

# National News

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## Cuomo okays clean needles for addicts

Governor Mario Cuomo has reversed a previous stand and agreed to let New York City give hypodermic needles to hundreds of drug addicts, ostensibly in an effort to reduce the spread of AIDS, the *New York Times* reported Feb. 1.

Under the plan, an initial group of several hundred addicts would begin receiving the needles within a few months, as details of the plan are worked out. The group will be expanded to several thousand later in the year, although the exact number has yet to be determined.

The plan, which was approved by New York State Health Commissioner Dr. David Axelrod, is purported to be "part of a broader campaign to fight the spread of the disease among intravenous drug users."

New York's John Cardinal O'Connor blasted the New York plan in a statement after his 10:15 a.m. mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in the city. "It drags down the standards of all society," O'Connor said. "It is an act born of desperation, a quick fix because we are not spending the dollars on fighting narcotics."

O'Connor was joined by Pastor Calvin Butts of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, who told his congregation, "I am not in favor of cooperating with evil. An addict does not care where he gets his needle, he only cares about the dope. . . . If we give out needles now," Butts added, "the next step will be to legalize crack and heroin."

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## State Department threatens aid cutoff

The U.S. State Department has threatened to cut economic aid to 45 Third World countries accused of "lack of cooperation" with U.S. anti-drug efforts.

Rayburn Hesse, chief adviser of the Anti-Narcotics Division of the State Department,

told a seminar on strategic programs in Latin America at the University of Miami, that Mexico, Panama, Colombia, Peru, and the Bahamas, among other countries, could face the cutoff.

He said that President Reagan personally would make the final decision, and that the scales would weigh heavily against Mexico, because those persons accused of being involved in the 1985 assassination of Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena had not been brought to justice.

In light of the languishing of the U.S. "War on Drugs" under George Bush's direction, the threats are considered hypocritical at best, and would only serve to strengthen the drug mafias against the governments that the United States was suddenly depriving of aid.

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## New pro-science magazine launched

The frontiers of science and technology will be the focus of *21st Century Science and Technology*, a new bimonthly science magazine that will go on sale in February 1988. The magazine is published by 21st Century Science Associates, a company formed by Carol White and Marjorie Mazel Hecht, both former editors of *Fusion* magazine.

The Fusion Energy Foundation, publishers of *Fusion* for 10 years, was shut down by federal agents in April 1987, in an unprecedented use of involuntary bankruptcy law.

The new magazine will pick up where *Fusion* left off. Said Editor-in-Chief White, "We want to spark the kind of discussion and debate of fundamental scientific ideas that can reverse the prevailing anti-science climate in the schools and media. While other magazines tell you the impossibility of progress, because of limits to growth and finite resources, *21st Century* will document the possibility of progress and man's unique capacity to create new resources—nuclear, fusion, and beyond."

The magazine's initial run will be

50,000, and the editors are aiming for a circulation of 100,000 within the first year.

The cover story of the first issue is "Two Days to Mars with Fusion Propulsion." Other stories include "space farming," radiofrequency weapons, Kepler's ideas about travel to the Moon, the spread of AIDS in Ibero-America, a review of the U.S. inertial confinement (e.g., laser) fusion program, and an update on Supernova 1987.

"We think we have a unique role to play in representing the tradition of progress and growth in science," said Mrs. Hecht. "Our focus is on man as an improver of nature, not as a 'spoiler.'"

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## LaRouche alone in opposing euthanasia

Over three months ago, *EIR* sent out a questionnaire on euthanasia, "living wills," and the 'right to die' to all presidential candidates. The answers were to be published as part of an *EIR* feature on the growth of euthanasia in the Western countries. But, after several calls and two mailings, Democratic candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. was the only one to respond.

Here are the questions and LaRouche's responses:

**EIR 1:** Do you support the policy of "living wills"?

**LaRouche:** No.

**EIR 2:** Recently, state courts around the country have ruled that deprivation of food and water is a legitimate application of the "principle" of "dying with dignity." What is your position on these decisions?

**LaRouche:** This is congruent with the same offenses for which German judges and others were indicted on charges of euthanasia during the Nuremberg trial proceedings. By that standard, both the judges and medical professionals are complicit in what they knew or should have known were crimes against humanity.

**EIR 3:** Many individuals argue today that people with currently incurable diseases (including AIDS) should "step aside" and die, rather than use up resources which could