

National News

Two new studies bare Chicago vote fraud

Two new, independent studies show a magnitude of vote fraud in Chicago's Feb. 24 Democratic mayoral primary exceeding the margin of victory of incumbent Harold Washington.

Vote fraud and other irregularities that could account for up to 100,000 improperly cast ballots in the primary have been reported, in two separate election reviews. A Board of Elections canvass showed that 36,000 to 52,000 people were permitted to improperly cast votes. And an election "watchdog" group headed by former U.S. Attorney Dan Webb, found thousands of additional illegal votes.

People voted in the name of deceased Chicago residents, nonregistered people voted, as did people who gave nonexistent addresses or vacant lots. The fraud occurred citywide and it is "impossible" to know for whom the improper votes were cast, says the *Chicago Tribune*. The irregular votes add up to more than Mayor Washington's margin of victory, 78,158.

Following the election, "LaRouche Democrat" Sheila Jones, credited with only 2,400 votes, had charged fraud.

Government to drop charges against Beggs

The Justice Department is planning to drop charges against former NASA head James Beggs, according to a source at NASA.

The fraud case, manufactured by the department's number-two man, Stephen Trott, through the department's criminal division, succeeded in forcing Beggs out of the NASA directorship in late 1985.

That move, spurred by Don Regan's faction in the White House, opened the door for the incompetent William Graham to move into the NASA leadership. The Challenger shuttle disaster followed in January 1986.

The charges of fraud against Beggs stemmed from the company's contract to

produce a prototype of the since-cancelled Sargeant York gun. It took the Justice Department more than two years to cook up the semblance of a case, which then fell apart. The case is a simple matter of the Justice Department conducting a direct assault on a pro-science spokesman in the administration, and on the aerospace-defense industry.

AMA, NBC push for more euthanasia

The latest edition of the newspaper of the American Medical Association has given strong support to the campaign for legalized euthanasia being waged by such organizations as the Hemlock Society. In a recent television broadcast, the National Broadcasting Company also extended its support to Nazi euthanasia practices.

The Feb. 27 issue of *American Medical News*, the AMA newspaper, ran an article titled "MD with AIDS backs voluntary euthanasia." The paper interviews California psychiatrist Steve Yarnell, an AIDS victim, who says, "The time may come when I might want to commit suicide." Yarnell is out to gather 1 million signatures and \$2 million to place on the California ballot the "physician-assisted suicide" initiative of a new group formed by Hemlock Society founder Derek Humphrey, Americans Against Human Pain (AAHP).

The AMA quotes Yarnell saying that when he hears what happens to AIDS patients, "that's when I start thinking of suicide." The AMA then printed information on reaching AAHP and Derek Humphrey for assistance in suicide.

Not to be outdone, NBC's March 7 "Headlines on Trial" show ended with the audience "voting" for the "right to die." After hammering the audience with worst-case suffering scenarios, pro-death moderator Arthur Miller attacked all objections by guests to suicide and outright murder by starvation of comatose patients.

Miller stated that the AMA says "you can starve the comatose," and an AMA poll says "Americans want starvation as part of their right to die."

Derek Humphrey was a guest on the show.

Most Americans want defense of Europe

A new poll shows that the vast majority of Americans favor continuing or increasing the U.S. commitment to the defense of Europe. The survey was sponsored by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

The survey found strong support for NATO: "On a par with levels of support four years ago, 70% of the public and 85% of the leaders believe that we should support either increased or the same level of military commitment to NATO. Similarly, when the leadership sample was asked to choose between leaving American troops in Europe for the time being or withdrawing over the next five years, and letting Europe provide for their own nuclear as well as conventional military defense, 82% favored the status quo over change."

The report calls this result particularly noteworthy "given the continuing discussion about the advisability of our conventional military presence on the continent. . . ."

Hart campaign won't repay loans

The Gary Hart campaign committee of 1984 is deeply in debt and being sued by creditors.

- The Hart campaign is being sued for \$107,000 by pollster Patrick Caddell who says his firm conducted polls for Hart and did not receive the balance due.

- Hart's chief pollster in 1984, Dotty Lynch, says she is owed \$61,000. Lynch was planning to sue her former boss until an "amicable settlement" was reached.

- According to the *Washington Post*, many of Hart's other creditors settled their accounts by accepting payments of 10-20¢ on the dollar.

All in all, Hart's 1984 campaign is still in debt to the tune of \$1.6 million.

Briefly

Richard Perle leaves Pentagon

Richard Perle, in charge of technology transfer decisions at the Pentagon, said March 8 he would be leaving his post soon. "Well, sometime in the near future," was his comment on "John McLaughlin's One on One" television show, in answer to a question.

Perle made good on that commitment on Thursday, March 12.

Perle has been assistant defense secretary for international security policy for the duration of the Reagan presidency.

Washington has been rife with speculation about his departure ever since remarks Perle made critical of U.S. allies in Europe were harshly criticized by Secretary Weinberger's office late last year. The remarks were interpreted as furthering pressure for the United States to desert Europe ("decouple").

Although his name has not yet arisen in connection with the Iran-Contra scandal, an EIR Special Report issued in the spring of 1986, *Moscow's Secret Weapon: Ariel Sharon and the Israeli Mafia*, tied Perle closely to the circles of convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard, and the networks involved in Iranian gun-running.

Weinberger orders probe of Lehman

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has asked for an investigation into Navy Secretary John Lehman's dissolution of a promotion board and the dismissal of its admiral-president, officials said March 9. Weinberger told the Pentagon's inspector-general to look into the matter last week after receiving a letter from the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Lehman dissolved the captain's promotion board and dismissed its president, Vice Admiral Bruce DeMars, after DeMars refused to delete from the promotion list three

submariners chosen to be upgraded from commander to captain. He charged that Lehman's order to "de-select" the officers was illegal.

The letter, signed by Chairman Sam Nunn and ranking Republican John Warner, stated, "If military members begin to feel that the independence and integrity of the promotion process is being undermined, the impact on the morale and performance of the officer corps in the military services could be very serious."

Lehman told a March 3 news conference, "It is really a question of civilian control and the responsibility of the duly constituted civilian secretary of the Navy to approve the promotion plan and set the needs of the Navy." Lehman said he had dissolved five previous promotion boards during his six-year term of office, all because of disputes with submarine officers.

Homosexuals leave New York church

A group of 1,000 homosexuals held their last Roman Catholic Mass in a Manhattan church March 7, and then marched through the streets chanting, "We are the church." The homosexual group, Dignity New York, was expelled from the Church by John Cardinal O'Connor, following recent rulings on the "inherent sinfulness" of homosexuality by Josef Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican.

"No one, not even a Pope or a pompous Cardinal, can take away our baptismal right," stated a homosexual leader as they left the Jesuit order's St. Francis Xavier in Manhattan. "We are not some fringe group in the church. We are everywhere and in everything the Archdiocese does. We are your priests, your nuns, your religious brothers. We run and staff your schools, colleges, and hospitals. We are your social workers, your accountants, and your janitors. And, no doubt, we even make your fancy robes, Cardinal O'Connor."

Cardinal O'Connor said simply, "There are divine laws which give us life. We don't believe that they can be changed."

● **SURGEON GENERAL C. Everett Koop** strode into the room of an AIDS victim and said, "I gotta tell you, you'd feel better if you'll stop smoking." "I've been trying," stammered the AIDS victim. "When the Surgeon General himself asks you, you'd better listen," said Koop, shaking hands with the incredulous patient.

● **A RESOLUTION** to impeach President Reagan was introduced by Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.) March 6. The measure contends that Reagan intends to launch "a war in Central America to the greatest detriment of the national interest," and accuses the President of violating national security and arms control laws, and the law requiring him to report covert intelligence activities to Congress.

● **A SMALL ROCKET** carrying a physics experiment exploded shortly after blastoff at Poker Flats, Alaska, NASA officials announced March 7. The explosion occurred 8 to 10 seconds after ignition of the second stage. An investigation is under way.

● **BOB DOLE**, Senate Republican leader, came in first in a presidential preference poll conducted at a GOP conference that has supported George Bush for the past two years. Dole received 78 votes, with Howard Baker garnering 65. Bush tied with Kemp for third place with 55 votes each.

● **JOHN ZACCARO**, husband of former Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, allegedly tried to extort \$1 million from Cablevision Systems, Inc. for a franchise in Queens, New York. Zaccaro was serving as a "bagman" for Queens Borough President Donald Manes, who committed suicide last year after other corruption was exposed. The latest revelations appeared in court papers filed March 10, seeking to show that the prosecution has sufficient evidence to put Zaccaro on trial.