

Voters plans a nationally-televised presidential primary debate of any sort. Its national chairman, Ruth Hinerfeld, is in close contact with Aspen Task Force Chairman Douglass Cater.

### “Iowa: New Hampshire of 1980”

Although the Iowa debate is defunct, it is an exemplary instance of the broader Aspen attempt to rig the elections. Des Moines Register editor James Gannon worked for the Aspen Task Force in 1976 on their sponsoring of the 1976 League of Women Voters Carter-Ford debates. He was then a *Wall Street Journal* reporter on the question panel. He was ecstatic about the shift. “More than 900 journalists have written for press credentials ... we’re deluged” with press coverage, he told *Editor and Publisher* December 15. “Most people have been delighted (here) because the state becomes a kind of New Hampshire of 1980,” he said before the cancellation. “To my knowledge its the first time a newspaper has sponsored a presidential debate during a pre-convention period.”

Gannon widened his new national spotlight in November when he refused (deliberately) to let California Governor Jerry Brown participate on the grounds that Brown “is not running an Iowa campaign.” Gannon, as has been mentioned elsewhere in this series of articles, then cited the Aspen ruling of the FCC, saying “FCC equal time laws don’t apply here. This is a legitimate news event we’re carrying. TV is not running it, I am.” After Brown went out and hurriedly bought an Iowa campaign set-up, Gannon, his Aspen ruling point made, allowed Brown into the debates.

But, as reported above, he refused LaRouche coverage.

During the same period, Citizens for LaRouche, the campaign committee, reported that CBS News Executive Producer Donald Hewitt, a close collaborator of Frank Stanton who has run not only Walter Cronkite’s Evening News but all of CBS’ presidential campaign coverage since 1960, is personally directing a team of “60 Minutes” reporters under Mike Wallace and Morley Safer to “get the real story” on “how LaRouche is financing his presidential campaign.” “60 Minutes” has already contacted the Federal Election Commission to see if they can hunt up any irregularities in LaRouche’s financing, and is planning to send a team to surveil his New Hampshire campaign.

Similarly, ABC’s “20-20” sent a team of TV reporters into the LaRouche headquarters earlier this month to try to prove the LaRouche campaign is committing other illegalities.



## What is the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies?

But for the Official Secrets Act which makes it a criminal act to reveal information relating to British intelligence operations, the directors of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies and its leading associates would all long ago have been incarcerated or deported from American shores as agents of a foreign power. From its inception in 1948, Aspen, based in Colorado, has been a high level arm of the British intelligence services for “epistemological warfare” directed especially against the United States and West Germany.

In the more recent period, the Aspen Institute’s operations have expanded to give it a key role in formulation and implementation of all essential policies of the British oligarchy and their European allies.

Among the major operations to be credited to Aspen are:

- **Watergate** The overthrow of the U.S. presidency, beginning with President Nixon and his administration, was planned at a secret, spring 1970 meeting in Aspen, Colorado under the institute’s program-director, Douglass Cater.
- **Islamic Revolution** The key members of the current Khomeini government of Iran, as well as other international leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood—the British intelligence front operating behind Khomeini—were trained for their current activities at “seminars” conducted at the Aspen Institute under the rubric: “Islam, Past, Present and Future.”
- **Environmentalism** Under Robert O. Anderson’s personal direction, the Aspen crowd created and funded the “Friends of the Earth,” a key international “environmentalist” organization, and in 1972, created the United Nations Conference on the Environment,



*John J. McCloy receives the Aspen Institute's Statesman-Humanist Award from Robert O. Anderson, chairman of the Institute, left, and Joseph E. Slater, president, right.*

whose \$35 million budget makes it the most precious asset of the worldwide campaign of the Club of Rome and other Jesuit-operated agencies to promote "zero growth" and genocide in the name of ecology.

### **Executive brainwashing**

Aspen's key weapon is its conduct of "executive seminars," annually attended on a two-week basis by over 1,000 corporate, banking, scientific, political, intelligence and government leaders from around the world. One source familiar with pertinent procedures described the "seminars" as "nothing short of brainwashing"—endless meetings, on topics and questions carefully posed for "controlled environment" purposes, are coupled with "sensory deprivation," pressure and prodding by an Aspen "steering committee" that guides the proceedings on the basis of a thorough psychological profile of the participating individual or group.

The one idea threading its way through all seminars, discussion papers, and criticism, whatever their ostensible focus, is that science and technology have created the problems at issue: Progress is evil.

Exemplary is an Aspen "Occasional Paper" entitled "The Quality of Life in the year 2000," authored by Russell Peterson, Alexander Heard and Harlan Cleveland. The paper begins by posing the question: "What can be done about the worldwide collision between 'growth' and human values?..." and con-

cludes its foreword": "So, the search is still on for the successor to 'growth'..."

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**Robert O. Anderson** of Atlantic Richfield, owner of the London Observer, and Aspen's chairman.

**J.E. Slater**, President of Aspen and Chairman of its Program Council

**Henry Kissinger**, former Secretary of State, and an Aspen Senior Fellow and Special Advisor

**Charles W. Yost**, Coordinator of the institute's "East-West, Iran and China Activities" and a Special Advisor.

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