

Eco-fascists want to turn California back into a desert

by Brian Lantz

Remember Jerry Brown? Tom Hayden? The Mediterranean fruit fly? In California, the eco-fascists are back with a new agenda, and it dovetails perfectly with the Bush-Gorbachov eco-fascist condominium. As pinpointed by *EIR* founding editor Lyndon LaRouche, the Bush-Gorbachov condominium is to be guaranteed by the final deindustrialization of the U.S. economy.

The Carter-Mondale-Dukakis Democrats are agreeable. In California, Jerry Brown has been brought back as chairman of the California Democratic Party. Tom Hayden, Brown's partner in the fruitfly adventures of 1980-82, is also back, heading up a green fascist ballot initiative. The return of the fruitfly to California, now threatening billions of dollars of crops, should serve as fair warning: California, the ninth largest economy in the world in GNP terms, may again become desert!

'Big Green' and 'Big Brown'

Regrouped around California State Attorney General John Van de Kamp and State Assemblyman Tom Hayden, the environmentalist wing of the Democratic Party has qualified a ballot initiative, nicknamed "Big Green," for the November 1990 state elections. A wave of eco-fascist violence, beginning over the April 21-22 Earth Day weekend, tells the tale of "Big Green's" hard-core support.

If passed, "Big Green" will, by 1996, destroy an estimated one-half of what remains of California agricultural output, and more. The ballot initiative will:

- outlaw any pesticide "containing an active ingredient known to cause cancer or reproductive harm," class more pesticides as "high hazard," thereby outlawing them, and apply the same doctrines to "inert ingredients" found in pesticides in minute amounts meaning an additional 100 chemicals currently used in agriculture would also be outlawed;

- phase out additional chemicals based only on the phony ozone depletion hoax;

- ban California offshore oil and gas drilling leases, costing the State of California at least \$2 billion in future state oil and gas revenues;

- order the state to assume eminent domain control over old-growth redwood forests, a potential boondoggle for the junk bond owners of Pacific Lumber Co., the Texas-based Maxxam Corp. Close to \$1 billion in costs and lost state and local revenues would be incurred;

- order a massive reduction of gas emissions based on the "global warming" hoax. A 40% reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by the year 2010 would be imposed, regardless of consequences.

In developing "Big Green," Van de Kamp, a Democratic candidate for governor, closeted himself with Hayden, State Senator (and legalized gambling advocate) Lloyd Conelly (D-Sacramento), and an assortment of "ecology" groups, including the Sierra Club and the National Resources Defense Council. Rather than file four or five initiatives, a decision was reached to file one monster initiative. "Big Green" was the result.

Big farmers initiate 'Big Brown'

Enter "Big Brown." California corporate farming interests, including leaders of the Western Growers Association, the Agricultural Council of California (farm coops), California Citrus Mutual, the California Farm Bureau, and the Western Agricultural Chemicals Association (WACA), have their own proposal. Adopting the acronym CAREFUL, they have filed another ballot initiative which has been coined "Big Brown." A reading of the CAREFUL initiative shows that the pragmatic Farm Bureau members who have been out gathering the CAREFUL signatures are cutting their own throats.

The CAREFUL initiative, otherwise known as the "Consumer Pesticide Enforcement Act For Food, Water and Worker Safety," would massively expand an already existing "administrative fascist" apparatus within the California Department of Food and Agriculture. California already has the toughest pesticide laws in the nation. Hayden's Proposition 65, passed in 1986, followed by Assembly Bill 2161, which was backed by major agro-industry firms, have already significantly hamstrung industry and agriculture.

Farmers propose jailing themselves

The enforcement mechanism which Big Brown would put in place includes new "scientific advisory panels," "scientific data reviews," and pesticide "monitoring" and "risk assessment" programs. More narrow in scope than the Van de Kamp initiative, it addresses itself to pesticide and related matters.

Ironically, Big Brown would allocate five times more money to research in "alternatives to pesticides." State testing of raw and processed foods would be doubled—a two-

edged sword to be turned against the family farmer. The initiative would allow seizure of both harvested and unharvested produce "suspected" of being above bogus pesticide tolerance levels.

Under these and other Big Brown provisions, the already desperate, drought-stricken family farmer would be put through a nightmare of regulatory paperwork and farming restrictions under the threat of exactly the same fines and jail sentences as the radical environmentalists' Big Green. California farmers would be required to apply for "prescription-like" (authors' words) use of specified pesticides on specified crops at specified times of the year. Penalties for violations can reach up to one year in jail and \$50,000 in fines.

Cartelizing the U.S. food supply

Only the large, cartel-run corporate farms could manage the increased paper-shuffling costs and massively decreased yields per acre which Big Green and/or Big Brown would result in. The only significant difference in the pesticide penalties of the two initiatives is that Big Green creates brown-shirt "bounty hunters." The advocates of Big Brown would apparently prefer to keep this riff-raff out of their way.

Considering the current post-Earth Day media hype, *both* initiatives could be passed by California voters in November. Under Big Green, agro-industry analysts estimate that farmers would lose 60-70% of the major-use agricultural chemicals. A study by WACA estimates a 40% decrease in agricultural production, costing 70,000 California agricultural jobs and 225,000 jobs statewide. It would reduce California's gross product by an estimated \$10 billion and cause an estimated 50% rise in many fruit, vegetable, and meat products produced in the state. But WACA has released no study regarding Big Brown. While perhaps less deadly, the Farm Bureau co-sponsored Big Brown initiative is poison to the American people as well.

The fruit of Big Brown and Big Green can actually already be tasted in the renewed Mediterranean fruitfly crisis. In 1981, Governor Jerry Brown refused to use pesticides against this devastating pest up until he was almost lynched. Billions of dollars of annual crops depend on keeping the medfly out of California. Crop damage, costly fumigation, and quarantine would otherwise result.

Despite the threat, and despite the lessons of 1980-82, environmentalists have once again opposed the use of malathion spray to halt the renewed spread of the fruitfly in southern California. At that time it was the Republican director of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, former Farm Bureau president Henry Voss, who wanted to end low-dose malathion pesticide spraying early, counting only on sterile fruit flies to mate the Mediterranean fruitfly out of existence. Sterile fruitflies were Jerry Brown's strategy in 1982! Voss's strategy was blown when a new generation of medflies came out of the ground. Now the medfly has found

its way into at least one southern California agricultural district.

Green fascist terrorism unleashed

Over the April 21-22 Earth Day weekend, the "Earth Night Action Group" toppled a 100-foot steel transmission tower and power poles, knocking out power to over 95,000 people in Santa Cruz County. That Monday, eco-fascists, including supporters of the avowed terrorist Earth First! organization, assaulted San Francisco citizens and broke windows in front of the Pacific Stock Exchange.

What makes "Big Green" and its shock-troops tick?

Whether Van de Kamp will, in effect, investigate himself and shut down his environmental shock troops is a serious question for California voters to ask. Press reports and publicly available Green literature and documents bare the key support networks back of eco-fascist groups such as Earth First! Key components are:

- *The international Green Party networks.* At the very moment the Green party of Germany was disintegrating with the Berlin Wall, its supporters in California have launched an official Green Party. At the conference of European Green parties, held in Brussels, Belgium in December, European Green leaders virtually demanded the creation of an aggressive U.S. Green Party. Attending were Green groups representing Bulgaria, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, and the Georgian republic of the U.S.S.R.

Sara Parkin, the International Liaison Secretary for the U.K. Green Party, told U.S. Green representatives that they had to get over their "fear of leaders," distrust of delegated authority, and inability to address issues of power. Soviet funding and KGB/GRU penetration of the European Green parties has been massively documented by European law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

- *Earth Island Institute.* Headed by David Brower, the 77-year-old "Archdruid" of the environmentalist movement, the San Francisco based Earth Island Institute is a key U.S. coordination center. Earth First! co-founder Michael Roselle, an advocate of sabotage, works for Rainforest Action Network, an Earth Island creation. Ross Mirkarimi, one of three U.S. representatives to the Brussels Green party conference, heads up the San Francisco area "Nuclear Free Zone working group," an Earth Island Action Group. The Livermore Action Group is providing training for participants in the announced Earth First! "Mississippi Summer" violence in the Redwood Forests of northern California. Earth Island also runs the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Environmental Exchange, which is linked to "the environmental leadership of the U.S.S.R." David Brower is a frequent visitor to the Soviet Union. Earth Island coordinates "the emergence of the Green political movement in the U.S." through its "Green Committees of Correspondence" and the "Green Alternative Information for Action" (GAIA).

Twenty dollars for a loaf of bread, anyone?