

# National News

## Soros Gang Joins Perle Crusade vs. Saudi Arabia

The Democratic think-tank Center for American Progress (CAP), funded by financial wizard George Soros, is joining neo-conservative Richard Perle's campaign to bash Saudi Arabia. CAP's "Progress Report" of March 11 launched a multi-layered assault on Saudi Arabia, presented as an attack on the two Bush Presidents, 41 and 43. With Perle out of the Defense Policy Board, it appears that the Soros Democrats are being dragged out to do some of his dirty work.

The attack on "The Saudi Connection" quotes from a new book called *House of Bush, House of Saud*, accusing G.W. Bush of spiriting Bin Laden family members and other suspicious Saudis out of the United States after 9/11, among other allegations.

## Huntington's Racist Ravings Spark Debate

Harvard professor Samuel Huntington's diatribe against the "threat" posed to "Anglo-Protestant" America by Hispanic immigrants (see last week's *EIR*), has set off a "debate," as intended, over his racist provocation. The Carnegie Endowment's *Foreign Policy* kicked off the campaign with its splashy March/April cover story, "José, Can You See?" on Huntington's new book, which maintains that the new enemy image for the United States is the 15% of its population who are of Hispanic origin.

*Business Week's* March 15 cover screams: "Hispanic Nation. Hispanics are an immigrant group like no other. Their huge numbers are changing old ideas about assimilation. Is America ready?" The article rehashes Huntington's absurd arguments, including questioning whether people who speak two languages fluently, rather than only English, can really be patriotic Americans.

London's *Economist* magazine of March 4 thinks Huntington "has some serious points on his side," but warns with understated British pragmatism, that "the cost

of closing the borders would be far bigger than keeping them open, by starving the economy of some of its most energetic workers." These immigrants are, after all, "a wonderful source of cheap labour."

The *New Republic* on March 3 published University of Chicago professor Daniel Drezner's commentary, that while some of Huntington's points are "dubious," he does, indeed, make "some provocative and worthwhile points."

Not all press coverage was so favorable, however. A blast against Huntington's "pseudo-academic xenophobic rubbish," written by the *Miami Herald's* Andres Openheimer and titled "Racists Will Love New 'Hispanic Threat' Book," was published on Feb. 26 in a number of Knight-Ridder papers around the country.

## LaRouche Dems Win in Los Angeles Primary

The election of five supporters of Lyndon LaRouche to the Los Angeles Democratic Central Committee in the "Super Tuesday" primary election on March 2, is drawing attention from the regional press. The *Los Angeles Times* on March 9 reported the news under the snide headline, "Winning an obscure race. Committees of local parties are not well known but play important role in drumming up support for area candidates." While the article tried to play down the significance of the LaRouche victories, by claiming that no one knew who they were voting for, the paper was nonetheless forced to recognize that something seismic had happened.

Four of the five winners are members of the LaRouche Youth Movement.

"Among the candidates elected, Anna Claire Shavin, who lives in Glendale, got the most votes in Burbank and Glendale," notes the author, who adds, "Of the seven seats up for grabs in the 43rd [Assembly District], also voted in was a slate of five Lyndon LaRouche supporters. LaRouche, a Democratic primary candidate for president, and his supporters are running a campaign based on stopping a government that they say caters to bankers, and one in which the Democratic Party has not shown leadership."

Limari K. Navarrete, described as "a Glendale resident and LaRouche supporter who won a seat on the committee," is quoted, "We're taking back the Democratic Party to represent the forgotten man and woman."

"The slate is significant," said Andrew Westall, a community college professor and local party activist who also won a seat. "There is the possibility that they could control the 43rd Assembly District delegation in the County Central Committee," Westall said, adding they would have a say in making endorsements, "now that they have a majority on the 43rd."

## Computer Vote Fraud In California Election

The national scandal over computerized voting continues to build, as 7,000 ballots were wrongly recorded in California's Orange County alone. According to the *Los Angeles Times* on March 9, of the votes cast on electronic touch-screens in Orange County in the March 2 primary, 21 precincts counted more ballots cast than there are registered voters. At these polling places where turnouts exceeded 100%, an estimated 1,500 voters had their ballots tabulated for the wrong precinct. Tallies at 55 other polling places with artificially high turnouts, suggest that at least 5,500 ballots were incorrectly counted.

Five of the county's six Congressional races, four of its five state Senate elections, and five of the nine Assembly races were affected. Election officials claimed that none of the results was in jeopardy.

Hart InterCivic, which manufactured Orange County's computerized voting system, said it would be impossible to get an exact account of miscast ballots, because of measures the company had taken to ensure "voter secrecy."

Each voter was given a four-digit code to enter into the electronic voting machine, but for several thousand voters, the wrong ballot appeared on the screen. More than one precinct had been assigned to some polling places.

As a result, voter turnout figures in some precincts were inflated—even to nearly triple the number of registered voters—while neighboring precincts recorded artificially low turnouts.