

# National News

## Carter ballot status challenged in District of Columbia

Preparatory to hearing a challenge to President Jimmy Carter's ballot status in the upcoming May 6 Washington, D.C. presidential preference primary, the D.C. Board of Elections voted 2-1 to uphold an interpretation of petitioning rules which requires 2,000 valid Democratic signatures to be filed with the Board. In District One, the Carter campaign filed 1,300 signatures, of which more than 550 are those of unregistered voters, Citizens for LaRouche has alleged.

Citizens for LaRouche, the campaign committee of Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, also charged that the Carter petitions contained obvious forgeries and signatures of individuals who had signed the petitions as many as six times.

The Carter campaign's chagrin on learning of the challenge apparently resulted in heavy pressure being applied to the D.C. State Democratic Committee. Its chairman, Robert Washington, immediately reversed four months of oral and written interpretation of the requirements and swore that only 1,000 total signatures were required. "It's all a big misunderstanding," he told the press. Further court action is expected this week.

## White House pushing homosexual "concept of the family"

"Unethical, illegal and highly questionable methods" are being used by the White House coordinators of regional conferences that are to lead to a conference on the American family sponsored by President Carter's office in Washing-

ton in late June. The preparatory conferences have become forums for homosexuals, environmentalist groups, and zero-population-growth fanatics who have been advancing all sorts of "alternative family concepts," according to Rabbi Emanuel Weldler of Westchester, who attended the New York State preparatory meeting. "Radical women's groups who do not represent the broad spectrum of American women espoused positions that are contrary to the traditional religious values and chose to subvert the legitimate meaning of the family to millions of Americans." When he tried to protest, conference coordinators refused the Rabbi speaking time.

In an interview, Rabbi Weldler attacked the controllers of the conference as "Malthusians," and attacked their predominant view that "a piece of grass is more important than a human life. These people harken back to Parson Thomas Malthus, the ideologue of the Dark Ages."

The White House Conference on Families has been chosen by the Washington based Zero Population Growth organization as a key focus of its national activities. The latest edition of the *ZPG Reporter* calls upon its adherents to use the White House conference on families as "a contest to define the American family." ZPG supports "people who have a broader definition of what a family is, and a greater acceptance of the many family forms that people are choosing today." Apparently, the White House coordinators of the conference also support this viewpoint.

## Trilateralists unveil Anderson's third party

The purpose of John Anderson's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination was made clear this week when the leading Eastern press reported that Trilateral Commission member Anderson is "raiding the GOP" in preparation for a radical-environmentalist "third party" bid later in the year.

The *New York Times* devoted the majority of its editorial and op-ed space March 20 to Anderson's "third party" try. Editorially, the *Times* commented "There is talk of an independent movement, a Center Party, a Third Force, made up of people unsatisfied with both sides of a Carter-Reagan race, and fastening mostly on John Anderson, the Illinois Republican who appeals to many Democrats and independents."

Meanwhile, on the op-ed page of the *Times*, William Safire writes "There is no chance on this earth that John Anderson will ever be the presidential or vice-presidential nominee."

"Of the Republicans, that is," Safire continues. "But that is not to say that John Anderson may not be the nominee of a third party...."

"A fascinating run could be made by a man who appeals to many as a sort of Kennedy with rectitude, or a flakeless Jerry Brown."

As if all this were not enough for one edition, the *Times* also carries an op-ed eulogizing Anderson by John B. Oakes. "If as expected, his own party fulfills its death wish by nominating Ronald Reagan, there will be a lot of frustrated people out there who still would vote for Mr. Anderson."

## Carter policy alienates Europe

In a series of public statements this week, leading spokesmen for the New York Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) made clear their alarm at the fact that the current confrontationist Carter administration foreign policy (the CFR's own) is causing America's European allies to set an independent course.

Speaking at New York University, CFR spokesman McGeorge Bundy laid out the issue, saying, "What Carter knows and has not fully told Americans, is that the Middle East oil problem is only in part a question of U.S. dependence on the oil cartel. What is of far

more importance to the American people is the greater dependence of their closest allies—the Western Europeans and Japanese—on foreign oil.” With the fact of French President Giscard d’Estaing’s recent successful Mideast initiative clearly in mind, Bundy reported that the Carter Mideast policies of force and bluff are now “the politics of image and not of reality.” To keep the Europeans in the fold, Bundy advocated that the U.S. moderate its stand to show “more respect for the interests of oil-producing nations,” and that the U.S. act to discourage Israel from “its deeply mistaken course” in the occupied areas.

Writing in the March 20 *Washington Post*, George Ball, another high ranking CFR spokesman, was even more explicit. In a column entitled “So tell it to the Europeans,” Ball puts it on the line. After calling Carter policy “jerky,” and comparing it to “a kazoo and a flute blowing simultaneously in different keys setting European teeth on edge,” Ball adds with alarm, “those defections (Giscard’s initiative) from the American policy line are only the beginning of a process; unless America moves frontally to halt Israel’s settlements policy and stops fainting like an 18th century heroine at any sign of Israel’s displeasure; we shall find ourselves alone with Israel against the rest of the world, while our allies negotiate separate arrangements that destroy any hope of a common Middle East policy.”

## Environmentalist move to shut down nuclear plant

What is possibly the most outrageous proposed legislation that has ever received ballot status in the United States has just been cleared for placement before the voters in the state of Maine. A petition calling for a referendum closing an operating nuclear power plant, the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Station, a reactor that has been operating successfully since 1972 received the necessary 55,000 validated signatures. The

reactor currently provides Maine with over 35 percent of its electrical energy; shutting it down and replacing it with oil-produced electricity will all but bankrupt the state.

The signatures to validate the referendum were gathered by 1,500 anti-nuclear environmentalists over the past few months who descended on Maine from all over the East Coast. An even larger contingent of environmentalists is now scheduled to go door to door with antinuclear misinformation.

Spokesmen for the Fusion Energy Foundation have announced plans to contact pronuclear groups in Maine to work out a battle plan to defeat the referendum.

## An army of dummies?

The volunteer army has come under fire recently from a number of circles. Its failure is being cited as a major reason behind moves toward reinstating the draft.

Last week an aide to Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.), one of the principal supporters of the volunteer army, offered the following rather outspoken defense of what he termed “an excellent project with some minor flaws.” It is absolutely true, the aide told a reporter, that the volunteer army has “attracted the lower percentiles on the IQ scale.” But there “is absolutely nothing wrong with that. It is what we wanted and intended. We want the dummies, the C students or lower to do our fighting. They can be highly motivated and make good soldiers, as long as you point them in the right direction. We don’t want to have too many F students because they couldn’t find the right hill to attack even if they were in front of it. But we don’t want A students either. They create problems because they aren’t always willing to take orders. You can’t have an army with too many independent, creative-minded people. The idea is that people have to accept that our fighting is going to be done by a bunch of dummies....”

## Briefly

● **MANY WASHINGTON D.C.** residents will be out of town next week, attending the annual meeting of the Trilateral Commission in London, England. The purpose of this meeting is to choose the next President of the United States. A similar meeting back in 1976 chose unknown Jimmy Carter to the U.S.’s highest office.

● **CARTER’S PRIMARY** vote totals appear to be rising in inverse proportion to the population’s opinion of his policies. In the aftermath of Carter’s large victory over Kennedy in Illinois, for example, a Harris poll shows that 81 percent of Americans (or 170 million people) think that Carter is a bumbling incompetent on domestic economic policy. This dramatic increase in Carter’s incompetence rating is seen by many as a direct response to the President’s recent “anti-inflation initiatives.”

● **PRESIDENT CARTER** in a recent speech subjected almost every part of federal government expenditure to massive budget cuts. He did, however, omit (no doubt inadvertently) to cut one, but that problem has now been corrected. In a recent vote, the House Budget Committee voted 15-12 to cut \$14 million from the White House budget.

● **WILLIAM PROXMIRE**, the Senate Banking Committee chairman, “predicts” that New York City will not receive any of the federal aid President Carter promised it. In lieu of adequate financing, Proxmire, whose committee oversees New York’s finances, advises Mayor Koch to force a transit strike. Proxmire, who jogs to work every morning in Washington, says “A lot of people would be running to work there, and a lot of people would be walking to work.”