

National News

Cleveland school board approves brainwashing

The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* devoted much of its July 23 issue to the major restructuring of the Cleveland schools approved by the school board under the name "Vision 21." The plan involves about 18-21,000 students immediately, out of a total enrollment of 72,000. The plan centers around giving students a "choice" between attending a magnet school or a nearby neighborhood school, which itself would be transformed into a "community model" school. The "model" schools will be created by parents and educators who will "choose" among several types of brainwashing, including the best-known, outcome-based education.

Another model, developed by Yale professor James Comer, has schools managed by teams of principals, teachers, parents, psychologists, and social workers, to "make sure all the child's needs are met"; a third model, developed by Harvard's Howard Gardner, bases the curriculum on the idea that "all students have different strengths and weaknesses." Still another curriculum is based on so-called "Afro-centrism."

The plan allegedly has the support of corporate and civic leaders, including the chairman of Forest City Enterprises, Samuel H. Miller, who is the national vice president of the masonic Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Prosecutor vows to keep LaRouche in prison

Kent Robinson, the federal prosecutor in the Alexandria, Virginia case that jailed political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche in 1989, appeared on Portland, Oregon television on July 14 vowing that he would fight to keep the 71-year-old statesman in prison. Robinson, now based in Oregon, appeared on KATU TV trying to drum up support for an Oregon indictment against associates of LaRouche on bogus charges of solicitation fraud against the elderly.

KATU's reporter said on the air that Robinson had told him that he will oppose

an early parole release for LaRouche when he becomes eligible next year, but that neither he nor federal prison officials can stop LaRouche from staying in contact with his organization while he is in prison. Robinson is the government attorney of record on LaRouche's still-pending 2255 motion to gain his freedom, which is before the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court in Virginia. The Portland broadcast aired the same day that the Fourth Circuit denied LaRouche a hearing in the 2255 motion.

'Science' covers joint U.S.-Russian SDI effort

In a short article in its July 16 issue, *Science* magazine covered some aspects of the offer of joint strategic anti-ballistic missile defense research made by the Russians in April. Characterizing the original Strategic Defense Initiative as "one of the more fanciful visions of the Reagan era," the article confirms that "U.S. and Russian scientists now intend to conduct joint Star Wars research, if their two governments endorse the plan," now being billed as the Global Defense Network. Simon Worden of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (formerly the SDI Organization), is cited in the article.

The three areas that BMDO has identified for joint research are: space-based sensors and satellite arrays, computer modeling, and neutral particle beams and lasers, about which Worden is quoted as saying that the Russians "in some cases are years, if not decades, ahead of us." The joint experiment would cost "a few tens of millions of dollars," and could "get off the ground in two years."

Spannaus calls for support for UMW strike

Independent gubernatorial candidate in Virginia Nancy Spannaus has announced her support for strikers from the United Mine Workers, which spread its selective action into Virginia in mid-July, the seventh state to which the strike has spread. Over 900

workers have struck three mines in southwestern Virginia which were recently purchased by Consolidated Coal (Consol), one of the leading members of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association (BCOA), the national strike target.

The main issue is job security, and the UMW has cited the BCOA practice of "double-breasting," creating non-union companies and transferring the coal properties of unionized companies to them. This deprives unionists of jobs when the mines where they are currently employed close. In declaring her support for the strike, Spannaus, a leading associate of physical economist Lyndon LaRouche, ridiculed the notion behind the BCOA's exploitation of the right-to-work laws that "the cheaper you make your labor, the better off you're going to be." She also called for repeal of Virginia's right-to-work law, which has the backing of both her Democratic opponent, former Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, and Republican George Allen.

Spannaus pointed to the fact that Consol is jointly owned by Du Pont and a German concern and that Du Pont has recently come under control of the Bronfman family. "Du Pont's speculative investment practices epitomize how the industrial capacity of the United States has been destroyed," she said.

Apaches rebuff enviros over telescope site

The San Carlos Apache tribal council voted to rescind its resolution against the Mt. Graham International Observatory construction project, according to the *Arizona Daily Star* on July 22. The earlier resolutions from three years ago had called the project a desecration of the Apache religion, and had always passed under extreme pressure from the tiny environmentalist group, Apache Survival Coalition.

Tribal council vice chairman Raymond Stanley told the *Star*: "I'm not for or against the telescopes either way, and the majority of the [San Carlos] people are neutral." Another council member, Rupert Alden, said: "I would like to peek through the telescope and see what is out there. Maybe one of our own students sitting in a class right now may be an astronomer one day." Both members

criticized Apache Survival Coalition head Ola Cassadore Davis for claiming to speak for the tribe. Alden said, "I took her into my office and told her, 'We do not have a roving ambassador, and you are not it.'"

Brzezinski says Bosnia inaction is 'shameful'

Former U.S. National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski had harsh words for the Clinton administration's failure to counter the Serbian onslaught against Bosnia, in a Reuters interview released on July 23.

Regarding Secretary of State Warren Christopher's statement on July 21 that there was nothing the United States could do, Brzezinski said, "I think frankly that it is a shameful spectacle to see the secretary of state publicly washing his hands while Sarajevo is about to fall. This will be a moral and geopolitical setback for the West, and it reflects the failure of leadership in Europe in the first instance and the United States in the second." He added, "I am profoundly embarrassed as an American. What is happening now makes a mockery of the slogan, 'Never Again.'"

Brzezinski said it was not too late to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia and deploy air strikes against forward Serbian positions, but emphasized that it was too late simply to make threats.

Alaska sues U.S. for prohibiting development

In the largest damage suit ever filed by a state against the federal government, Alaska is asking \$29 billion in damages over the de facto prohibition of economic development in the state. Gov. Walter J. Hickel is charging that the United States violated the terms of the pact leading to Alaskan statehood in 1959. Under that agreement, Alaska was to receive 90% of the revenues derived from the development of the vast mineral reserves within the state's borders. But the state was betrayed when the federal government held on to nearly 60% of Alaska's land, and de-

clared almost all of Alaska off-limits to mining or other productive activities.

Governor Hickel, a former U.S. secretary of the interior, charged that the federal government illegally created vast national parks and "wilderness areas" and treated Alaska as if it were a colony.

Covering the lawsuit, the hostile *New York Times* quoted extensively from Hickel's environmentalist opponents who claim that the state has sufficiently prospered from tourism. The *Times* noted that Hickel has broken from an earlier stance favoring the secession of the state from the Union, and that he has promoted the diversion of Alaska's rivers for use by water-poor California.

Hentoff exposes brutality of late-term abortions

Columnist Nat Hentoff gave a straightforward account of the issues raised if Congress passes the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), in the July 24 *Washington Post*. The bill would ban state restrictions on induced abortion and would allow abortion for any reason right up to the "viability" of the fetus.

Under FOCA, an abortionist, who stands to make millions of dollars by performing abortions between six and nine months, will make the decision whether an unborn child is "viable" or a "person" and therefore protected by the U.S. Constitution. Hentoff quotes Richard Neuhaus, "We need never fear the charge of crimes against humanity so long as we hold the power to define who does and who does not belong to 'humanity.'"

Hentoff describes the methods used in second and third trimester abortions: In the former, one procedure is called dilation and evacuation, which usually involves dismemberment of the child. A new procedure, called dilation and extraction, which has revolted even some members of Congress, involves using forceps to grab the "lower extremity" of the fetus, in order to pull it into the vagina, according to abortionist Dr. Martin Haskell. Then the rest of body is removed, except the head, which is punctured by forcing Metzenbaum scissors "into the base of the skull." The head is then evacuated with a suction catheter, making it small enough to pull through the birth canal.

● **THE FEDERAL ELECTION** Commission has received official notice from a federal court that it was in violation of the law when it withheld nearly one-half million dollars in matching funds from Lyndon LaRouche's 1992 presidential primary campaign committee. The U.S. Treasury has been notified of the campaign committee's bank account, so that it can transfer the funds due.

● **A SENIOR STATE** Department official corroborated in off-the-record comments that the FBI had given no indication that Sudan was involved in the bombing of the World Trade Center in New York in February. The alleged "Sudan connection" had been given major play by ABC News.

● **MICHIGAN'S** National Guard is preparing to deploy in Detroit in the event of disturbances which might follow the verdicts in the case of three white police officers who are charged in the beating death of an unemployed black steel worker last November.

● **KISSINGER** Associates is secretly acting as an adviser to the Mexican government of Carlos Salinas de Gortari to help secure U.S. congressional passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement, well-informed London sources have told *EIR*.

● **HUNGER** in California is the subject of a special report, which has been featured in the July 11 and 12 *Sacramento Bee*. A survey of all 58 counties shows 3.6 million Californians suffer from hunger, 60% of them children.

● **OUTCOME-BASED** education is also coming under attack in Charlotte, North Carolina according to the *Richmond Times Dispatch* of July 21. Citizens involved in an effort to judo the program insist that educational "outcomes" should include mastery of math, science, history, geography, and literature.