

National News

Storm rages over Arkansas pardons

Executive clemency granted by Jerry Jewell, president pro tem of the Arkansas State Senate, has caused a growing political storm. Jewell commuted prison sentences while legally acting as governor during Gov. Guy Tucker's absence. Jewell commuted the life sentence of a murderer after 21 years, and released a young man convicted of drug dealing who had served five years of a 50-year sentence. The alleged drug dealer is the son of a civil rights activist. Senator Jewell is a former president of the state's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and an authority on masonic boss Albert Pike, the Grand Dragon of the Arkansas Ku Klux Klan.

Senators Mike Ross and Joe Elton Yates, both white, called for Jewell to be removed from his Senate position. The NAACP supported Jewell with a rally in front of the state house. The *New York Times* quoted Jewell: "You have kids being sent to jail for sentences greatly in excess of their crimes. The prison population consists primarily of young black males. They're in there primarily because of low achievement in schools, the absence of skills, the flow of drugs." He urged a step-up in job training and rehabilitation programs.

'Animalist' falsehoods infiltrate encyclopedia

The U.S. organization Putting People First has launched a campaign to expose the infiltration of animal rights "ethics" into the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. In fact, the "Ethics" section of the encyclopedia includes an article by the "father of animal rights," Peter Singer. In his article, Singer makes the claim that social animals do not kill members of their own species. "Perhaps he is unfamiliar with Jane Goodall's documented warfare, murder, infanticide and cannibalism among chimpanzees," wrote PPF's chairman Kathleen Marquardt.

Singer's ethics testify to his own bestiality: His 1985 book *Should the Baby Live?* advocates "that parents should be allowed in consultation with their doctors, to make life and death decisions for their severely disabled newborn infants." Singer also advocates killing mentally handicapped persons of any age and infants up to a year, because, he claims, they do not "manifest" a preference for life.

Moreover, according to Marquardt, *Britannica's* biographical section on Nazi philosopher Martin Heidegger was written by "deep ecologist" Arne Naess, who wants to reduce the human population to 100 million. Naess's *Britannica* entry refers to Heidegger's "eloquent pro-Nazi participation in the cultural politics of the Third Reich," and concludes that "Heidegger opposes a cult of mankind and wishes to call attention to something greater."

'Value free' education under attack in Pa.

A big fight against educational "values" goals is expected in the Pennsylvania state legislature, conservative State Rep. Ron Gamble (D-Oakdale) and Gov. Bob Casey (D), told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* on Jan. 28. Both Gamble and House Republicans introduced resolutions on Jan. 28 disapproving the "education reform" measures that had been voted up in the State Board of Education a week earlier.

The Pennsylvania branch of the National Education Association has joined the State Board of Education is campaigning for the changes, and plans to distribute pamphlets supporting the reforms, known as "outcome-based education" (OBE).

The OBE reforms set goals for what all students should know before they are allowed to graduate from high school. One category vehemently attacked by parents' groups is "appreciating and understanding others," including such vague goals as "demonstrating respect for the dignity, worth, contributions and equal rights of each person," which opponents fear could lead to teaching acceptance of homosexual "lifestyles." A highly visible opponent of OBE has been Anita Hoge, whose fight

against the State Education Department for keeping computerized "personality/values profiles" on students in *Educating for the New World Order*, was featured by *EIR* (Nov. 6, 1992).

In 1990, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), through its "World of Difference" program, worked closely with the state Department of Education to plan educational "values" goals. The ADL, an organized crime front which has issued a report that African-Americans are anti-Semitic, has infiltrated many schools and police departments via the "World of Difference" program.

Hypocrite Rehnquist eulogized Marshall

Many who had followed Thurgood Marshall's career and his battles on the U.S. Supreme Court were disgusted to hear Chief Justice William Rehnquist delivering the first eulogy at Marshall's funeral on Jan. 28. While Rehnquist claimed to have valued Marshall's "wise counsel" and to have admired his courage as a civil rights lawyer, it is well known that Rehnquist consistently opposed everything Marshall stood for.

In 1952, Rehnquist wrote a memo supporting the Supreme Court's 1896 *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision to maintain "separate but equal" schools, which was overturned as a result of Marshall's work in the school desegregation lawsuits. In 1964, Rehnquist openly campaigned against a proposed ordinance in Phoenix, Arizona that would have desegregated public accommodations. When Rehnquist was nominated to the Supreme Court in 1971, civil rights leaders called it an "insult." In Supreme Court cases involving civil rights, Rehnquist invariably voted against Marshall; likewise on death penalty cases.

In a C-SPAN interview on Jan. 28, Marshall biographer Carl Rowan noted that Marshall "would have been appalled" to hear justices speaking at his funeral who had just cast votes upholding the death penalty in the *Herrera* case, against a possibly innocent defendant; Rowan cited Justice Blackmun's minority opinion that the ruling brings the U.S. application of the death pen-

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alty "perilously close to murder." Thurgood Marshall opposed the death penalty as cruel and unusual punishment in all circumstances, and his 1991 resignation from the Supreme Court was clearly a manifestation of his bitterness at the Rehnquist Court's disregard of all constitutional protections and even precedents.

HIV rampant in capital's prisons

More than 20% of Washington, D.C. prisoners are HIV-infected, reported the *Washington Post* on Jan. 31. The AIDS epidemic among prisoners "may be on the verge of busting the District's bank. The math is as simple as it is disturbing. Just keeping someone locked up in the District costs around \$23,000 a year. Add to that the cost of acute medical care required by people with AIDS, and a single [inmate] costs the city more than \$60,000 a year. Now multiply that cost by an estimated 3,000 HIV-positive prisoners, all of whom will probably develop AIDS in the next decade, and you've got a looming cost that should give [Mayor] Sharon Pratt Kelly the willies."

Already, AIDS is the leading cause of death among prisoners in Washington, said the *Post*, which claimed that the best way of dealing with the crisis is by "providing the sick . . . the privilege of dying outside the institution, while teaching all prisoners, through aggressive education and condom distribution, how to prevent others from becoming infected."

Julia Child backs food irradiation

Internationally acclaimed culinary expert Julia Child gave her food irradiation as the sensible way to ensure salmonella-free produce and poultry, when she appeared as the featured speaker at a National Press Club luncheon Jan. 27. A reporter for National Public Radio was so taken aback that he asked again (on the air), "Are you saying that you are *for* food radiation?" In an inter-

view to be published in the Spring 1993 issue of *21st Century Science & Technology*, Child elaborated her views on food irradiation, biotechnology, and the "immaturity" of the anti-science faction.

"A lot of foods harbor harmful bacteria, which can be taken care of by irradiation," she said in the interview. She recalled a recent case of melons that had been stored on dirty ground, picking up salmonella. "A lot of people got very sick, and this could have easily been taken care of by a mild dose of irradiation from the outside, which wouldn't have hurt anything but the salmonella." Child said that the problem in the general population and among the chefs who frequently appear in the media was "lack of education. . . . The more you know about the science of things, the more readily you can accept things and also respect scientists."

Black FBI agents agree to settle suit

Acting U.S. Attorney General Stuart Gerson announced on Jan. 26 that the Justice Department has reached a settlement with 300 black FBI agents who were threatening a discrimination suit against the bureau. There are only 520 black agents among 10,400 FBI special agents. The settlement is regarded as a victory for director William Sessions, who has advocated anti-discrimination measures which have earned him the enmity of Hoover-era FBI officials. Gerson asked Sessions not to appear at the press conference. According to the *Washington Times*, the settlement is opposed by the FBI Agents Association, which represents 6,500 agents.

The Hooverites came under attack in a *Times* commentary by Dan Thomasson as well, who wrote: "From the minute Mr. Sessions won confirmation, the bureau's potent whispering machine went into action . . . the most serious grumbling came over his determination to diversify the once all-white, all-male organization. Some current and former senior officials charged privately that the director's affirmative action programs were ruining the agency."

● **ARETHA FRANKLIN** and her entourage arrived sporting fur coats at an "alternative" Inaugural Ball in Washington put on by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, a radical "animal rights" group which is against wearing furs—unless the offender is a celebrity supporter.

● **THE AMERICAN** Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) plans to file an amicus brief before the U.S. Supreme Court supporting the Wisconsin and Ohio "hate crimes" laws as constitutional. The laws, which were struck down in both states, were modelled on legislation drawn up by the hate group, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

● **MARYLAND'S** legislature will debate a plan to supply free needles to drug addicts early this month, according to *U.S.A. Today*. The proposal is supported by Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke, a backer of drug legalization. Its supposed purpose is to restrain the spread of AIDS.

● **THE KANSAS** House of Representatives will debate setting up an 11-member committee to approve gambling projects, through the state's four Indian tribes, according to *U.S.A. Today*. Similar projects have been run by professionals with organized crime links, some of them international.

● **THOUSANDS** of "ecstatic followers" of Lubavitcher Grand Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson came to a Brooklyn synagogue late last month, hoping to hear him proclaimed the new Messiah. Managers of the irrationalist Hasidic sect had "compromised" by holding a rally at which the 90-year-old leader appeared, but declined to have him declared the Messiah.

● **TWO MASSES** were offered for the freedom of Lyndon LaRouche, one in Bogota and another in Cali, Colombia, on Jan. 27, marking the fourth anniversary of his imprisonment in the U.S.