

National News

Atlantic story echoes LaRouche's AIDS policy

Lyndon LaRouche's approach to fighting the AIDS epidemic is belatedly endorsed (although not by name) in the June issue of the *Atlantic Monthly*. The report by Chandler Burr attacks the policy of "granting 'civil rights' to HIV," and exposes the fraudulent refusal by the medical community to treat AIDS as a communicable disease.

Burr reviews the traditional public health measures used against typhoid, diphtheria, and tuberculosis. He comments, ironically, "It would be surprising if, out of all the viruses and bacteria that can do us significant harm, one was exempted from the scope of these measures. It would be even more surprising, if the one chosen pathogen was responsible for an epidemic that today constitutes the leading cause of death among all Americans aged 25 to 44."

Burr emphasizes that "knowing who is infected with AIDS and HIV is essential in helping to prevent new infections, even if the infected people themselves cannot be helped." Although he does not mention LaRouche's groundbreaking campaign to deal with AIDS under traditional guidelines for epidemic disease, almost every point made in his article echoes those raised by LaRouche in 1985, and published in *EIR*.

IEEE warns against deregulation of electrical industry

The deregulation and privatization of the U.S. electric power industry, poses a threat to "our economy, our standard of living, and our national security," the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) warned at its June 11 conference in Washington, D.C. The IEEE, with 220,000 members, represents the professionals who have created the most reliable and one of the cheapest electricity generation and supply systems in the world.

One of the featured speakers at the conference also delivered a bombshell, by de-

nouncing the motives behind the privatization drives launched under Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and U.S. President Ronald Reagan. Dr. Richard Schuler of the Cornell Institute of Public Affairs said that the first objective was to "break union power. . . . Big unions," they felt, "could hold the industry hostage" to labor demands. A representative from the British Embassy replied that it was merely a "coincidence," that the privatization and cuts in the workforce took place at the same time!

Another motive, Schuler declared, particularly for the privatization, was to "get the debt off the public books," not only in countries like Great Britain, but in rapidly developing countries. The capital investment for electrical systems is "enormous," he said; and many governments wanted to transfer that liability from the government to the private sector, through the IMF and World Bank. But, Schuler emphasized, "that doesn't eliminate the problem." He cited the case of Thailand, where "the public is exploited" by private companies which control the roads, and set high tolls, as a national monopoly.

The IEEE also released a position paper, declaring that the "U.S. electrical power equipment industry should be a significant worldwide supplier of both equipment and technology for exploiting economic opportunities. The rapid expansion of global electric power systems represents a market in excess of \$100 billion annually, a major opportunity for U.S. exports from utility and electric equipment supply industries."

N.Y. Times promotes Nazi euthanasia for U.S.

The *New York Times* has come forward once again, as it did in the 1930s, to promote the practice of euthanasia—this time in a major propaganda piece for "assisted suicide." In a front-page article on June 11, the *Times* focusses on a self-elected "ethics" network in San Francisco, which has issued a formal protocol for the practice of "hastened death."

In San Francisco, a city ravaged by the AIDS epidemic, "physician-assisted suicide," the *Times* says, "has become a famil-

iar thread in the complex tapestry of health care at the end of life." The article retails several polls purporting to show how many physicians in California, Oregon, and Michigan (all states where major euthanasia campaigns took place) are willing to participate in helping patients kill themselves. Now, for the first time, a group of ethicists and physicians have been able to form a "consensus" on formal rules for carrying out the killing.

Involved in drawing up the protocol for murder are hospice doctor Robert V. Brody, chairman of the ethics committee at San Francisco General Hospital; and Steve Heilig, executive director of an ethics network. Heilig, who formed the core group that drew up the "assisted-suicide" protocols, argues that whether the Supreme Court "legalizes it or not, it is going to happen, and there should be some guidance, some protocols out there for anybody who would consider it."

The rules, which will be published in the June issue of the *Western Journal of Medicine*, require a 48-hour waiting period, a patient consent form, and a physician checklist, supposedly to make sure there is no form of financial or family coercion involved in the suicide decision. The protocols ignore the fact that many patients, especially those with AIDS, cannot afford daily assistance, let alone basic life-sustaining and life-saving treatment.

Eco-fascist Ira Einhorn nabbed for 1977 murder

On June 13, French police apprehended Ira Einhorn, the former New Age celebrity convicted of the grisly murder in 1977 of Holly Maddox — his longtime girlfriend, whose remains he kept stuffed in a steamer trunk in his Philadelphia apartment. He is being held pending an extradition hearing. Einhorn was prosecuted *in absentia* and convicted of murder in Philadelphia in 1993, and sentenced to life in prison without parole. He jumped bail in 1981, on the eve of his trial, and remained a fugitive for 16 years, until his capture in the Bordeaux region of France.

An account of Einhorn's anti-war and radical environmentalist activities, his murdering his girlfriend, and his subsequent

THE BILDERBERG Group chose a site in the Old Confederacy for its recent annual meeting, and imminent Götterdämmerung. The secret society of the Anglo-Dutch oligarchy gathered on a little island in Lake Sidney Lanier, 60 miles northeast of Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss a global crisis beyond their control. The 120 invited luminaries, including Henry Kissinger, Paul Volcker, Colin Powell, Gianni Agnelli, and Queen Beatrix of Holland, concluded their rituals on June 15.

WALL STREET is worried that “we are setting up for something out of the blue soon. Something with the stunning violence of a punch in the mouth when you aren’t expecting it. The dog days of summer have often been the time for brutal muggings of investors by markets.” The comment is attributed to Morgan Stanley strategist Barton Biggs, in the June 15 *New York Times*.

GEORGE BUSH now says he will not write his memoirs, “but will let the historians find the weaknesses and find the strengths.” His decision was hailed by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* in a June 13 editorial, for “sparing the . . . reading public another dose of forgettable political prose,” even though “certain readers would have relished an entire book written in incomplete sentences.”

FED CHAIRMAN Alan Greenspan declared on June 10 that the “rapid growth of black markets” in the former Soviet bloc has “replicated some of what seemingly goes on in a market economy.” In contrast to centrally planned economies, he added, “capitalist market economies are driven by what Joseph Schumpeter, a number of decades ago, called ‘creative destruction.’ By this he meant newer ways of doing things.”

PERSONAL BANKRUPTCIES in the United States rose by 27% during the first quarter of 1997, against a year ago, according to figures released by the American Bankruptcy Institute.

flight, was presented in a 1988 book by Steven Levy, titled *The Unicorn’s Secret*. Einhorn’s network of sponsors and associates, at the time of the murder, certainly qualifies him as an intimate of the rich and infamous.

According to Levy, “By the mid-1970s, Ira Einhorn’s network was a certified phenomenon in and of itself. Names appearing on the cover letters of recipients of a given piece might include economist Hazel Henderson; Lehman Brothers managing director Shel Gordon; Seagram heir Charles Bronfman; futurist Alvin Toffler; science adviser to the British Commonwealth Christian de Lait; . . . *Whole Earth Catalog* publisher Stewart Brand; physicists Freeman Dyson, David Bohm, Frijtof Capra, and Heinz Pagels; Esalen co-founder Mike Murphy.” Charles Bronfman and his wife were key patrons of Einhorn, right up to the moment he fled the country.

Crop-switching reflects ‘free-market’ insanity

As of the mid-June end of the planting season in North America, an unprecedented pattern of farmers’ shifting from their traditional crops has occurred, in desperate gambles to produce whatever they can to stay in farming, in the new era of rigged markets. Since the cycles of crop seasons do not correspond to “business cycles,” agricultural disaster looms.

Examples of the U.S. food-chain breakdown, under the globalism of the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization (WTO), include a 24% reduction in rice plantings in Missouri’s rice belt counties, with corn and other crops sown instead; and the near-tripling of corn plantings in Louisiana, replacing cotton plantings.

Following the imposition of the WTO’s powers on Jan. 1, 1995, the U.S. government enacted the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (“FAIR”) in April 1996—which removed federal backing for national-interest farm supports. Farmers are supposed to “adjust” to the “free markets” rigged by the food cartels, by betting on what to plant, and hedging on the futures markets.

Fred Huenefeld, Schiller Institute leader in Louisiana, described the insane situation in his state, where 40% less cotton has been planted in northern Louisiana this spring, as farmers switched to corn. “This means a gross loss to this region’s economy of \$1 billion—figuring in the ‘trade turn’ multipliers connected to revenues for farmer, elevator, suppliers, and so forth,” he said.

Huenefeld said, “It takes \$500 an acre to produce a cotton crop (and only \$200 an acre to produce corn); and you get \$4,000 an acre for the cotton crop (meaning revenues connected to the full ‘trade turn’), but for corn you might get \$1,600 an acre. So \$2,400 an acre is lost. We have land put into corn, that has never been in grains since the Civil War. Why did they switch? Many reasons. Some farmers got loans to plant cotton, then switched to corn, because they needed the money to live on.”

New FBI scandal may end case against top mobster

Alleged grand larceny by an FBI Special Agent may result in a case against a top Florida mobster being thrown out of court, according to the June 14 *New York Times*. Federal prosecution of Nicholas Corozzo, a leading figure in the John Gotti crime family and Gotti’s purported successor, may be down the tubes, following allegations that the FBI agent in charge of the case stole \$100,000 in cash.

The FBI agent, Jerome Sullivan, allegedly took the money to pay off his own gambling debts to the mob, even though the cash was the crucial evidence in the case. Sullivan has already been charged with making false statements, and is expected to be indicted soon for theft as well.

Gerald Shargel, Corozzo’s attorney, recently won another case in New York, on the basis of evidence that members of the Colombo family (his clients) had been targeted by the FBI, which fomented a Mafia war, using FBI informants inside a rival family. “This is another one of a series of disturbing acts of misconduct by FBI agents that impact upon the prosecution cases,” Shargel told reporters.