

what PANIC spokesmen termed a "bogus investigation" into the method of gathering signatures to place Proposition 64 on the ballot.

Schwab ruled that he does not believe that five months is unreasonable as long as the authorities have probable cause. He did, however, stay his ruling for 10 days to allow for appeal.

The Writ filed April 17 makes the point that authorities are clearly reviewing the material for months on end, in the absence of a crime, "looking for a crime." Levy concluded that if the relief sought is not granted, then the California courts are saying that seized materials can be held indefinitely.

## More Wall Street drug busts coming

There are more big-name drug arrests coming on Wall Street, according to informed sources. The April 16 arrests of 16 stock brokers, including a senior partner at Wall Street's Brooks, Weinger, Robbins, and Leeds firm, on drug-related charges including trafficking and insider-trading, is just the beginning of U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani's crackdown, *EIR* has been told.

The April 16 arrests were preceded by a three-year investigation into the connection of various Brooklyn mafia families to Wall Street's top brokers, said the source.

Related is the New York Police Department's announcement that 114 drug dealers had been arrested over a recent period in streets, parks, and bars near Wall Street. The sweep will allow prosecutors to turn numerous users and dealers into informants, thereby reaching into the higher levels of Wall Street.

## AIDS: They're all sounding like LaRouche

More than a year ago, presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. coined the slogan

"AIDS Is More Dangerous Than Nuclear War," and forecast that it would be the number-one political issue of 1988. Some months ago, he authored a piece warning that if government inaction continued, there would be vigilante actions, with homosexuals particularly targeted. For this, LaRouche was vilified.

LaRouche's villifiers of that time are now sounding exactly like him. Three more cases in point:

- AIDS is the number-one threat to the national security of the United States, according to counterterrorism expert Robert Kupperman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. In a presentation before the U.S. Naval Academy in mid-April, he called for an emergency national debate and predicted an outbreak of mass vigilante actions against homosexuals and drug addicts in response to fear of the disease. He also called for professionals to develop medical, security, and political action plans if civil liberties are to be protected and a military state of siege avoided.

- In a *New York Times Magazine* feature entitled, "The Terrifying Normalcy of AIDS," Harvard biologist Stephen Jay Gould announced that AIDS is "potentially the greatest natural tragedy in human history," and could kill off "over a quarter of us. . . . AIDS ranks with nuclear weaponry as the greatest danger of our era. . . . The exponential spread of AIDS underscores the tragedy of our delay in fighting one of nature's plagues."

- "AIDS is going to end up changing America and American politics," the *Philadelphia Inquirer* quotes California assemblyman Art Agnos, a furious opponent of LaRouche on the AIDS issue. "At first we didn't do anything because we thought AIDS was going to go away or the magic bullet would show up. AIDS isn't going to go away. Not next year, not in 5 years, not in 25 years and maybe not in 50 years. It's no longer projections. It is now a full-blown catastrophe, right now. . . . From now on AIDS will be mainly a political story. The major debate, I predict, will be cost. . . . By next year voters may very well be choosing candidates based on their position on those particular issues of costs."

## Briefly

- **THE SPACE SHUTTLE** launch has been delayed again by NASA, which declared that it cannot meet the Feb. 18, 1988 due date for the first post-Challenger launch. No new date was set. Shuttle program head Richard Truly said it had been decided to conduct two major tests before the launch, and they "will result in a new target launch date."

- **BRUCE BABBITT**, former Arizona governor and presidential hopeful, told a Cable News Network interviewer April 19 that "it might be wise" to "seriously examine limited proposals" to do something about AIDS, like testing marriage license applicants. Broad testing, however, wouldn't survive cost-benefit analysis, he added.

- **THE PENTAGON** is accelerating a project codenamed "Prometheus" that aims to develop what the *Washington Times* terms a "nuclear shotgun." The weapon pinpoints warheads during a nuclear attack, and fires an atomic warhead into space to form a killer-barrier to missiles. It might be ready for the first phases of SDI deployment.

- **U.S. EMBASSIES** in seven Mideast nations and the Soviet Union were designed by firms that had no security clearance, says a report by the General Accounting Office. The GAO also indicated that the State Department "did not know how many copies of blueprints were in existence for their overseas projects."

- **SEN. WARREN RUDMAN** wants former CIA Director William Casey examined by a doctor to determine his precise medical condition before congressional hearings on the Iran-Contra affair begin. He says he believes Casey is truly ill; "I don't think anybody has any doubt, but I think . . . since Casey doubtly is such an important witness . . . there ought to be some corroboration."