

National News

Dukakis wants Jackson to limit campaigning

A big rift seems to be developing between Michael Dukakis and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, over what Jackson says was a request by aides to Dukakis that he limit his campaigning for the Democratic ticket, specifically by staying out of certain states.

In those states, Dukakis pollsters reportedly found that Jackson would repel more votes than he would attract.

Aides to Jackson said that at a tactical meeting with Dukakis aides, Jackson was asked to stay out of Mississippi, Alabama, Michigan, and Texas. Georgia and New York were also mentioned, but then dropped from the proscribed list.

Dukakis aides deny that they asked Jackson to stay out of any states, but that at the meeting, they only indicated the states where the black politician would be "most effective."

"It was not a session in which he was told he couldn't go places, but a session in which he was told where we would like him to go this fall," said Donna Brazile, who oversees Dukakis's state and local field operations.

Jackson himself, visiting New York for hugs and kisses with Mayor Edward Koch, his sometimes bitter critic during the primaries, dodged reporters' questions on the incident, saying only, "I do not know the areas of target emphasis and priorities at this point."

New legal attack on LaRouche associates

In yet another politically motivated "securities" case against close associates of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. a St. Louis, Missouri county grand jury has handed down an indictment against long-time LaRouche associate Paul Greenberg and Caucus Distributors, Inc.

The alleged "victim" named in the indictment is the 26-year-old star center for the Indiana Pacers basketball team, Stephen

Stipanovich. Stipanovich's uncle was the Special Agent-in-Charge of the St. Louis FBI office for over 10 years.

The indictment charges four counts each against Greenberg and Caucus, of violations of Missouri's security act. Unlike most states, violations of Missouri's securities laws involving failure to register are felonies.

Indictments in other cases involving political loans to LaRouche-related causes, have charged the associates of presidential candidate LaRouche with fraud. There are no allegations of fraud or misrepresentation in the St. Louis County indictment. The charges are simply that the political loans are "securities" and the failure to register them is a felony.

Greenberg's attorney made arrangements for his surrender Aug. 29 to the St. Louis authorities. Per a prior agreement to post bond, he was released immediately after compliance with all the legal formalities had been accomplished.

Dukakis has more troubles in home state

A Massachusetts anti-drug activist has attacked Gov. Michael Dukakis because of his softness on the drug issue. The governor has been "a Johnny-come-lately to the war on drugs," according to Lucy Forti, director of the Concerned Citizens for Drug Prevention.

The Democratic presidential nominee, she said, has repeatedly shelved tough anti-drug legislation sought by her group.

During his three terms as Massachusetts governor, Dukakis has vetoed mandatory sentences for drug dealers, ordered furloughs for prisoners that allowed some convicted drug dealers to leave jail early and renew their trade, and did not attempt to stop the state legislature from killing scores of anti-drug measures.

Meanwhile, another part of the Dukakis political machine, personified by "poverty pimp" Lloyd King, director of the Roxbury (Boston) Action Program (RAP), has come under attack. King is being sought by city inspectors for 23 health and safety violations found in a crumbling Roxbury tenement.

King and his RAP operation were placed under attack by the LaRouche wing of the Democratic Party, in "A Call for the Investigation of the Defrauding of the City of Boston," for being an integral part of the multimillion-dollar real estate looting scheme in Boston perpetrated by the Dukakis administration and the Boston financial elite.

The building inspectors found that King's tenement had no heat last winter, is overrun by rats, and is filthy. The tenants were being forced out so that King could renovate the building to house high-priced luxury units.

Court orders ban on Los Angeles building

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Aug. 29 that it has been compelled by a federal court to ban all new major construction of industrial facilities in the Los Angeles Basin, due to failure to meet the deadlines imposed by the 1970 federal "Clean Air Act" for achieving acceptable air quality standards. The act requires such construction bans as one of a series of measures which may be invoked if standards are not met.

The EPA had balked at imposing the ban, until forced to do so by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in response to court action instigated by the Coalition for Clear Air, an environmentalist group.

The ban took effect at midnight Aug. 31 in the "South Coast Air Basin," which includes Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties, and prohibits all new construction of facilities which would release 100 tons or more per day of hydrocarbons into the atmosphere, and all expansion of existing facilities which would add 40 tons or more per day of hydrocarbons. "A 100 tons of hydrocarbons in a year is a major plant, like an oil refinery or an aerospace plant," said Tom Eichhorn, spokesman for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

The EPA was forced to impose the ban because Los Angeles failed to meet the Dec. 31, 1987, deadline imposed by the 1970 Clean Air Act for achieving air quality standards for ozone. Carbon monoxide levels

apparently also played a role. Los Angeles has the worst smog problems in the country, due principally, however, to automobile traffic, not industry.

U.S. reports 'secret' coordination of drug war

Attorney General Richard Thornburgh has announced that the United States has secretly been coordinating anti-drug operations with 30 nations of Europe and Ibero-America, at a Washington press conference Aug. 30.

According to a *Washington Post* report, Thornburgh stated that the United States and nations in Latin America and Europe had been secretly coordinating military and police operations against Colombia's cocaine-trafficking Medellín Cartel for the previous month.

The operation is aimed at uncovering and destroying as much of the cocaine cartel's global operations as possible. Without claiming "success" in the war against drugs, Thornburgh characterized the operations of the 30-nation International Drug Enforcement Conference (IDEC) as showing the way for future "cooperative law enforcement."

Among the Latin American nations involved in IDEC are Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Bolivia. Despite State Department grumblings, Drug Enforcement Administration head John Lawn declared that it was proper for Panama to be present at an IDEC meeting in Bogota, Colombia. At a press conference after the meeting, the Panamanian representative said that "time, little by little," will prove that charges of drug-trafficking against Panama Defense Forces chief Gen. Manuel Noriega are false.

FBI launches raid on Calif. legislature

In an operation copied straight from its "Abscam" caper, the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office in Sacramento have run a "sting" operation against alleged "massive corruption" in the California state legislature.

The operation only hit the press Aug.

26, 24 hours after 20-30 FBI agents swept through the State Capitol in Sacramento, searching legislators' offices and interrogating staffers and legislators.

According to press reports, the operation, which began two years ago, involved use of a well-connected Sacramento "insider" John Shahabian, a former aide to well-known conservative Democrat Paul Carpenter, who helped set up two dummy corporations and allowed himself to be "wired" for numerous encounters with legislators and staffers.

A "source familiar with the investigation" is quoted in the *Los Angeles Times* as saying that the investigation has led to the collection of "huge amounts of audio and visual tape" implicating at least the four targeted legislators. "When you hear the tapes, it will be disgraceful," said the source.

Robb's friends hit by drug probe

Does former Virginia Gov. Chuck Robb have a cocaine connection? He may, according to the *Virginia Pilot* of Norfolk, Va. Eight associates of Robb, some of whom have been given immunity in a federal probe, are quoted by the newspaper saying that Robb attended numerous parties in Virginia Beach where "cocaine was used."

Among the eight, three have been granted immunity in exchange for cooperating with the investigation, three are serving jail terms, one committed suicide while in jail, and one had all charges dropped.

Bruce L. Thompson, a Robb appointee to Virginia's Tourism Board, sponsored a number of the alleged parties. It is alleged that Robb served as judge for a "bare as you dare" costume contest.

Robb has accused the *Pilot* reporter of journalistic voyeurism, and is quoted as defending his right to do in private as he saw fit, disavowing any use of drugs among his friends. Robb claimed his friends were as concerned as he was that he not be "placed in a situation where questions could arise."

The probe is being conducted by U.S. Attorney Henry Hudson of Alexandria, Virginia, who said Robb has been notified that he is not a target.

Briefly

● **ROBERT FARMER**, a Dukakis-linked Democratic Party fundraiser, announced that Massachusetts Democrats have raised \$25 million to be used in "party-building" activities. Federal regulations that limit fund raising for an election campaign contain a "loophole" that allows unlimited funds to be raised for certain "party" activities. Farmer expects to raise another \$25 million for the same "party" purposes.

● **PENNSYLVANIA** State Auditor Don Bailey went to court on Aug. 30 to obtain a subpoena of U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh to testify regarding a scandal over state contracts that were allegedly fixed during Thornburgh's term as governor. Thornburgh had agreed to testify last December, but since then, has refused to cooperate. His lawyer, Henry Barr, called the subpoena "ridiculous" and indicated that Thornburgh would fight it.

● **LYNDON LAROUCHE** is now on the ballot as an independent candidate for President in 12 states: Alaska, Washington, Utah, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Tennessee, Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, Louisiana, and North Dakota.

● **PRESIDENT REAGAN** will probably decide soon to deploy 100 ballistic-missile interceptors at Grand Forks, North Dakota, as the first phase of a nationwide strategic defense under his Strategic Defense Initiative program. The deployment will occur under the program label Limited Protection Systems or LPS.

● **JIM BAKKER** the scandalized "televangelist" of PTL (Praise the Lord) Club fame, could be back on the air by early September if his \$165 million bid to buy back PTL goes through. No one else has offered the bankrupt organization more than \$120 million. Bakker has secured the backing of unidentified "Greek financiers."