

National News

State Dept.'s Tim Wirth outlines globalist agenda

An end to drug interdiction and a global campaign for population control head a broad-ranging globalist agenda of the State Department, according to a briefing given by Department Counselor Timothy Wirth on Jan. 11. The department will be reorganized to reflect these priorities pending the Senate passage of the department's authorization bill.

Wirth pledged to double the current \$500 billion spending on population control in the coming years, with the goal of providing "family planning services to every woman in the world who wants them by the year 2000." This genocidal project will be centered on the upcoming Cairo population conference, which "will be to population what Rio was to the environment," said Wirth, in reference to the Eco '92 summit in Rio de Janeiro. He added that trade negotiations with Japan will include an effort to force the Japanese to join in the campaign.

Wirth announced a complete reversal of the past drug interdiction policy and said that U.S. efforts would focus on crop substitution programs and a major effort to spread U.S. law enforcement methods and judicial procedures to Ibero-America. The shift in drug policy is based on a Presidential Decision Directive issued in November.

Wirth, a radical environmentalist, also pledged support for efforts to force nations to abide by the Rio environmental treaty, in order to "conserve what many would call God's creation."

Free marketer attacks support for nuclear R&D

The current issue of the Heritage Foundation magazine *Policy Review* included an article by "energy and environment consultant" Michael McKenna that attacked government sponsorship of energy R&D. After complaining that the \$3 billion in taxes that has been spent on "conservation" since 1980 has been wasted, McKenna opposed all federal support and anything that even smells

like a "national industrial program," and singled out the nuclear industry, especially fusion R&D. "As big as the disaster in renewable energy has been," he wrote, "the fusion program has been worse." Taxes have been wasted on a program "that has never produced a single watt of electricity."

McKenna then rushed to "prove" his argument that the "magic of the marketplace" should determine long-range energy policy: Repeating the sorry statistics that no utility has ordered a nuclear power plant since 1979 and every order placed after 1974 has been cancelled, he asserted that \$10 billion has been spent on "the development of nuclear-reactor design no one wants." He conveniently left out any mention of the sabotage by pro-ecologist policymakers for broad-based R&D into nuclear energy, as well as the success of environmentalists over a decade in shutting down nuclear energy production through scare stories and hoaxes.

Wilder, Alcorn drop out of Virginia Senate race

Virginia Gov. Doug Wilder announced on Jan. 12 that he will not seek the U.S. Senate seat held by Democrat Chuck Robb, who became the subject of much scandal after some of his aides were caught with tape recordings of Wilder's cellular phone conversations. Wilder, whose term ended on Jan. 15, announced his decision in his farewell address to the General Assembly. Another Democratic candidate, attorney Dan Alcorn, announced his withdrawal on Jan. 18, leaving incumbent Robb facing LaRouche Democrat Nancy Spannaus, fresh from her race for governor last year, and Richmond attorney Sylvia Clute.

Rumors have also been circulating that the Democratic Party may now try to back out of holding a primary election, although leading Democrats, who were asked about the possibility, denied that it was legal or in the cards. Clute, who is petitioning for a ballot position, insisted that she would sue if they tried. The state rules, however, indicate that the party need not formally notify the state that it plans to hold a primary until between Feb. 24 and March 16.

Earl Washington death sentence commuted

One day before leaving office, on Jan. 14, Virginia Gov. Doug Wilder commuted the death sentence of Earl Washington to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole. In doing so, Wilder ignored the evidence that Washington is innocent, and put Washington in the absurd legal position that he cannot challenge his life sentence on the basis of the new, exculpatory evidence, because state law prohibits such presentation in capital murder cases 21 days after conviction.

Gerald Zerkin, one of Washington's attorneys, told the press on Jan. 18, "We don't think life in prison is justice for someone who is proven to be innocent. As things stand now, the provision for a new trial is an illusion, not only because the statute [overturning the 21-day rule] does not exist, but because, by virtue of the commutation, Earl Washington is no longer under sentence of death, and therefore likely will not have access to the statute, if it is passed. We will continue to press the issue through any legal means that are available, and most certainly will press it before Governor Allen."

Wilder, in his Jan. 12 State of the Commonwealth address, called for the 21-day law to be overturned and legislation "that would allow Virginia courts of appeal to review new evidence in capital cases involving the death penalty."

HHS group urges Head Start expansion

A 47-member bipartisan advisory panel appointed last summer by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala has recommended that the federal government take steps to extend the Head Start program for pre-schoolers to much younger children and to help working parents by making some programs available all day and year-round, according to the Jan. 13 *Washington Post*. Although an "overwhelming majority" endorsed the proposals, no consensus was

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● **NEW YORK STATE** police chief Thomas Constantine will be nominated to replace Robert Bonner as administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the White House told media on Jan. 12. Constantine is reported to be very close to FBI Director Louis Freeh, and was chosen by Freeh so that the FBI and DEA could operate in tandem.

● **THE MISSISSIPPI** House of Representatives voted 109-8 this month to allow teachers in any state-funded school to permit student-initiated "non-sectarian, non-proselytizing" prayers. The bill was sent to the Senate for approval and does not sanction prayer by the state.

● **GOV. GEORGE ALLEN** of Virginia, in his first address to state lawmakers on Jan. 17, said: "The expensive and misguided experiment known as 'outcome-based education' is graveyard dead and gone. The primary purpose of education is to impart knowledge—useful knowledge—not to adjust attitudes. If our students acquire the knowledge and skills they need, positive self-esteem will follow."

● **AMNESTY** International called on the White House and governors to impose a moratorium on executions while a presidential commission studies the death penalty, according to the Jan. 14 *Washington Post*. Amnesty Secretary General Pierre Sané pointed out that, since 1976, when capital punishment was reinstated, 45 death row inmates have been found to be not guilty.

● **CAN'S RICK ROSS** was acquitted of "unlawful imprisonment" in Washington State on Jan. 19, despite testimony to the contrary by Ross's three accomplices and the victim. Ross, a convicted jewel thief and hero of the so-called Cult Awareness Network, was a leading "cult" adviser to the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms when they made their murderous raids on the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas last year.

reached by the panel on how to proceed, and no details were provided regarding how the services would be provided.

Head Start funds are applied for by localities to provide pre-school programs for poor children and other "at risk" children. While often providing a useful service in difficult situations, it has also become an avenue susceptible to New Age "early intervention" curricula.

The *Post* quoted panel member Edward Zigler, Head Start's founder and a psychology professor at Yale's Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy, bemoaning the low ratio of social workers to families, and noting that "this is the first time in Head Start's 30-year life where a serious effort is being mounted to really improve its quality." The Clinton administration has promised funding expansion by as much as \$8 billion by 1997 from its current level of \$2.7 billion. "Friendly skeptic" panel member Douglas Besharov of the American Enterprise Institute cited budgetary concerns, explaining that, by implementing only half the new proposals, the per capita expense would rise to \$10,000, whereas other government child care programs cost \$6,000.

Irish paper: Is 'Get Clinton' effort run by British?

A political column in the Jan. 8 issue of the weekly newspaper *The Irish People*, which circulates widely throughout the United States, questioned whether the British Foreign Office, known as "Whitehall," may be involved in the recent scandal-mongering campaign around President Bill Clinton. Written by regular columnist "Nosey Flynn," the article charged that Cliff Jackson, the publicist for the two Arkansas state troopers accusing Clinton of sexual misconduct as Arkansas governor, is a crony of George Bush and may be working on behalf of the British government.

Jackson, who was at Oxford University at the same time as Clinton, has been behind many of the recent Clinton scandals, including the Geniffer Flowers story, the "draft dodger" flap, and the *American Spectator* hype around Whitewater Development.

Flynn wrote: "It is a matter of public

record that the Tory mob attempted to undermine Clinton's candidacy by demonizing him during the election as an untrustworthy left-wing politico. The conduct of [British Prime Minister] John Major's agents in this country was brazen, although inept. Capitol Hill insiders have said openly that the 'special relationship' with Britain isn't what it used to be."

Flynn noted that Major is furious that Clinton has still not abandoned his threat to appoint a peace envoy to press for a settlement in Northern Ireland. He concluded: "Maybe it's time for the media to take a hard and long look at Jackson and find out who's really behind his 'Get Bill Clinton campaign'? Could it be a Whitehall covert operation?"

Illinois Democrats still fear 'LaRouche factor'

The *Chicago Tribune's* Jan. 17 issue carried a front-page banner headline, "LaRouche Factor Lurking Again in Democratic Primary," which reports fears among the Illinois Democratic Party leadership that LaRouche Democrats could win the primaries, as they did in 1986. The article covers the results of a Jan. 9 poll by Market Shares showing that 65% of prospective Democratic voters in the March 15 primary are undecided.

In 1985, a national Democratic Party poll showed that candidates affiliated with Lyndon LaRouche were likely to win primary elections. In March 1986, when Mark Fairchild won the Illinois primary for lieutenant governor and Janice Hart for secretary of state, the Democratic Party forced its own gubernatorial candidate, Adlai Stevenson, to withdraw and run as a third party candidate.

The *Tribune* pointed out that its poll showed Rosemarie Love, a LaRouche Democratic candidate for secretary of state, leading State Sen. Denny Jacobs, but did not give precise figures. When Sheila Jones, a longtime LaRouche associate running for governor, queried the *Tribune*, she was told that Love, a former Cook County (Chicago) commissioner, was running at 9%, and had a name recognition of 20%; Jones was running at 3% and had a name recognition of 36%.