

# National News

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## N.Y. Times: use peace dividend vs. poor nations

In its lead editorial, the June 15 *New York Times* called for an environmental onslaught against poor nations, utilizing resources freed up by the end of the Cold War. With contempt for "developing countries" which at the Rio Earth Summit "seemed more interested in an abstract 'right to development' than in concrete problems like explosive population growth," the *Times* pointed up "the difficulty of reconciling national sovereignty with global citizenship."

This "difficulty" can be remedied "by shifting resources from obsolete Cold War aid programs" such as Radio Free Europe and payments related to NATO bases. Moreover, wrote the *Times*, "Aid channeled through the World Bank can shape development patterns. . . . The U.S. need[s] to pressure the bank to make environmental impact a decisive lending test." The editorial encouraged proposed legislation by Senators Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) and Peter Domenici (D-N.M.) that would have U.S. national laboratories working on "environmentally friendly technology" to be imposed on "poorer countries. Recipient nations would be asked to pay a share of the costs."

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## 'Chicken Little Society' pokes fun at eco-chickens

By way of humor by inversion, a new society has been founded calling itself the Chicken Little Society, Inc. The Society carries a quote from Chicken Little, Ph.D. on its letterhead employing the cosmology defended by Aristotle: "The Society shall be dedicated to the abolition of humankind's ruthless rape of the environment, which will surely cause the crystal spheres that comprise our firmament to shatter. Not only will Earth's lifeforms be greatly endangered by the falling crystal shards, but they will lie naked and unprotected before the unknown forces that lie beyond the firmament."

The Society appears to have been

hatched by one Tully M. Robison of Boca Raton, Florida. The first issue of the Society's newsletter, dated April, debunks in some detail The Great Antarctic Ozone Hole as a threat to anything.

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## Clinton program sounds like a MAC attack

Gov. William Clinton of Arkansas, expected to be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee, on June 22 unveiled a new economic program that includes a "Rebuild America Fund," which, he says, will be "leveraged with state, local, private sector and pension fund contributions."

The fund echoed the plan Felix Rohatyn put forward only a week earlier, in alliance with Jesse Jackson, the shadow senator from Washington, D.C. Rohatyn is the Wall Street financier who set up the "Big MAC" (Municipal Assistance Corporation) bankers' dictatorship that drove New York City into the ground in the 1970s.

Clinton also renewed his lobbying for the North American Free Trade Agreement, which will mean the loss of millions of American jobs, in his speech to the United Auto Workers' convention the week before.

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## Private 'Get LaRouche' gang resorts to RICO suit

Part of the private arm of the "Get LaRouche" task force, the Cult Awareness Network, instigated a federal racketeering (RICO) suit against a distributor of publications associated with Lyndon LaRouche's political movement. The suit, alleging that the movement associated with the presidential candidate is a racketeering enterprise, was brought against Eastern States Distributors, Inc. in Philadelphia by the daughters of a now-deceased political supporter.

The action, filed May 22, names ESDI, Merrill Lynch, and a broker for Merrill Lynch in Texas, as having allegedly defrauded their father of approximately \$75,000. Like earlier actions brought against entities associated with LaRouche,

this one hides politically motivated financial warfare behind the usual CAN and Anti-Defamation League (ADL) charges of "brainwashing" elderly supporters, claiming the late supporter was coerced, intimidated, and badgered into making his contributions.

The suit was initiated by Ann Coleman, the executrix of the supporter's estate, who, along with her sister, Margaret Kostopoulos, are the sole beneficiaries named in their father's will. Kostopoulos recently testified to support of CAN-instigated legislation in Maryland aimed at stopping LaRouche movement organizing. Kostopoulos had herself removed as her father's executrix before testifying.

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## High court continues to back death row railroad

The Supreme Court ruled to allow a decision to stand on June 15 that states can impose strict time limits on death penalty appeals in an effort to speed up executions. The court, without comment, refused to review an Idaho law that gives death row inmates only 42 days after sentencing to file a state appeal on any grounds, but allows all other convicts up to five years to find reasons to appeal their convictions.

An attorney for Idaho death-row inmate Paul Ezra Rhoades argued the law violates the equal protection and due process clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment, as well as the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. But the state said its interest in executing those sentenced to death allows such a disparity.

The state argued that it is "obvious" its lawmakers want those on death row to be "expeditiously executed." Further, the state said that in what it called "rare cases of actual innocence," the state Supreme Court would "probably" allow a defendant to file an appeal outside the time limits.

On the same day, the Supreme Court let stand the convictions and death sentences of Roger Keith Coleman, Jesus Romero and Robert Black, who were executed over May 20-21. All claimed either outright innocence or factors that should have disallowed a sentence of death.

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Sources report that the defense team of the late Roger Coleman is working to prove his innocence, and intends to use his case to force the abolition of the death penalty in the United States.

Meanwhile, the execution of Karla Faye Tucker, originally set for June 30, was halted on June 22. Tucker, a 32-year-old Houstonian, would have been the second woman, and the 177th person, executed in the U.S. since the 1976 Supreme Court ruling that permitted capital punishment to resume. Texas has executed 50 men over the past 10 years—the highest number of any state.

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## Doctors dispute coverup report on JFK murder

Dr. Charles A. Crenshaw, who was on the emergency team at Parkland Hospital in Dallas in 1963 when President John F. Kennedy was brought in, and Dr. Cyril H. Wecht held a press conference on June 17 to denounce as shoddy and fraudulent the recent report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* that there was no conspiracy behind the Kennedy assassination. Dr. Wecht told the press, the assassination "was a conspiracy" that was "massive and . . . far reaching," and called for a new investigation.

Both physicians said that photographs of Kennedy after the autopsy, done in Washington, did not match what the body looked like when it first arrived at the Dallas hospital. Crenshaw said that he remembers a small puncture in the President's neck, whereas the photographs that were released showed the neck wound as a large jagged hole.

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## FEC, IRS hit LaRouche after N. Dakota victory

The Federal Elections Commission and Internal Revenue Service, both notorious for being used by sitting Presidents to target political opponents, have launched major attacks on presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche and his associates.

Immediately after LaRouche's victory in the Democratic primary in North Dakota, the FEC issued a major ruling against LaRouche's 1984 presidential campaign, alleging violations of every conceivable FEC law eight years ago.

The FEC action is coincided to come on top of a series of outrageous decisions against LaRouche and his associates by the IRS earlier this year. The IRS decided that LaRouche, despite the fact that he is a political prisoner, personally owes approximately \$5 million in back taxes, based upon reinterpretation of the evidence at his 1988 trial where he was sentenced to 15 years.

Moreover, the IRS is ordering a private management company associated with various entities which publish and distribute LaRouche political literature to pay over \$4 million in back taxes, using the same illogic. The LaRouche defense team anticipates that both the FEC and IRS will be confronted in court for their unconstitutional attack in the middle of an election campaign.

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## Elections Commission shields Zionist lobby

The Federal Elections Commission has voted to close out a case of election law violations brought by Arab-American organizations against the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). The complaints had charged that AIPAC should be registered as a political action committee (PAC) because it targeted political candidates for election or defeat based upon their attitudes toward Israel.

The six commissioners found that AIPAC had broken laws regarding political contributions, but voted 4-2 to take no action, and unanimously to reject the demand AIPAC register as a PAC.

In 1991 the FEC had similarly voted to dismiss a 1986 complaint against the Anti-Defamation League made by LaRouche's 1984 campaign treasurer Edward Spannaus. Back then, the FEC found that the ADL had violated the law, but voted to take no action. Spannaus has appealed the FEC's refusal to take action.

## Briefly

● **ALAN OGDEN**, a LaRouche Democrat, was certified June 24 as an independent candidate for Congress in the Tenth C.D. in northern Virginia. He gathered signatures from voters to qualify for the ballot. He faces incumbent Frank Wolfe (R) and Raymond Vickery, who was nominated by the Democratic Party only after Ogden announced his decision to run.

● **PAT ROBERTSON**, the televangelist, and Elie Wiesel held a June 20 rally in Manhattan to ask George Bush to commute the life sentence of Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard. Others at the rally were Rev. Robert F. Drinan, law professor at Georgetown University; Rabbi Avraham Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, Bronx; and Zionist leader Seymour Reich.

● **THE PEROT** Foundation gave \$100,000 to the American Jewish Committee according to a recent issue of the *Southwest Jewish Heritage*. One week earlier, almost presidential candidate H. Ross Perot addressed the AJC in New York.

● **COLUMBUS'S** ships in replica are visiting the United States as part of the quincentenary of his first landing in America. Built by Spain, the ships were made of the same type of lumber as used in the 15th century, and made their crossing using the same navigational techniques and technology as Columbus.

● **BOSTON ANTI-DRUG** activist Dr. Janet Lapem denounced Gov. William Weld for commuting the sentence of a man convicted of marijuana charges, because the man claimed he used it for medical purposes. Lapem called this "no more than a sleazy attempt to legalize drugs in true Boston Brahmin fashion," referring to Weld and the "Boston Brahmins who built their fortunes on the 19th century opium trade." According to the *Boston Globe*, "Weld was obviously amused by the suggestion, referring to a book that LaRouche had published that makes a similar allegation."