

National News

Poll shows concern about AIDS

A *Washington Post* poll on questions concerning AIDS has revealed some new facts about American attitudes to the disease.

Of 1,200 people polled, 88% are aware of AIDS and 87% were worried about it. One-third believe that AIDS can be contracted by sharing a cup with infected people, and one-third believe it can be contracted from infected foodhandlers. The *Post* calls this "confusion" on their part.

Of those polled, 75% said the military should be tested; 74% said food handlers should. Forty percent said AIDS students should attend some form of school and 40% disagreed. Twenty-eight percent would not allow their kids in school with an AIDS victim, 55% would.

Forty percent said all workers should be tested for AIDS.

Armand Hammer under fire for KGB links

The KGB connections of Occidental Petroleum's Armand Hammer caused an uproar over a \$10,000-per-plate dinner given in the honor of Britain's Prince Charles on Nov. 12 in Palm Beach, Florida. Mary Sanford, "the Queen of Palm Beach," resigned on Nov. 11 as chairwoman of the gala, which is benefitting Hammer's United World College of the American West, one of six United World Colleges sponsored by Hammer and Prince Charles.

Sanford said she is angry over "shabby treatment" by Armand Hammer, but the real source of the controversy, according to Palm Beach Town Councilor Nancy Douthit, is the Soviet angle: "We're just being used by Mr. Hammer, who many people are very suspicious of, because of his Russian connections." She called the United World Colleges of the West "training schools for the KGB."

Hammer's ties to the Soviet Union go back to his business enterprises there during the 1920s.

Asian organized crime meeting held in Texas

The Eighth International Asian Organized Crime Conference was held Nov. 11-14 at the Westin Oaks Hotel in Houston, Texas, where 200 law-enforcement officials met to discuss the problem of oriental gangs in North America. Attendance included U.S. state and federal officials, and those from selected other countries with oriental crime problems.

One of the experts on the Asian gangs is Sgt. Barry Hill of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force. Hill fears that the 1997 takeover of Hong Kong by the People's Republic of China will cause an increased influx of criminals, since China has made it plain it will not tolerate organized crime groups. Hill also expects the unstable conditions in other Asian nations to hasten immigration.

The Asian gangs in North America were originally concentrated in large urban areas such as New York City, San Francisco, and Toronto, Canada, but have since spread to other Canadian cities such as Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Montreal, and in the United States, to Boston, Chicago, and Houston, Hill said.

Government to be sued on genetic engineering

Jeremy Rifkin, the author of *Entropy* and the anti-genetic-research book *Algeny*, will sue the federal government in a bid to stop genetic engineering. Rifkin, a radical Malthusian and ultra-leftist who has worked with such organizations as the Institute for Policy Studies and the Club of Rome, has recently gained considerable support from right-wing evangelical circles because of his theological views—that God's creation is fixed, that any "interference" in nature by man is blasphemy, and so forth.

Working with the Foundation on Economic Trends, Rifkin has called the release of genetically altered "anti-frost" bacteria, used to protect sensitive plants such as ber-

ries, "inappropriate and irresponsible," in testimony before Congress.

Representative Albert Gore, Jr. (D-Tenn.), chairman of the congressional Environmental and Energy Study Conference hearing the matter, backed up Rifkin: "The administration still has not yet devised an acceptable, uniform methodology by which to consider the risks presented by genetically engineered organisms."

In the past, Gore worked very closely with Rifkin to set up a biotechnology committee, and Gore's father, former Sen. Albert Gore, Sr., is a business partner of the KGB's Armand Hammer.

Congressmen urge end to nuclear pact

A coalition of 46 House conservatives, liberals, and moderates, citing published reports that China may be providing nuclear assistance to Pakistan and Iran, are urging President Reagan to withdraw the nuclear cooperation agreement with Peking from congressional consideration.

They said the agreement is loaded with ambiguities and loopholes, and is insufficient to meet the nuclear non-proliferation goals of the United States.

The House members said nuclear weapons in the hands of Pakistan or Iran could upset the regional military balance, might tip the scales in Iran's long war of attrition with Iraq, and might pose the risk of cutting off the supply of oil from the region.

In a statement, Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) noted that the agreement could go into effect automatically as early as Dec. 8 unless Congress acts to stop it.

New trial demanded for Atlanta cult killer

Radical lawyer William Kunstler, Georgia State Legislator Julian Bond, and Alan Der-showitz of Harvard, who is Meir Kahane's lawyer, have been brought to Atlanta, Georgia, by the National Anti-Klan Network to

represent Wayne Williams in an effort to get him a new trial.

Williams was convicted as the single individual involved in numerous ritual murders of children in 1979-81, despite strong evidence that a Satanist cult was behind the murders.

Kunstler, Bond, and Dershowitz are claiming that a retrial of Williams is necessary since the Klu Klux Klan was involved in the the crimes, and that involvement was covered up by the Georgia Bureau of Investigations (GBI). Their efforts are being strongly supported by the *Atlanta Constitution*.

The Congress on Racial Equality, headed by Roy Innis, has stated that the new efforts are an attempt to deflect investigations away from the evidence which they—and other groups, such as the Club of Life—have uncovered.

On cue, the *Atlanta Constitution* ran on Nov. 7 the first of a series of articles using secretly obtained GBI reports the paper claims were unjustly withheld in Williams's trial. There are supposedly eight volumes of these suppressed GBI reports.

GBI director Robbie Hamrick and Atlanta District Attorney Lou Slaton have denied any wrongdoing.

New HHS secretary favors euthanasia

Newly nominated Health and Human Services Secretary Otis Bowen, a physician and former Republican governor of Indiana, is apparently a "Governor Lamm" in Republican clothing. Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm is a leading spokesman for the "right to die" movement, who believes that expensive health care for the elderly and handicapped is an unnecessary social burden.

Secretary Bowen enthusiastically endorsed "living wills" in his capacity as chairman of the government's Advisory Council on Social Security, which restructured the Medicare program in such a way as to encourage the elderly and terminally ill to forego treatment.

In Senate testimony reporting on the Council's recommendations, Bowen stated: "Finally, the Council endorses the concept

of 'advance directives' or 'living wills' which are currently recognized by law in 14 states. The Council . . . encouraged other states to adopt similar legislation. *Living wills would prevent unnecessarily heroic measures* being taken in the terminal days of life. . . . The Council fully recognizes that this may be a controversial recommendation; however, the Council unanimously endorsed it. As a physician, *I initiated council discussions on this subject* having recently lost my father and thus knowing the enormous costs that were incurred in his terminal days prior to death. . . . [emphasis added]"

Bowen also backed the notorious Baby Doe decision (which President Reagan opposed), in which a handicapped infant was allowed to starve to death. Bowen himself gave his dying wife a marijuana derivative.

Bowen's appointment is being opposed by a number of right-to-life groups, but Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Oreg.), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee which must pass on his nomination, predicts that Bowen will have "clear sailing" through the Senate.

JDO's Mordecai Levi: 'Eliminate LaRouche!'

Jewish Defense Organization terrorist Mordecai Levi issued a call to "eliminate" Lyndon LaRouche at a press conference in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 14. Before an audience of a dozen journalists and JDO thugs, Levi made a string of thinly veiled death threats against LaRouche, and praised the assassins of Tscherim Soobzokov and Alex Odeh, two recent targets of threats from the JDO and Jewish Defense League, who were subsequently killed by identical sophisticated pipebombs.

Levi and his JDL-JDO terrorists are among the prime suspects in those two murders and a third bombing incident which occurred at the end of the summer. A recent mass circulation leaflet issued by Lyndon LaRouche charged that the U.S. Department of Justice—despite its rhetoric against terrorism—has been systematically covering up for Levi and the JDL-JDO, despite Levi's known connections to the three terrorist attacks' and repeated assassination threats against LaRouche and his associates.

Briefly

● **SENATOR TEDDY Kennedy** may sober up long enough to run for the Democratic presidential nomination. In an interview with the *Boston Globe* in early November, Kennedy said he is "personally convinced" he can win the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination. His top aide, Lawrence Horowitz, was quoted as saying: "My marching orders are to proceed on the assumption that he is a candidate for President. I had the same marching orders in 1981."

● **CIVIL RIGHTS** activist Amelia Robinson from Georgia gave a half-hour interview to Radio Free Sweden, as part of a three-day tour of the country following her participation in Rome at a conference commemorating the 1,600th anniversary of St. Augustine, sponsored by the Schiller Institute. Robinson, a veteran of the Selma, Alabama integration marches, stated that the Schiller Institute is a natural heir to the U.S. civil-rights movement.

● **THE EPISCOPAL Church** formally decided to eliminate the *filioque* from the Nicene Creed, at its annual convocation in October, following pressure from the Russian Orthodox Church. The move took place at the same time that the Episcopalians released a report attacking the Strategic Defense Initiative and defending Mutually Assured Destruction.

● **MAYOR FEINSTEIN** of San Francisco will attempt to shut down San Francisco's bathhouses—finally. "I am absolutely convinced that the public health—not just of the people here but all over the world—would be better served by closure of the bathhouses," she said, adding that the AIDS virus does not have "civil rights."

● **IDAHO** has become the 50th state in the union to report an AIDS victim, with an announcement from state epidemiologist Dr. Charles Brokopp the second week in November.