

National News

Va. mass distributes abortifacient implant

The Commonwealth of Virginia, infamous in this century for pioneering involuntary sterilizations of poor women, has implanted Norplant in 2,219 women in the 18 months it has been available at public health clinics, and has 100 women on a waiting list, reported the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on Feb. 8 in an article that praises Norplant as "the most exciting innovation in contraceptive technology in 30 years." More than one-third of the women are under 19. Nationally, it is estimated that 500,000 women use Norplant, which kills embryos by preventing implantation in the womb.

Each Norplant kit, produced exclusively by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, costs \$350, yet Medicaid and Virginia pay the full costs for most recipients. Both the Virginia House and Senate Human Services Committee passed recommendations for a \$300,000 appropriation for the Norplant program, allegedly to reduce teenage pregnancies.

The program recalls Virginia's 1920s sterilization laws, which Nazi Germany adopted as its model for "race hygiene."

Papers take jab at 'huggable' President

Media jabs at the "New Age" presidency and its political correctness followed a Feb. 6-7 weekend "T-group" of the cabinet. "A New Age administration," is how the *Baltimore Sun* headlined its lead story on Feb. 7, reporting that the Clintons are "revamping the presidency with . . . big-hug sensitivities," and press releases which, "in nods to political correctness . . . [are] conspicuously gender-neutral." The *Washington Times* rails against "our New Age President" in its Sunday editorial, mocking President Clinton as "a hugger . . . he hugs animals. He may even hug trees," and noting that "the 1960s has returned with a vengeance in the incarnation of the new Democratic administration," which now even demands its cabinet members "emote on cue."

In related news, the Coast Guard re-

cently cancelled a prayer breakfast when Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.), a homosexual and head of the House subcommittee that oversees the Coast Guard, complained that an outspoken opponent of homosexuals in the military was a featured speaker. "It appears we have entered a new era of neofascism. If you are not politically correct, you are persecuted," responded Rev. Louis P. Sheldon, head of the Traditional Values Coalition. James Smith, of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, also commented, "The thought police strike again."

Grange fights EPA methyl bromide ban

An Olympia, Washington press conference by Laurence Hecht denouncing the EPA ban on methyl bromide as genocidal is the subject of a news feature scheduled for this month in the newspaper of the Washington State Grange. The Washington Grange recently passed a resolution supporting the continued use of the pesticide.

The article reports that, according to a *21st Century Science & Technology* news release, "the eleventh-hour decision of outgoing Environmental Protection Agency chief William K. Reilly to ban the agricultural chemical methyl bromide will wreak devastation on American farmers and cost the lives of millions of people in poorer nations."

It continues: "The ban is based on scientific conjecture, the ozone depletion theory, which Hecht said is untrue. He goes on to say there is no depletion of the ozone going on. Total global mean ozone measurements have been increasing since 1987 and ultraviolet radiation at the Earth's surface has been decreasing slightly, not increasing.

"However, Hecht said, as a consequence of the almost religious fanaticism with which the ozone depletion conjecture has been embraced by Reilly and other government officials, production of the most important broad-spectrum pesticide used in agriculture will be illegal in the United States in seven years.

"Hecht described the action of outgoing the EPA administrator as a 'midnight kamikaze raid on American farmers and hungry

people throughout the world.' There are no commercially viable substitutes for methyl bromide in most agricultural uses. 'One has to ask: Is starvation and global population reduction part of the environmentalist agenda?' Hecht asked."

Hentoff blasts ACLU sellout on 'hate crimes'

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed an *amicus* brief in support of "hate crimes" laws in the *Wisconsin v. Mitchell* case, which will soon be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, because "it's the popular thing to do," wrote syndicated columnist Nat Hentoff in the *Washington Post* Feb. 6. The Supreme Court's decision in the Wisconsin case will probably determine the fate of the "hate crime" laws in all 40 states where they have been passed. The Wisconsin law, which adds to a defendant's sentence if an already statutory crime was committed "out of bias," was overturned by the state Supreme Court last year.

The brief of the ACLU, which, Hentoff pointed out, used to print the First Amendment on the back of its membership cards, nervously states: "Given the proliferation of similar laws throughout the country, it is essential for this court to establish a clear set of constitutional guidelines to ensure that 'hate crime' statutes do not become, as their critics predict and even their supporters fear, a vehicle for the suppression of unpopular ideas." Hentoff pointed out, "If these hate crime laws are so susceptible to abuse, why is the ACLU on their side?"

There is opposition within the ACLU, however. Hentoff pointed to Ohio ACLU legal director Kevin Francis O'Neill, who was involved in the successful attempt to have Ohio's "hate crime" law declared unconstitutional. Leslie Williams, executive director of the Vermont ACLU, is another opponent of so-called sentencing enhancement. In contrast, the Oregon ACLU not only supports the laws, but actually helped write the state's law curbing the First Amendment, which was upheld by the Oregon Supreme Court. The three ACLU affiliates in California, "as could easily have been predicted," are for hate crime laws, said Hentoff.

British daily: 'political correctness' is '1984'

Lyndon LaRouche welcomed "with considerable enthusiasm" a feature attacking "the cult of political correctness," in the London *Sunday Telegraph* of Feb. 7. "I call to your attention and recommend for your consideration the summary proposition that, under the reign of political correctness, the word 'degenerate' is no longer needed," he wrote in an open letter. "Instead, we use the substitute term, 'deconstructionist.'"

The *Telgraph* feature wrote that "George Orwell saw it coming in 1984." Under the title, "Here Come the Thought Police," the paper warned against "the movement to neutralize the English vocabulary," via such devices as calling the unemployed the "unwaged" and characterized "the principal battlefield" as "the teaching of English language and literature."

This movement began as "an obsession of American university campuses," but has "swiftly crossed the Atlantic," it wrote. In fact, as Orwell understood and depicted, the effort to deprive language of meaning began with the psychiatric Tavistock Institute in London and was imported into the U. S. via such British Hollywood screenwriters as Aldous Huxley.

Park Service admits Pike was a Klan leader

Fifty-one pages of documents from the National Park Service have been released to historian and *EIR* reporter Anton Chaitkin, in response to an Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. The Park Service arrested Chaitkin and Lyndon LaRouche's vice-presidential running mate Rev. James Bevel on Nov. 13, 1992 during a demonstration to demand the removal of the statue of Albert Pike in Washington, D.C.

Shortly after weekly demonstrations began, on Oct. 2, the Acting Cultural Resource Specialist at the National Park Service (NPS) sent a memo to Park Ranger Mike Kelleher directing him to "research

Pike's biography. . . . Also provide a bibliography of legitimate, mainstream books and articles about Pike . . . in case further research is required." He was to find out Pike's role in the Civil War, the KKK, the Scottish Rite Freemasons, and whether or not he was the Grand Dragon of the KKK in Arkansas.

In the two-page report Kelleher issued a month later, only one out of the eight sources he cited "does not believe that Albert Pike was a member" of the KKK. The other seven sources are clear: "Pike is . . . 'identified as an early Klansman and co-author of the Ku Klux Klan's original prescript,' " according to Kelleher's citation from *The Ku Klux Klan: An Encyclopedia*. John Fletcher's book *Arkansas* attributed a poem titled "Death Brigade" to Pike. Kelleher's report continued: "The author [Fletcher] goes on to state that 'there is little doubt that Pike had already evinced a strong sympathy for the Ku Klux and their methods.'"

Croatian musician blames U.S. for Balkan carnage

Vjekoslav Sutej, a Croatian from Zagreb who presently serves as the principal guest conductor for the Houston Grand Opera, told the *Houston Post* recently that it is the economic collapse which triggered the conflict, which he said he predicted six years ago. The *Post* said he blames the hypocrisy of the outside world for the fighting.

"If we had oil in our country," he said, "I'm sure the war would have been stopped." He is outraged that the world is allowing the fighting to continue. "Two years ago, it would have been possible to stop it. Today, I fear it's too late."

He saved his harshest comments for the U.S. policy, saying the U.S. should have taken a stand at the beginning of the war. Leaving it to the United Nations and to Europe has been a mistake, since no action has been taken to stop Serbian aggression. "If no one is going to do anything, tell us this from the first day. People are being killed right in front of United Nations peacekeeping troops and they say they can't do anything. Why don't they go home?"

Briefly

● **THE CENTERS** for Disease Control moved to quell growing public suspicion that the drinking water supply in Carroll County, Georgia, is responsible for an outbreak of meningitis that has struck seven and killed one person since November.

● **THE GERMAN DAILY** *Westfälische Rundschau*, reporting that broccoli is back on the White House menu, wrote that after President George Bush banned it, "Bush's enemies in the U.S. took this as a pretext to drive around in a car with a giant broccoli with a sign reading 'Eat It, George.' . . . George didn't eat it and lost the election." The paper did not report that the gag was carried out by campaign workers for Lyndon LaRouche.

● **ROBERTA ACHTENBERG**, an "openly lesbian politician," has been nominated by Bill Clinton as assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

● **JACK KEVORKIAN**, the serial killer who espouses physician-inflicted suicide, killed three more people in the first week of February, bringing his total to 12. Michigan has passed a weak law against so-called active euthanasia, but it does not take effect until April.

● **WARREN CHRISTOPHER** will tour the Middle East for meetings on the peace process, the White House announced Feb. 4. Diplomatic sources report the U. S. Secretary of State will begin his junket on Feb. 20, with stops in Cairo, Amman, Damascus, and Jerusalem.

● **LYNDON LAROUCHE** prosecutor Kent Robinson finally responded to LaRouche's 2255 appeal before the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court Appeals on Jan. 28, with 45 pages of rambling evasions about LaRouche's charges that there is massive new evidence proving a government-private agency concert of action to imprison him.