgh which had denied the hearing.

A few weeks ago, John Cardinal O'Connor of New York asked the Bush administration to grant a political asylum hearing to Doherty, saying that "justice must take priority over politics," even though the U.S. government wanted to "accommodate an ally," i.e., Great Britain.

Briefly

● **THE BOY SCOUTS** of America has renewed the charter of a San Diego troop which announced that it would accept homosexuals as scouts and leaders in defiance of the organization's national policy. The national organization says its decision does not represent a change in policy since the troop has not yet inducted a homosexual.

● **JOHN FROHNMAYER** has resigned as head of the National Endowment for the Arts, in a move attributed to pressure brought by Pat Buchanan. Since George Bush appointed him in 1989, Frohnmayer has been attacked for funding sexually explicit "art."

● **DEPUTY SECRETARY** of State Lawrence Eagleburger praises the advance of market economy in Slovenia but rejects diplomatic recognition, was the message delivered to Slovenian Foreign Minister Dmitri Rupel, who began talks in Washington, D.C. in February. At the same time, the U.S. recognized Moldova, irrespective of any such criteria.

● **VIRGINIA**, with the new Health Care Decisions Act (sponsored by Del. Bernard Cohen of Alexandria), "may be on the verge of endorsing—with scarcely any debate—involuntary euthanasia," the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* warned in a Feb. 20 editorial.

● **MICHAEL BILLINGTON**, an associate of Lyndon LaRouche, petitioned the Virginia Supreme Court on Feb. 18 for the right to appeal his conviction for alleged "securities fraud" and his 77-year sentence, in a case involving \$76,000 in disputed funds.

● **SECRETARY** of State James Baker has said that there will be a July summit between Presidents George Bush and Boris Yeltsin, the Feb. 19 *New York Times* reported. Baker said he hoped the U.S.'s NATO allies would participate in an early-warning system that would house for NATO and CIS use intelligence from radar and satellite systems.