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Buchanan hits Bush policy on Yugoslavia

Columnist Patrick Buchanan attacked the Bush administration policy in Yugoslavia in a column in late June.

Reviewing the threats made by White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater against the rebellious republics, Buchanan says, "Unilateral' and 'secession' may be dirty words in the lexicon of the new world order, they were not to the men who founded this republic. . . . And did George III preside over a despotism more onerous than the squalid police state erected by Marshal Tito?

"But what vital interest of the United States requires preservation into eternity of that abortion of Versailles called Yugoslavia?

"One detects in the administration's amoral *realpolitik* the fine hand of Larry Eagleburger, who moved from the No. 2 position at Kissinger Associates to No. 2 at State. A former envoy to Yugoslavia, Eagleburger has had deep political and business ties to the Belgrade gang. . . .

"According to the *New York Times*, the international bankers especially are terrified of a Yugoslav breakup. . . . Here, surely is a test for Republicans. Do we stand beside the Marxist bureaucrats of Belgrade and the international bankers, or do we stand with Slovenia and Croatia?"

Ad consultant backs off anti-nuclear ad

Ad man Tony Schwartz, known for his "guerrilla media" techniques, has disavowed a radio ad which says that food irradiation "might kill you." He says he will no longer work with an anti-nuclear group, Food & Water, Inc., which commissioned him to write it. The ad is part of a \$330,000 campaign that the group is mounting to stop the nation's first commercial food irradiation plant, scheduled to open in August in Tampa, Florida.

Schwartz is credited with causing Barry

Goldwater to lose the 1964 presidential election with his ad of a young girl picking petals off a daisy in time with a nuclear countdown.

Schwartz, who told *EIR*, "I still have a great deal of hesitation about anything nuclear," broke with Food & Water because he is involved with an anti-smoking campaign and a client informed him that Food & Water gets its funding from the R.J. Reynolds tobacco fortune.

The June 26 *Wall Street Journal* reported that Food & Water has pushed several food producers—including H.J. Heinz, McDonalds, Campbell Soup, and General Foods—into stating that they would never use irradiated products. The group was taken over by osteopath Wally Burnstein who told the *Journal*, "We have to use every means we have to stop this technology."

Despite high-profile lobbying and other abuses of its tax-exempt status (which were granted because it was founded in 1984 to provide aid to Ethiopian famine victims), the IRS has taken no action against the group.

Gulag justice meted out to former S&L director

A federal judge has sent Stanley Adams to the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota for "psychiatric evaluation" prior to his trial in September for alleged savings and loan fraud. Adams has been under intense pressure to plea bargain. When he was indicted, Attorney General Richard Thornburgh personally issued a statement praising the prosecutor. As Adams's trial approaches, the government has stepped up its bullying tactics.

Adams was the principal owner and former CEO of Lamar Savings. He was forced to resign in 1986, after a fight with the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. He was trying to reorganize Lamar when he stepped down; within a year, under federally approved management, Lamar had lost more than \$1 billion and was subsequently closed.

Adams maintains that he and many other S&L officials are the victims of incompetent

government policies, including the deregulation bills of 1980 and 1982, and the depression-inducing policies of the Reagan-Bush administration.

The judge sent Adams for evaluation not only to determine his competency to stand trial, but, at the prosecution's request, to determine if he was competent when he was running the bank.

Anti-abortion protester wins court ruling

In a victory for Rescue, an anti-abortion organization, an appeals court in New York ruled in late June that Rescue members using passive resistance cannot be charged with resisting arrest or obstructing governmental administration.

This decision was rendered in the case of Dennis Heiner, who was convicted on these counts as well as disorderly conduct, for the January 1990 Rescue action in Dobbs Ferry, New York.

According to *The Newborn*, the newsletter of Rescue, the appeals court overturned the conviction for resisting and obstruction, but allowed the disorderly conduct charge to remain in place. Heiner served 10 days of a four month jail sentence.

Calls for AIDS testing of health care workers

Several congressmen and the doctor of Kimberly Bergalis called for AIDS testing of health workers at a press conference in Washington June 26. Bergalis is a young woman who contracted AIDS from her dentist, who was allowed by Florida health officials to continue his practice without informing patients of his infection.

Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.), Dan Burton (R-Ind.), Joe Barton (R-Tex.), and Robert Dornan (R-Calif.), announced that they will introduce "The Kimberly Bergalis Patient and Health Providers Protection Act of 1991." The bill would list diseases such as AIDS and hepatitis B and

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restrict health care providers with such diseases in what they could do. It would also list invasive and dental procedures they are prohibited from performing, and specify when and how often testing should occur.

Dornan said that health workers who know they have AIDS and don't tell their patients should be charged with manslaughter. He said professionals were "jacking us around with statistics," referring to those that say the odds of catching AIDS is small.

Dornan and Dannemeyer attacked Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) for fighting against AIDS and contact testing, and stressed that AIDS testing was a health issue, not a civil rights issue.

Barton added that if we pass environmental laws that protect 1 in 70 million, we have the right to pass laws to protect many more people from AIDS.

Teamsters chafing under DoJ dictatorship

Some 1,900 delegates to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters convention in Orlando, Florida voted unanimously on June 26 against a government "reform" package, including a government-mandated new constitution. The delegates also voted to permit local union leaders, business agents, and some others to represent their membership at conventions without having to be chosen by balloting at the local level.

The vote is in open defiance of a Department of Justice decree, and the package is mandated by the federal courts. A federal judge will now decide whether to allow this vote to stand. The union could be held in "contempt of court," and renewed sanctions could be taken against the union and its leadership. The DoJ has the power to prosecute anyone who they determine is opposed to their "democratic" process.

The new democracy stemmed from the government's unprecedented takeover of the union in the wake of racketeering indictments. The government charged that the Teamsters was dominated by organized crime. More than 100 union leaders were forced out, and a federal trustee was appointed. The government mandated that

new elections of union officers be held, and that the union adopt a new constitution crafted by the government.

Rep. William Clay (D-Mo.) and Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) denounced these police-state methods as "tyranny," and called for the receivership to be ended. Clay told the members the proceedings reminded him of some 1960s civil rights movement conventions, where there were two FBI agents for every delegate.

Maryland takes first step on AIDS testing

The state of Maryland has been handed a legal opinion giving the go-ahead to begin testing state government health-care providers for AIDS in order to ensure that their patients are not exposed, the June 26 *Baltimore Evening Sun* reported.

According to the *Sun*, in May, as the story about 47-year-old Dr. Victor Luckritz, the Maryland Penitentiary's chief dentist who died of AIDS but treated thousands of patients without protective measures before he died, got around, Gov. William Schaefer said that "he would support testing of all state government health-care providers 'before they ever touch anyone. I don't know whether I can do that or not, but it's what I want.' "

Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. has now publicly issued his legal opinion to Schaefer that an AIDS test may be required in cases where health-workers "regularly engage in medical procedures that could expose patients to their blood and if the medical evidence shows that patients are subject to a 'significant risk.' "

Curran also wrote that federal law prohibiting discrimination against disabled people "does not preclude special restrictions on . . . HIV-positive health-care providers if the restrictions are justified on medical grounds."

Jack Schwartz, who researched the opinion for Curran, noted, "While the American Medical Association and [Atlanta] Centers for Disease Control wrestle with this on the medical end, what we are saying in the opinion today has implications in other areas."

● **COL. J.R. SHIKE**, editor of the *Voice of Freedom* of Houston, Texas, called on President Bush to free Lyndon LaRouche "so he may travel freely throughout the U. S. to campaign," in his editorial in the June issue. Shike is a former Bush supporter.

● **A WILDCAT STRIKE** of 3,200 workers at the General Motors plant in Baltimore began June 24. The strike is largely to protest lapses in worker safety. Since GM laid off 200 in February, over 300 workers have suffered injuries, ten times the previous injury rate.

● **SEN. GEORGE MITCHELL** (D-Me.) is gaining support from the Harriman wing of the Democratic Party for a presidential campaign, the June 28 *Washington Times* gossip column reported. Mitchell has a sure job as Senate Majority Leader and is not up for reelection until 1994.

● **GEORGE BUSH** "said he received a letter from farmers saying he wouldn't have gotten sick had he eaten broccoli—which the President says he despises," the June 27 *Washington Post* reported. " 'I would rather risk' fibrillation [irregular heartbeat], he said, 'but that's my position.' "

● **THE WOMEN'S** International League for Peace and Freedom national convention in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, unanimously endorsed House Res. 180, sponsored by Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.), on June 28, calling for an end to sanctions against Iraq. All WILPF chapters and every member will be sent copies.

● **HUBERT HUMPHREY III**, the Minnesota Attorney General who has led a vendetta against organizations affiliated with Lyndon LaRouche, is spearheading an effort to set up a Global Institute on the Environment to be based in St. Paul. He has received an anonymous \$5 million contribution, and expects to receive funds from corporations including 3M, Waldorf Paper, and Control Data Corp.