

National News

House GOP freshmen try to cut ties to Gingrich

According to the June 14 *Wall Street Journal*, first-term Republicans in the House are desperately seeking ways to claim some crumb of disagreement with the policies of Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.). The effort is so endemic, the *Journal* declares, that Republican incumbents have come up with a new campaign theme for 1996: "I am not Newt."

This is not an easy trick to pull off, because the average GOP member has voted with Gingrich and the party leadership 91.5% of the time; and the percentage for freshmen is even higher. Most of them are trying to handle the problem, the *Journal* says, by shopping for a few positions tailored to their constituents' opinions, on such issues as the "Freedom to Farm Act" or repealing the ban on assault weapons.

Rep. Jay Dickey (Ark.), the Congressman who is rated as Newt's "top toady," is even boasting that Gingrich cancelled a fundraiser in his district. The *Journal* reports that being linked with Newt could prove decisive, in defeating first-term Republicans campaigning for reelection.

White House sets policy on global health crisis

Speaking for President Bill Clinton on June 12, Vice President Al Gore announced a new administration policy to establish a worldwide surveillance and response system to deal with infectious disease, and to expand the mandates for federal agencies which protect the health of America's citizens. Gore described the alarming increase in emerging infectious diseases as "a growing global health threat."

The new initiatives are based on recommendations made in two reports from the White House Science and Technology Council. The reports highlight the fact that in the United States, the death rate from infectious diseases, excluding AIDS, increased by 22% between 1980 and 1992. A

White House fact sheet on the new policy includes a map of outbreaks of emerging and reemerging diseases on every continent of the globe. These diseases include Ebola, dengue, morbillivirus, Lassa fever, hantavirus, plague, and hemorrhagic fever. Gore's statement, while citing the deterioration of public health infrastructure among the reasons for increased rates of disease, also tosses in "climate change" as a supposed factor.

The new administration program focuses mainly on better coordination among U.S. agencies and facilities, as well as cooperation with international health institutions. The proposals include improved domestic and international surveillance, prevention, and response measures. Research programs are to be strengthened; and the government will ensure the availability of vaccines, drugs, and diagnostic tests. As for cleaning up the breeding grounds for deadly infections, the initiative only states that the Agency for International Development "will continue to address the root causes of emerging diseases through its ongoing portfolio of assistance."

Clinton now reviewing Wisc. welfare 'reforms'

Clinton administration officials now say they are concerned about Wisconsin's new welfare legislation, citing provisions they were unaware of at the time federal waivers were granted to allow it to go into effect, the *New York Times* claimed June 15.

Wisconsin's Nazi-like scheme to grind up welfare recipients was signed into law April 25 by Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson. After President Clinton seemed to endorse the legislation by expressing approval on his weekly radio show May 18, Congressional Gingrichites staged a vote to force him to immediately sign waivers of federal law, required to permit the plan to go into effect.

According to the *Times*, administration officials, upon reviewing the waiver requests, found provisions of which they had no knowledge at the time the President signalled his approval. They expressed concern that the plan will not guarantee jobs, even as

it terminates assistance to families. It will eliminate rights to hearings for those removed, because welfare will no longer be considered an entitlement. Those who are forced to work may be paid less than the minimum wage, since Wisconsin's welfare director has declared that minimum-wage laws should not apply to jobs which supposedly prepare welfare recipients for regular employment.

Under the Wisconsin law, payment levels would not take family size into account; and recipients will have to pay premiums for health insurance and child care. The administration reportedly also raised questions about a provision which would allow welfare recipients to displace existing workers.

Post sounds alarm on 'misuse' of term 'Nazi'

Lyndon LaRouche has successfully forced a new focus on the historical phenomenon of the evil of Nazism-fascism, and its reemergence in contemporary politics. In a June 15 *Washington Post* article, entitled "A Four-Letter Word: Has Misuse Deprived 'Nazi' of Its Meaning?" an alarm is raised against what the pro-fascist *Post* views as a dangerous failure to control discussion of the subject.

The *Post* again attacks District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry, for likening the methods employed by the city's Financial Control Board to Nazism. LaRouche's role is broached, albeit lyingly, in the story's quotes from Prof. Richard Vatz of Towson State University: "Marion Barry is outside the rhetorical mainstream, so most people would not be shocked by his use of a term that, say, the President would never use. If a Lyndon LaRouche uses the term 'Nazi,' it hardly raises an eyebrow. But if a particularly respected political figure like a Howard Baker [sic] used it, it would still be shocking."

The *Post* article proceeds to bury the reader under numerous examples of trivializing the use of the term "Nazi," for comic, commercial, or banal political effect. But the article also attempts to limit the "correct" understanding of the historical phenomenon of Nazism, to the mass murder of the Jews—

Briefly

U.S. DEFENSE Secretary William Perry and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. John Shalikashvili dined with their British opposite numbers, Michael Portillo and Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, in London June 14. American guests at the Duke of Wellington's Apsley House also included Vice President Al Gore and U.S. Ambassador Adm. William Crowe. The Duke of Kent, the queen's cousin and head of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasons, added a royal touch.

GOV. WILLIAM WELD, the Massachusetts budget-cutthroat now running for U.S. Senate, stayed away from a GOP fundraiser in Boston June 18, featuring House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Weld's opponent, incumbent Democratic Sen. John Kerry, has repeatedly cited Weld's earlier boast to be Newt's "ideological soulmate." Weld consoled himself inside the State House, a few blocks away from Newt's event.

HOUSE BANKING Chairman Jim Leach (R-Iowa) shelved his banking "reform" bill June 11, reportedly due to insurance companies' objections to allowing banks to own such companies and sell insurance. Leach's bill would also have repealed provisions of the Glass-Steagall Act which prevent bank holding companies from taking over more financial services.

DR. FREDERICK SEITZ, past president of the National Academy of Sciences, has accused the United Nations Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change of committing deliberate fraud. Seitz claims that IPCC's new report on "climate change" is not the version which was approved by the contributing scientists listed on the title page.

ALABAMA has abandoned its year-old chain-gang policy for felons, to avoid mounting legal actions against the policy, and said that it will not reinstate the chain gangs in the future, CBS News reported on June 20. The decision was considered a victory against the policies of the fascist Conservative Revolution.

excluding consideration of the economics or any other aspect of fascism. Thus, Minister Louis Farrakhan's comparison of the slave trade to the Nazi Holocaust, is ruled out of order. And Mayor Barry's defiance of Newt Gingrich's brand of Nazi economics, is denounced by the *Post* as "far-fetched," "historically abusive," and a "carnivalization" of language!

The author of this bilge, Marc Fisher, was for several years the *Post's* correspondent in Berlin, whence he spread British and Anti-Defamation League "Fourth Reich" propaganda against Germany. Fisher was co-author of a *Post* article (Dec. 31, 1995), rating the "bests" of the past 1,000 years, which chose 16th-century Venice as the best place to be during the entire millennium.

That evil nest of modern oligarchy, ruled by a dictatorship enforced by professional assassins, is lauded instead by the *Post* for having "a fairly stable government, [and] a dazzling cultural life. . . . Freedom of expression was almost absolute. . . . You could even call Venice . . . the birthplace of multiculturalism."

CSIS says nations will be run by global market

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) has released a policy paper by its vice president, Erik Peterson, which looks forward to the "surrender" of nations to the global financial markets. CSIS is the Washington, D.C. think-tank which formerly served as a stable for Henry Kissinger, and still shelters many such animals.

Peterson's article reports that "the new clout of global markets has the potential of generating an overarching and onerous discipline on countries worldwide in the years ahead. . . . The key question is not if, but rather when and how, the ongoing surrender to the new global markets will occur." Peterson argues that the hyperbolic growth in foreign exchange trading—from an average daily turnover in the \$10-\$20 billion range in 1982 to \$880 billion in 1992—is eliminating the ability of nations to be players in the markets.

"The fact is," Peterson writes, "that geographical borders simply no longer conform

to concentrations of business activity," and, he claims, "the magnitude of global capital flows is exceeding the capacities of even the most powerful governments to manage."

As an illustration, Peterson claims that the amount of foreign currency reserves, held by the central banks of nations, has fallen—relative to the turnover of currencies on the global markets. In 1983, he says, the ratio of central bank holdings to market turnover was 3.5 to 1; but by 1992 the ratio had shifted to 0.45 to 1.

Barely suppressing his glee, Peterson states, "The implications of this shift in the financial balance of power are staggering and give empirical meaning to the view that markets, and even some individuals, now play a role in the international markets formerly reserved only for countries." What all this adds up to, he claims, is that "the countdown to the surrender to new global markets is under way."

Letter Carriers protest Postal Service policies

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) picketed at post offices in all 50 states June 19, to protest what the union calls the "spreading effort to undermine the service component of the Postal Service by substituting the worst of the recent trends toward privatizing, downsizing, and outsourcing."

In a June 17 press release, NALC President Vince Sombrotto declared, "The autocratic, militaristic tactics of General Runyon and his management cadre, along with the senseless series of retrogressive policies, are tearing apart the fabric of one of America's greatest institutions." Postmaster General Marvin Runyon, prior to taking over the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), earned the nickname "Carvin' Marvin" at the Tennessee Valley Authority, where he eliminated 14,000 out of 35,000 jobs.

On May 14, Runyon blamed the need for a postal rate increase on the "outrageous amount" of money the USPS pays in wages and benefits (a full-time postal worker earns an average of \$34,000 a year). One week earlier, Runyon had requested a \$1.5 million retirement bonus when he leaves the USPS.