

National News

'Spiritualism' sweeping U.S.A.

"A craze for spiritualism . . . is sweeping the United States. Conferring with the dead has become big business," wrote Charles Bremmer of *The Times* of London June 6.

Bremmer says that the latest nut craze is part of the "new mysticism," born in California, "where 1,000 registered psychics now operate. The apostles of the 'New Age' movement have won tens of thousands of converts to their doctrines. . . . The circulation of the 'New Age Journal' has leapt from 15,000 to 150,000 in five years."

One leading figure in this movement, says Bremmer, is Shirley MacLaine, who claims that "she has been a pirate with a wooden leg, a harem dancer, a Buddhist monk, and a framer of the U.S. Constitution. She charges \$300 for a ticket to her seminar."

Anti-New Age activist Constance Cumbey of Detroit is quoted in the same article, that the New Age movement "has more than a hint of Nazism." Cumbey added, "Their goals include a new world order, a new world religion, and a new messiah."

Shultz hires man Pentagon fired

Secretary of State George Shultz has hired Richard Perle as a consultant to the State Department. Perle, documented to be an agent of those Israeli Mossad networks implicated in the Iran-Contra affair, was forced out of the Defense Department earlier this year for his attacks on the Strategic Defense Initiative and the NATO alliance. He had been assistant secretary for technology transfer.

Shultz announced the appointment at a June 2 dinner sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute and the Heritage Foundation. The secretary stated that Perle's "vision and spirit have strengthened this country, and I wish we had a hundred more like you."

Perle's close associate, Stephen Bryen, remains at the Department of Defense, in charge of overseeing technology transfer, aided by Barbara Ledeen, wife of Iran-Contra figure Michael Ledeen. During the 1970s, Bryen was placed under national security investigation for passing secrets to the Israelis. The investigation was quashed by the Carter Justice Department, without explanation.

Bush raises money, defends CIA

George Bush raised \$500,000 for his presidential campaign at a June 4 Century City, California fundraiser. He was introduced by Gov. George

several prominent Reagan backers, including Donald Bren of the Irvine Co., Jerry Weintraub, Margaret Brock, Holmes Tuttle, and Armand Deutsch.

The vice president's speech was described as surprisingly "dynamic." "He sounded very confident," Tuttle said. "I think he has made up his mind to come out fighting."

The vice president, a former CIA director, received applause when he shouted: "I stood up for the CIA" when it was under attack in 1976-77, "and I will stand up for it now. . . . I went in there when it had been demoralized by the attacks of a bunch of little untutored squirts from Capitol Hill, going in there looking at these confidential documents without one single iota of concern for the legitimate security of this country."

British AIDS expert addresses Boston council

Dr. John Seale, an expert on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and member of England's Royal Institute of Medicine, addressed a full session of the Boston City Council on June 9, telling them that the United States and other nations must have universal, voluntary testing for AIDS.

Seale was scheduled to speak before the full council body at 1 p.m., but his appearance was delayed until shortly after 1:30. Pandemonium broke out when Seale arrived with Boston Democratic mayoral candidate Richard Black, a "LaRouche Democrat." Homosexual city council spokesman David Scondras spent an hour attempting to prevent Seale from speaking, screaming, "It's LaRouche!" To no avail.

Seale recommended that people be given certificates proving they are free of the virus. "Many countries are moving in this direction," he said. "This is reality, whether you like it or not! Mass voluntary testing is the *only* means of stopping this virus in a free society."

At the end of his 20 minute talk, the city councilors gave him warm applause.

Dr. Seale's appearance in Boston is part of a U.S.

ginia, New Hampshire, and Maryland for public appearances and media interviews. Late last year, Seale wrote a letter to both President Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, "in the spirit that Einstein wrote to President Roosevelt" on the possibility of building an atomic bomb, urging both to take the measures necessary to avert a worldwide AIDS disaster.

LaRouche organizers score court victory

The three-day jury trial in Detroit, Michigan of two organizers for causes associated with Lyndon LaRouche ended June 3 in a dramatic victory for the defendants. The case stemmed from a 1985 incident, in which Leif Johnson and Don Clark were accused of spreading racist, anti-Semitic literature and inciting to racial hatred, while distributing literature at a Detroit post office.

A black judge and all-black jury found the two, both white, not guilty, in a unanimous verdict. Testimony against the two by Detroit police officers, was successfully torn apart by defense counsel Max Dean, also a LaRouche associate.

The incident which sparked the case dates to March 18, 1985, when the two were in front of a post office, organizing support for

a planned Martin Luther King Day March on Washington. Their signs, calling for tractors for Africa and African economic development, were cited by the police as evidence of racial hatred—wanting to send black people back to Africa!

Putting the police up to this was a Mrs. Adler, who was at the organizing site and lodged the complaint. Adler claimed that when one of the men, Mr. Johnson, said, "We've got to stop the IMF, the international bankers, from destroying Africa," he was using "code words" to incite against Jews!

But in the course of the trial, the La-Rouche movement's real policies became abundantly clear to the jury. Johnson testified to his history with the civil rights movement, beginning with the 1950s freedom rides, and several black men and women testified as character witnesses on the defendants' behalf, as did a 6'8" black Detroit resident, a director of a school for retarded children, who had purchased literature from the two. He recalled liking the literature he had purchased, and said he gave a little money. Asked if he had literature "shoved in his face," he said, "Nobody shoves anything in my face."

Did Begin get Hammer into White House?

Armand Hammer claims in his new autobiography that former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin intervened to get Israel's embassy in Washington to defend Hammer against charges, based on an "anonymous memo" circulating in Washington, "that Israeli intelligence actually had 'proof' I was a communist!"

On Begin's orders, says Hammer, the Israeli ambassador in Washington wrote to then-Secretary of State Alexander Haig, "vigorously defending me." Hammer claims that, before this intervention, Begin had told him that President Reagan staunchly believed that Armand Hammer was "a communist," in part because of Hammer's father's communist credentials. The senior Hammer was a founder of the Communist Party U.S.A.

Because of this, Reagan wanted nothing to do with Hammer. Hammer writes: "I have always believed that by speaking and acting as he did, Begin changed Reagan's mind about me." This opened the doors of the White House to him, and permitted him to organize the first Reagan-Gorbachov summit.

Hammer is a Soviet agent, that is, an agent of the "Trust" relationship between Soviet and certain Western financial interests.

Hammer's contentions appear in the book, *Hammer: Witness to History*, now being serialized in the *Sunday Times* of London.

Rabbi pledges to block Walsh probe

"I know that Special Prosecutor Lawrence Walsh wants to go after Israel" in his Iran-Contra investigation, "but we are going to organize a major symposium at the B'nai B'rith headquarters in Washington exactly on this issue, and I will give the principal speech," the vice-president of the World Jewish Conference, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, told a journalist June 8.

The symposium, "Israeli-U.S. Relations," will also feature three prominent representatives from Israel, he said.

"This story of Irangate and Israeli involvement is uncomfortable, it's unpleasant, it will leave an aftertaste, but it will definitely go away," Hertzberg said, somewhat nervously.

He also explained that the idea of the Peres peace plan is that Israel "will let the Soviets in, provided—a very important provided—that the Soviets will extend full recognition to Jerusalem, I mean Israel, reopen full diplomatic relations, and open the door to the Jews who want to get out" of the Soviet Union.

The World Jewish Congress is headed by U.S.-Canadian liquor magnate Edgar Bronfman, whose principal activity of late has been doing favors for the Soviet Union on behalf of one or another deal, including shipping Soviet Jews to Israel.

Briefly

● **PAM HARRIMAN** hosted a Democratic fundraiser in Washington the first week of June, which drew most of the Democratic presidential candidates as well the party's leading bureaucrats.

● **PAUL GANN**, a 1980 U.S. Senate candidate and co-author of California's Proposition 13—the leading edge of the late 1970s "tax revolt"—revealed June 10 that he contracted AIDS during 1982 heart surgery and planned on dedicating "his last campaign" to "preventing others from falling under this deadly spell." Joined at a Sacramento press conference by his wife of 55 years, the 74-year-old Republican said: "The only way to control [AIDS] is to find out who has it and let others know. I'm for testing everyone and telling everyone."

● **THE NATIONAL Taxpayers Union**, a key organization in the drive for a constitutional convention to introduce the British system of government to the United States, received its seed money from NCPAC, the "conservative" political action committee of the late homosexual AIDS-victim, Terry Dolan.

● **FORMER CIA** director James Schlesinger, in charge of preparing a report on Soviet eavesdropping devices built into the new U.S. embassy in Moscow, reported that the sophistication of Soviet "bugging" devices was "far greater than we'd believed before now they were capable of," and said that tearing down the entire embassy is not ruled out. His final report will be submitted before the end of June.

● **DENTISTS** in Maryland won't take AIDS patients. "To my knowledge, in the State of Maryland now, there's no [dentist] who will treat a patient with AIDS except at the University of Maryland," said Dr. Michael W. Easley, chief of the state's dental health division. As a result, the University of Maryland dental clinic is overwhelmed with high-risk and infected patients.