

appeared on channel 44 (UHF) on April 17, dubbed into Russian.

That same night, LaRouche addressed an audience of 200 supporters in Queens, New York.

Protests against Boston needle plan

Two days of boisterous rallies and testimony have focused attention on growing public opposition to Boston Mayor Thomas Flynn's plan to distribute free hypodermic needles to the city's drug addicts, ostensibly as an anti-AIDS measure.

On April 11 and 12, about a dozen activists rallied outside City Hall where public hearings were being held by the Boston City Council, using chants like: "Stopping AIDS, Flynn won't pay, when relief is just a shot away," and "Bank of Boston is so broke, they need the cash from smack and coke."

Inside, council members heard testimony from former U.S. congressional candidate David Peterson, a "LaRouche Democrat," who detailed the purpose behind the Harvard-inspired program as "designed to begin systematic euthanasia in U.S. cities based on the Dutch model, and to expand the drug trade by legalizing heroin."

Peterson's testimony was interrupted several times by homosexual activist Councilman David Scondras, as well as by other liberal councilmen who wanted to halt the hearings.

Opposition testimony came from three Democratic ward officials in Boston. One of them presented the council with over 2,000 signatures gathered on a petition condemning the program. A local Baptist minister, also a ward official, denounced the plan, as did a security guard from a drug-infested Boston housing project. The guard began his remarks by flinging a bag of over 200 needles in front of the councilmen—needles he had either found or confiscated.

Dr. Janet Lapey, a physician and president of Concerned Citizens for Drug Prevention, called the program a "diversionary tactic which sidesteps the real issue of public

health measures to stop AIDS disease." She claimed, "Ultraliberals have prevented widespread testing and contact tracing which have proven effective" in halting past epidemics.

Judge threatens to throw out North case

"The classification system must be adjusted to meet the needs of this case—or else the case will collapse," Judge Gerhard Gesell told a White House lawyer who appealed on behalf of U.S. intelligence agencies for "more time" to review the documents, which may run as much as 300,000 pages, according to news reports in the *Washington Post* and *Baltimore Sun*.

"The government is committed to prosecuting this case. That being so, the government can't fly in both directions," Judge Gesell declared. "It's got to fly in the direction of a fair trial and a speedy trial and the Fifth Amendment requirement, or the case will collapse." The judge added that he would not tolerate a "day-by-day negotiation" over defense lawyers' access to the documents.

Why is the defense entitled to have access to the documents? Because defendants, according to Judge Gesell, "are entitled to show the jury why they did it, who told them to do it, and what was going on."

Judge Gesell also urged defense attorneys to file a constitutional challenge to the government's handling of the documents.

Similar issues are raised in the Boston trial of Lyndon LaRouche and associates, but in that case, ironically, it is documents involving actions by North himself against LaRouche that the government has withheld and refused to declassify.

Otherwise, the Judge Gesell indicated that he favored a speedy trial of the defendants, starting approximately July 12, to be completed *before* the Nov. 8 presidential election.

Defendants' attorneys argued the case should not go to trial before March 1989. Independent counsel Walsh said a trial by mid-July would be difficult but possible.

Briefly

● **CASPAR WEINBERGER**, the former Defense Secretary disputed State Department claims that INF treaty negotiators had "a clear understanding" that "futuristic" medium-range weapons, like lasers and microwaves, were banned by the treaty, in what the *Washington Times* terms "a move that could spell disaster" for the pact. "There was no understanding of any kind that I knew about that the treaty covered anything related to these so-called futuristic weapons," said Weinberger.

● **JESSE JACKSON** is being shielded from criticism by his race, President Reagan told the American Society of Newspaper Editors April 13. More attention "is being paid to his color than what he is actually saying," said Reagan. "I have to believe that a great many of us . . . would perhaps be more vocal about his policies it wasn't for concern that that would be misinterpreted as some kind of racial attack."

● **AL GORE** attacked Michael Dukakis April 13 after Dukakis said that he would defend Western Europe by launching nuclear weapons. That's "outrageous," said Gore, thereupon dropping his "pro-military" posture.

● **URSULA MEESE**'s \$40,000-a-year salary over a three-year period was paid for with a contribution of \$120,000 to her employer, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, by the tax-exempt Bender Foundation, then the owner of a building being leased by the Justice Department. After the contribution, the Justice Department, headed by her husband, renewed the lease at three times the rent.

● **REV. CHARLES CURRAN**, who challenged the Roman Catholic Church's teaching on birth control, homosexuality, and a host of other issues, will be allowed to teach at Catholic University in Washington, but he will not be allowed to teach theology, the university announced April 13.