

# National News

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## 'Neoconservatives' flock to Clinton-Gore camp

An Oct. 28 *Washington Times* profile of Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights Policy Richard Schifter points out that the so-called "neoconservatives" quietly began lining up behind the Clinton campaign, looking to a Democratic administration which will continue an interventionist foreign policy.

Richard Schifter, who served in both the Reagan and Bush administrations and is a pointman for the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), is leading the effort to recruit the "neocons" to the Clinton administration. Schifter pointed to Clinton's Oct. 1 speech in Milwaukee, which called for a "pro-democracy" foreign policy that would use trade sanctions or even force to protect human rights abroad. "If you compare that speech to my *Commentary* article," Schifter told the *Times*, referring to a piece that appeared in September, "I'm not saying anyone cribbed it from there, but it's basically the same outlook."

Others like Schifter looking for a warm spot in the Clinton administration are Penn Kemble of Freedom House and Joshua Muravchik at American Enterprise Institute.

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## Eco-nuts use pressure against food irradiation

One of the nation's large poultry processors dropped its plans to sell chickens to the Vindicator food irradiation plant in Florida because of pressure from the anti-nuclear group Food & Water. Food & Water threatened to picket not only the Georgia headquarters of the poultry processor but also all the supermarket chains that carry the processor's products nationally.

As one supermarket owner characterized the method of Food & Water to stop food irradiation—"extortion." Michael Colby, the executive director of the eco-terrorist group, runs his harassment campaign from his new home in Vermont. Ob-

servers report that the group has very little on-the-ground capability for the picket lines they threaten, but that Colby is a master at intimidation on the telephone, and companies cave in to his threats.

The Food & Water group's claims have been thoroughly discredited as lies or misstatements by the scientific community, but they continue to get publicity through the media. In particular, the *New York Times* food editor Marion Burros has covered Food & Water's anti-science bombast in two recent columns, and the *Times* has refused to print even any letters correcting her wild lies.

The science quarterly *21st Century Science & Technology* is offering will send those interested in lobbying for food irradiation a list of names, addresses, and phone numbers of poultry processors and supermarket chains to encourage them to use irradiation.

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## Euthanasia's Prop. 161 funding oddities exposed

An *EIR* investigation into several contributors to the sponsoring organizations of California's Proposition 161, the physician-assisted suicide initiative that was on the Nov. 3 ballot—and mercifully defeated—has revealed several campaign disclosure violations activities and other irregularities, including laundering of campaign funds and front operations. The groups are the U.S. Forum and the Funding Exchange.

The U.S. Forum made several substantial contributions, totaling nearly \$120,000 since July 1991 to help qualify Proposition 161. The U.S. Forum was incorporated in Washington, D.C. as a non-profit corporation (4/88), but it and its agent, Mr. Thomas R. Asher, appear to have vanished.

*EIR* uncovered significant irregularities—there was no record of application for a tax exempt status in the District or federally, and no annual reports. With each query, more irregularities appeared, enough that the District of Columbia's Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Business Regulation office and the Corporations office each issued a certificate stating the U.S. Forum was a

corporation not in good standing in D.C.; and, that the group, organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes with a non-profit, tax-exempt status, *never* registered for a license to solicit charitable contributions in the District.

How did such a group raise \$120,000 for the California physician-inflicted suicide initiative? Or did the Hemlock Society or its political arm, the Californians Against Human Suffering funnel it to the group? The group never filed a campaign report as a major donor as required by California. The Funding Exchange contributed \$16,150 to CAHS in 1992. The donations came from a fund set up specifically for anonymous donations.

According to state law, the donor of any contribution over \$100 has to be identified. In the case of the anonymous fund, if the donors gave money but earmarked their contribution for Prop. 161, the Funding Exchange would have to disclose the contributors. When asked if the donors made a general request, Ron Hanft, director of the Funding Exchange, Inc. replied, "No, in this case, they were expressing an interest in this particular initiative."

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## Death penalty does not deter murders

The FBI reported in late October that the city of Gary, Indiana (a state which uses the death penalty) leads the nation in murder rates. The fourth highest homicide rate belongs to the capital of Virginia, Richmond, where Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, who is eyeing the governor's mansion next year, has been generous with the electric chair.

Of the 10 cities with the highest rates of murder, all except Washington, D.C. and Detroit, Michigan are in states which have capital punishment.

Washington, D.C. has the third highest murder rate. However, during 1992 the rate of homicides in Washington had declined, until October, when Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby forced the city to put the death penalty referendum on the ballot. In October, the city's murder rate shot up, with 16 murders

in the last 11 days, in spite of community marches calling for an end to the killing.

Alabama, home of the "Yellow Mama" electric chair so beloved by federal Judge Edward Carnes, who wrote the state's capital punishment laws, ranks seventh among the states in murders.

## Ku Klux Klan tied also to Brazilian 'skinheads'

The Oct. 28 edition of Brazil's *Veja* magazine published an interview with an anthropologist from the Pontifical University of São Paulo who stated that one of the most radical "white power" groups operating in the country is tied to the Ku Klux Klan in the United States. There have been several reports recently on the activities of "skinhead" groups in Brazil, including one libel in the daily *Folha de São Paulo* which attempted to link them to *EIR*. Such a dirty tricks operation follows the *modus operandi* of the Anti-Defamation League in the United States, which has "infiltrated" Nazi and Klan organizations before in order to terrorize blacks.

Anthropologist Regina da Costa has been investigating these skinhead groups for the past two years as part of her doctoral thesis. If the report is true, it would indicate that Brazil is the target of the same type of operation which the ADL/Klan has directed at Germany.

## LaRouche backs Sioux against casinos

In response to a report from supporter Annabelle Bourgois, presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche offered his support on Oct. 30 to Sioux Indians in North Dakota's Standing Rock Reservation, who are fighting an effort to establish casino gambling there.

LaRouche responded to her report:

"... This is a fight I would like to see won, and I would hope that we would find a means to ensure victory. It's a continuing

fight for dignity, for independence, which should be admired by all of us. It's a cause which must be won. At this point, we should put as much attention to it as we can and see if we can actually win; but in the meantime, let's start the fight and keep it going.

"This I have in mind as a point of comparison: the fact that we are having a fight . . . to remove a statue in Washington . . . of the founder of the Ku Klux Klan, Gen. Albert Pike. I note, there is progress in that. . . . I would think that, from my knowledge of the treaty lands and their use in these problems of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and what's happened on this as known to me, the fight which is being staged in North Dakota around this, is not only a fight, really, for that particular group of Native Americans, but actually in principle, it is a fight on behalf of all Native Americans, most of whom or many of whom are already affected by the same issue; so that, if we can win a fight there, not only would we benefit those who are immediately affected; we would also benefit all Native Americans who are similarly affected. I think that's a worthy cause and worthy of a continuing effort."

## Pressure from abroad to destroy Pike statue

International pressure is increasing to force the destruction of the statue of Ku Klux Klan founder Gen. Albert Pike in Washington, D.C. On Oct. 30, Archbishop Donat Chiasson of Moncton, New Brunswick, wrote, "I agree that the statue of Albert Pike should be destroyed," along with a note reading: "We, the undersigned, wish to signify our full support to the District of Columbia Councilmember William P. Lightfoot's resolution" calling for the statue's removal.

In Ibero-America, letters of support to Lightfoot have come from Argentina attorney Carlos Pérez Galindo and the U.S. National Delegate of the Democratic Revolutionary Party of Mexico, Alfredo Hurtado Lara. Panama's Congressman Miguel Bush Rios also sent a letter and is working to introduce a resolution into Panama's legislature.

## Briefly

● **NEBRASKA** Republican Lorna M. DeSchamp sent a letter to the Clinton-Gore campaign regarding the persistent charges of a satanic pedophile ring based in Omaha. She said, "I am sickened every time I hear George Bush talk about his 'family values.' A terrible story has come to light in Nebraska and I am sending a best selling local book that documents the horror. . . ."

● **HENRY GONZALEZ** chairman of the House Banking Committee investigating the BNL "Iraggate scandal" was called to testify before the Senate Banking Committee on Oct. 27.

● **THE PHILADELPHIA Inquirer** devoted a major feature Nov. 1 to detailing how the number of white drug users is three times the number of black or Hispanic drug users, but blacks comprised 41% of all people arrested on drug charges last year.

● **THE 'CLINTON-GORE** Presidential Transition Planning Foundation" is operating out of a secret office in Little Rock. According to the sole press release issued by the foundation, the board of directors is chaired by Clinton campaign chairman Mickey Kantor.

● **LEWIS DU PONT SMITH**, the LaRouche associate whose wealthy father is charged with plotting to kidnap him, told the Oct. 22 *Washington Post*: "I wouldn't want to see my father go to jail," Smith said. "But if he had to spend a few months before probation he should spend it with Lyndon LaRouche" who is a political prisoner. "If anyone could have a rehabilitative effect on my father it would be Lyndon LaRouche," Smith said. "It would be poetic justice."

● **GOV. WILDER'S** stay of execution for paraplegic Charles Stamper in Virginia was attributed to advocacy groups for the disabled, who protested a "grotesque spectacle," according to the *New York Times*. However, said Wilder, who is expected to lift the stay, "I'm not hidebound."