

National News

Bonior hits 'low-down' Gingrichite music themes

At an Aug. 2 press conference of the Democratic Congressional leadership, House Minority Whip David Bonior (D-Mich.) took aim at the dismal "country music" ideology which saturates the Gingrichite Conservative Revolution.

"House Majority Leader Dick Armye loves to quote country music lyrics," Bonior noted. "Newt Gingrich loves to talk about his so-called revolution, but I think the American people know this isn't about revolution, this is still about extremism. . . . Republican leaders seem resigned to see life as a low-down country song," Bonior added, "but we believe there are things we can do to help American families, and it's time we got busy doing them."

Global warming critic hits State Dept. shift

In the Aug. 3 *Washington Times*, atmospheric physicist S. Fred Singer warned that disastrous economic consequences may result from the U.S. State Department's reportedly agreeing to a radical environmental enforcement policy, at the recent United Nations Climate Convention in Geneva.

Singer, a leading critic of the "global warming" and "ozone depletion" hoaxes, says the new agreement sets "legally binding targets and time frames for the reduction of emissions of carbon dioxide." Singer argues that, "since CO₂ comes mostly from the burning of fuels, such a policy shift would impose reduced energy consumption on industry and on households, by cutting electric power use, driving, and heating."

Singer claims that the new agreement is an "unexpected about-face" in U.S. policy, which will have "significant domestic as well as international implications." On the domestic side, Singer estimates that it would mean a doubling of electric utility bills, cost increases for food and other goods, and a rise in the price of gasoline to about \$4 a gallon.

On the international side, it would pit the United States against developing countries such as India and China, which must vastly increase energy consumption for economic development. Singer states that all of these policies are put forward in the name of stopping global warming, which he characterizes as "an unconfirmed theory." He warns that the Global Climate Treaty, signed at the UN Earth Summit in 1992, could "turn into a giant UN scheme for taxing the use of energy," with the proceeds going to finance one-world-government programs.

Judge: LaRouche had discovery rights vs. FBI

In an order issued July 23, the federal judge presiding over the *LaRouche v. Webster* civil rights case, ruled that a Federal magistrate had erred, in denying pretrial discovery against the FBI to Lyndon LaRouche and his associates. The ruling opens up the possibility, that LaRouche and his fellow plaintiffs may be able to take testimony from high-ranking former FBI officials concerning illegal and unconstitutional FBI actions. The *LaRouche v. Webster* case has been pending since 1975 in federal court in New York.

U.S. District Judge Mary Johnson Lowe partially agreed with arguments made by LaRouche and his fellow plaintiffs, that the magistrate was wrong to deny a number of discovery requests as "irrelevant" to the pending legal claims in the lawsuit. Judge Lowe cited her own previous order, issued in 1983, in which she had said that she would have the power to enjoin public disclosure of the FBI files gathered on LaRouche and his associates, if it were proved that the information was gathered in violation of their constitutional rights.

Judge Lowe noted that the plaintiffs had recently filed papers objecting to the magistrate's denial of discovery, and she noted that the plaintiffs had argued "that all information amassed by the FBI in violation of their constitutional rights is relevant." Citing her 1983 order for the first time since she issued it, Judge Lowe concluded in her recent order that "Plaintiffs' objection has merit."

The judge remanded a number of discov-

ery requests to the Federal magistrate, for a determination as to whether additional discovery is relevant under the court's 1983 ruling. Requests for discovery to be reconsidered include FBI actions after 1977 against LaRouche's association, the National Caucus of Labor Committees (NCLC). The plaintiffs have challenged the FBI's statement that its investigation of the NCLC was terminated in 1977 and never reopened.

To disprove the FBI's claim, the plaintiffs had sought depositions from former FBI Director William Webster, Oliver "Buck" Revell, and others. Discovery had also been requested to refute the FBI's denial of having used electronic surveillance, "black bag" operations, and illegal and improper actions by informants planted in the organization.

National magazine urges end to fair trials

The July 28 cover story of *Parade* magazine, circulated nationwide as an insert in Sunday newspapers, issued a blatant call for eliminating the remaining rights to a fair trial guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. The attack focusses on the guiding principle of U.S. criminal justice, that the defendant is *presumed innocent*, unless the state can prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Entitled "Is Justice Possible?" the article showcases the demented arguments of Judge Harold Rothwax of Manhattan Criminal Court in New York City, who believes that being arrested and charged with a crime, is in itself compelling proof of guilt. "The bottom line is that criminals are going free," Rothwax declares. "There is no respect for the truth, and without truth, there is no justice."

Rothwax proposes to get rid of such "obstacles" to the truth as the right to counsel, unanimous jury verdicts, the barring of illegally seized evidence, and the "Miranda" ruling that persons must be informed of their legal rights when they are arrested. "Until a defendant goes on trial, he is probably guilty," the judge says—adding that by the time a person reaches trial, he has been deemed "probably guilty" several times. Rothwax asserts that, "when a person is arrested, indicted by a grand jury, held in de-

Briefly

JULY 31 marked the 25th anniversary of the first manned vehicle tour on the surface of the Moon. On that date in 1971, Apollo 15 astronauts David R. Scott and James B. Irwin mounted the Lunar Rover vehicle and drove a distance of more than 27 kilometers. The vehicle was equipped with specially designed wheels, fit for conditions of lunar gravity.

NEWT GINGRICH'S pornographic novel *1945* may be on its way to becoming toilet paper. Publisher Jim Baen told the Aug. 2 *Washington Post* that he is stuck with 97,341 unsold hardback copies of Newt's opus, released last year. He hopes to unload the lot at "a buck each," or "give the copies away to someone who will convert them to pulp" and recycle the paper. Asked what kind of paper, Baen replied, "Ultimately, you would wipe your butt on it."

CALIFORNIA will be devastated by the new federal welfare law, says Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D). An estimated 723,000 legal immigrants (many of them blind, elderly, and disabled) and 1.8 million children could lose needed aid in a few years. Gov. Pete Wilson (R) complains the bill did not go far enough, since it still requires some areas of state assistance he would like to eliminate.

INDIANA Rep. Mark Stouder, a freshman Republican who began his term as a glassy-eyed Gingrichite, has seen the handwriting on the wall. "We were already looking to be cloned into Newtoids," Stouder recently told the *New York Times*. "And now we've got Dole on top of that. One recourse is to go independent."

THE SHRINKING U.S. aerospace industry continues being consolidated into fewer corporations. The Boeing Co., the world's biggest commercial airplane maker, reached agreement Aug. 1 with Rockwell International Corp., which built the space shuttle, to acquire Rockwell's space and defense businesses for \$3.2 billion, in a combination of stock and debt assumption.

tention or released on bail, it is all based on probable guilt." For the moment, Rothwax concedes, "Once on trial, he is presumed innocent."

As far as rules of evidence are concerned, "the Supreme Court has consistently ruled that evidence seized in violation of the Fourth Amendment *should* be excluded from a criminal trial. But if you read the Fourth Amendment, nowhere does it say that *illegally* obtained evidence *must* be excluded," says Rothwax. "In my view, when you exclude or suppress evidence, you suppress the truth."

The article acknowledges some "criticism" of Judge Rothwax's views. "In this country, you are presumed innocent by anyone and everyone until you are convicted by a jury," says Norman Reimer, chairman of the New York County Lawyers' Association criminal justice section.

The article also promotes Rothwax's new book, *Guilty: The Collapse of Criminal Justice*. *Parade* is owned by the Newhouse family, whose publishing empire was put together by the notorious organized-crime figure and McCarthyite Roy Cohn. As the Newhouse family attorney and business partner, Cohn used the mafia to expand the circulation of their publications. Other recent Newhouse publications include Daniel Goldhagen's *Hitler's Willing Executioners* (Alfred A. Knopf) and Joe Klein's *Primary Colors* (Random House).

Weinberger displays his colors at Senate hearing

"Sir" Caspar Weinberger, G.B.E. (Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire), again affirmed his loyalty to the British monarchy, during testimony Aug. 1 at a hearing on terrorism before the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Weinberger, the U.S. secretary of defense in 1981-87, and now the chairman of Forbes, Inc., declared that the United States should not "give any kind of recognition or any kind of respectability to known terrorists." Retailing the British line against President Clinton's peace initiatives for Northern Ireland, Sir Caspar continued: "Unfortu-

nately, I think we've done this in the case of a man called Gerry Adams, who is a world-class terrorist, and yet was invited to the White House and has been dealt with as a person with whom we can negotiate.

"It's proven false. The bombing continues," Weinberger noted, without mention of Britain's role, in instigating and perpetuating terrorist activities it then blames on the Irish Republican Army (IRA). Irish nationalist and political leader Gerry Adams, quoth Sir Caspar, is "either unable or unwilling to do anything to control it by the IRA, and yet he has been given this international respectability by the way he was received here, and I think that's a great mistake."

Weinberger and "Sir" Colin Powell, the benighted former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under George Bush, are scheduled to meet with Baroness Margaret Thatcher off the coast of South Carolina, just prior to the Republican National Convention. Erstwhile GOP Presidential candidate Steve Forbes will host the smitten royal trio, on board his *Titanic*-sized yacht.

Weld will stand behind GOP gay rights group

Massachusetts Gov. William Weld, the Republican budget-cutthroat whom Dick Morris urged to run against Bill Clinton for President this year, made a special guest appearance Aug. 5 in the back room of a homosexual bar in Boston. Weld came to display his support for the gay rights agenda of the GOP's Log Cabin Club.

Weld told the group that he seeks a Republican Party that is "willing to work for a better, smaller government . . . that stays out of the bedroom as well as their wallets." Weld vowed to try to smooth out the differences between the Log Cabin Club and GOP Presidential candidate Robert Dole.

Under pressure from the Christian Coalition and others, Dole returned a \$1,000 campaign contribution from the Log Cabin Club earlier this year. The new GOP "mainstream," Weld said, is represented by himself, New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, and California Gov. Pete Wilson. "We are the party of grown-ups."