

National News

What did the Iowa caucus results mean?

Walter Mondale won the Feb. 20 Iowa caucus while the AFL-CIO executive board was holding its regular February confab in Bal Harbour, Florida. While Lane Kirkland and cronies claim Mondale's 45% vote is a sure sign that Democrats support Mondale, what it really proves is that with lots of AFL-CIO money and a stream of "volunteers" supplied by the AFL and the National Education Association, even someone like Fritz can win an election from time to time. It didn't hurt that the state's major newspaper, the *Des Moines Register*, is owned by the Cowles family, long-time backers, i.e., controllers, of Mondale.

John Glenn, the purported candidate of the Democratic middle who pollsters said was running second to Mondale, ended up sixth—behind "uncommitted"—with a paltry 5% of the total vote. Gary Hart, the "Atari Democrat," took second place with 15%. He is now being touted as a strong contender for the vice-presidential candidacy.

'President Reagan is not told'

Democratic presidential contender Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. released the statement excerpted below on Feb. 18. It was made available to *EIR* by The LaRouche Campaign.

"My staff and I studied in detail the policies imposed upon the U.S. government by Federal Reserve official Henry Wallich and by the firm of Kissinger Associates, Inc. What Wallich and Kissinger have pushed through, and what the misinformed President Ronald Reagan is blindly tolerating, is integral to a diabolically clever operation by the Soviet KGB to blow up most of Latin America against the United States as early as the spring of 1984. . . .

"The result of these policies is an effect directly, and profoundly contrary to the personal morality of President Ronald Reagan.

This means that our President has been grossly deceived. . . . Unless the President is soon alerted to the poisonous serpent, Kissinger, in his administration, Kissinger will soon destroy the administration, as well as setting up a grand strategy opening which the Soviet KGB is now planning to seize in South America. . . .

"Since about 1970, the Soviet KGB has moved massively into both international terrorism and into the international weapons-and-drug-smuggling traffic. In the Western Hemisphere's international marijuana and cocaine traffic into the United States and Europe and across the Mexico border, the lion's share of the drug-trafficking is controlled by the Nazi International. . . . The Soviet KGB is operating in direct partnership with the Nazi International. The vast wealth collected from the streets of our cities for drugs is substantially at the disposal of the Soviet KGB.

"The gut of the policies of Henry Wallich and Henry Kissinger for Ibero-America is what is called in South America the "dollarization" of their economies [under which indebted nations agree to convert payments made to U.S. banks in internal "blocked accounts"] into U.S. dollars. . . . However, the only source of dollars within those indebted nations is the U.S. dollars collected from the streets of the United States by the international drug-traffickers! *Thus, Henry Kissinger is placing control of the economies of Ibero-America into the hands of the Soviet KGB.* . . ."

"Meanwhile, my investigators have discovered that the Soviet KGB has a plan in operation to blow up Ibero-America against the United States during the spring of 1984—*unless we act to dump Kissinger and prevent that operation now.*"

Supreme Court legalizes union-busting

The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled Feb. 22 that a company filing for bankruptcy can abrogate its union contracts, even if the company has not presented any evidence it

otherwise would face imminent financial failure.

The ruling makes a mockery of the principle of equity embodied in bankruptcy law, intended under Chapter 11 to enable a business to set aside its debts in order to maintain itself as a financial enterprise and continue to meet its payroll. Rather than protecting a business from impossible demands of creditors, the new Supreme Court decision backs the power of creditors to dictate the destruction of wage contracts, as in the recent Continental Air Lines case, where filing for bankruptcy was used as a means of imposing unilateral wage reductions and layoffs of unionized employees.

In a separate 5-to-4 ruling, Justice William Rehnquist issued the Supreme Court's decision that a company filing for bankruptcy may abrogate its labor contracts even before appearing in bankruptcy court and receiving the court's permission.

Pro-Life groups attack Kissinger report

Anti-abortion leaders gave an ultimatum in writing to President Ronald Reagan during the month of January, the syndicated column by Rowland Evans and Robert Novak reports. The ultimatum stated: "Remove population control funds from the Kissinger Central American aid package, or the pro-life movement will try to kill the entire plan." The groups were motivated by the scandal of massive U.S.-financed sterilization of women in El Salvador.

"While Reagan at home preaches supply-side economic growth, bureaucrats at the State Department and the Agency for International Development practice Malthusian population control," stated the column, which emphasizes the annoyance provoked by this among "Reagan's core constituency." The Kissinger Commission recommended "continuation of the population and family programs currently supported by AID."

Evans and Novak quote pro-life leaders saying to Reagan: "For three years, we have tried, through constructive criticism, to cor-

rect administration policy. But the Kissinger plan's inclusion of additional demographic assault upon the innocent people of Central America compels us to take a different approach."

The column also cites the request to name anti-abortion Surgeon General C. Everett Koop to head the U.S. delegation to this summer's world population conference in Mexico and to remove Richard E. Benedick as the State Departments' coordinator of population affairs. Benedick is a vigorous advocate of population control. Koop apparently was being considered for the position until a leak on his possible appointment enabled Planned Parenthood and other population-control organizations to build sufficient pressure on the State Department against his appointment.

***Izvestia* endorses Walter Mondale**

On Feb. 12, the Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* had all but endorsed Front-runner Fritz's presidential gambit. *Izvestia* praised Mondale's campaign platform, singling out his opposition to President Reagan's "militarist course" and his willingness to engage in "constructive dialogue" with Moscow.

Intoned *Izvestia*: "Observers attribute the former Vice-President's growth in popularity to his recent political pronouncements condemning the militarist course of the present American administration. For instance, he has underlined the importance of conducting a constructive dialogue with the Soviet Union with the aim of halting the arms race. He has called for talks aimed at achieving a mutual and verifiable freeze on the nuclear arsenals of the two countries, and has declared the necessity of ratifying the Soviet-American SALT II Treaty and the resumption of talks on a complete and comprehensive nuclear test ban which had been broken off by the Reagan administration."

The *Izvestia* endorsement was only to be expected. Mondale is on record supporting the nuclear freeze; opposing the B-1 bomber

and MX missile; urging the withdrawal of U.S. Pershings and cruise missiles from Western Europe; and—in an unmistakable echo of Moscow's line—charging that the Reagan administration's beam-weapon defense program is "destabilizing."

On the same day as *Izvestia's* testimonial, Mondale delivered a campaign speech in Illinois proclaiming that if he became President, he would unilaterally suspend "underground testing of nuclear weapons" and "declare a temporary moratorium on testing dangerously destabilizing anti-satellite weapons and . . . move forward vigorously on negotiations to reach an anti-satellite treaty, as the first step in a broader effort to ban the use of the heavens for war."

National Defense reports FEF beam-weapons campaign

The February issue of *National Defense*, the magazine of the American Defense Preparedness Association (ADPA) reported on the Fusion Energy Foundation's leadership of public efforts to ensure that President Reagan's March 23 proposal for the development of laser weapons is carried out fully and rapidly.

The article reports that "according to the foundation staff, the first year of a crash program would cost about \$10 billion [and] most experts now agree that by using the most advanced beam and laser technologies combined with 'conventional' anti-ballistic missile designs based on anti-missile missiles, an effective ABM system could have its first military applications in two or three years and be fully deployed against ballistic missiles in five years." The magazine also reports the Fusion Energy Foundation (FEF) findings that a crash program for beam weapons will create 4 million skilled jobs, eliminate the U.S. trade deficit in two years, and approach an annual GNP growth rate of 25%.

The ADPA is informally linked to the Defense Department, and is the chief "membership organization" of the military-industrial sector in the United States.

Briefly

● **DAVID**, the 12-year-old victim of severe immune deficiency syndrome who died in Houston Feb. 22, just 15 days after being removed from the protective environment he had lived in since birth, "represented the very best of what our Founding Fathers meant our society to be, as a 'beacon of hope' for all mankind," stated Nick Benton, Democratic candidate in Texas's 22nd congressional district. "An extraordinary effort was made to utilize the most advanced resources developed to date by the dedicated efforts of our scientists, researchers, and physicians in the fight for David's life."

● **THE U.S.** administration committed a major strategic error in allowing its own military forces to become sitting ducks in Lebanon, a British strategist told *EIR* at the end of February. "A lot of nations in the world, including many who have been sitting on the fence, have become frightened and are becoming more easily intimidated by the Soviet Union. They say, 'If that's what we can expect from America, we should be accommodating to the U.S.S.R.' One can appreciate, but not applaud, the question of American electoral restraints."

● **ARBEIDERBLADET**, the newspaper of the Norwegian Social Democracy, has joined the official Soviet paper *Izvestia* in supporting Fritz Mondale's presidential campaign. *Arbeiderbladet*, published in Oslo, recently reported that Mondale, "the Minnesota politician of Norwegian descent, should now be considered as good as nominated." *Arbeiderbladet* has consistently associated itself with the Willy Brandt-Olof Palme wing of the Socialist International, and is on record endorsing the Brandt and Palme Commissions, as well as the proposed Baltic nuclear-free zone—a proposal closely identified with Arne Treholt, the Norwegian foreign ministry official and intimate of Palme who was exposed in January as a KGB colonel.