

National News

N.J. court accepts 'wrongful life' case

The New Jersey Supreme Court, after two lower courts refused, has agreed to consider a suit brought on the basis of a tenet of Nazi doctrine—"wrongful birth." That court fueled the drive toward euthanasia in the United States with its decision in the Karen Ann Quinlan "right to die" case in the 1980s.

The case, according to the April 5 *Philadelphia Inquirer*, involves Kelly Anne Hummel, a blind, 20-year-old, mentally retarded young lady. Her mother has sued her obstetrician and St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark on behalf of her retarded daughter, claiming that Kelly Anne has had "a wrongful life," and she should have been aborted before birth. "Put simply, but for the negligence of the defendants, Kelly Hummel would not be alive today," the suit asserts.

Attorneys for the hospital argue that they should not be sued for "delivering a less-than-perfect baby."

Energy industry joins to oppose enviro-maniacs

At a press conference on March 31 in Washington, representatives of the coal, oil, gas, nuclear, pipeline, and electric utility industries, as well as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Association of Railroads, and National Association of Manufacturers joined under the umbrella of the Global Climate Coalition to oppose passage of some amendments to already-passed national energy legislation. The amendments mainly entail the implementation of caps on carbon dioxide emissions, coal burning in particular, and a return to unlimited intervention by nuclear opponents during power plant licensing.

American Nuclear Energy Council representative Ed Davis said that H.R. 3629, sponsored by Rep. Peter Kostmayer (D-Pa.), is also opposed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and that Energy Secretary James Watkins has written Kostmayer

"stating that he would recommend a presidential veto if this bill were to pass." The bill would "deform rather than reform" the licensing process, Davis stated.

Representatives from the petroleum and natural gas industries reported that they are being driven out of the United States by such regulations. By contrast, they report that they have been invited to prospect in nearly every other country in the world that has reserves.

New book on Franklin child abuse scandal

Publication of *The Franklin Cover-Up: Child Abuse, Satanism, and Murder in Nebraska* was announced April 1 in a press release from the publisher, AWT, Inc. of Lincoln, Nebraska. According to the release, the book "turns light on elites' nationwide satanic pedophile ring."

The release said: "Election year revelations of a far-reaching lurid satanic pedophilia network patronized and protected by the establishment super-elite. . . . The all too true saga whose slime has been oozing from Omaha since 1988. [The book] may turn that ooze into a raging political torrent. The book's index reads like a current Who's Who among the powerful (and perverse). Salomon Brothers fixitman Warren Buffett, AID administrator Ronald Roskens, U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey, World Press Freedom Committee president and State Department adviser Harold Andersen, President George Bush, and many others, all stand under the spotlight. . . ."

"*The Franklin Cover-Up* is not written by an investigative journalist. It is the work of John W. DeCamp, an attorney and a 1980s Nebraska Republican state senator—a political star on the rise until his conscience insisted he throw the light of exposure on what his friend, former CIA head William Colby, warned would be far better left in the dark. . . . The high-level perpetrators from Nebraska to Washington and beyond want the Franklin case to read, 'closed.' But this book, which names the names of alleged perpetrators in the highest circles of the U.S. political and corporate elite, is now set 'to blow this case wide

open,' " the release continued.

Press coverage of the book has been intense in Nebraska. The publisher reports that it is being flooded with orders.

Gallaghers, Hecht win two more appeal issues

A three-judge panel of the Virginia Court of Appeals has granted Anita Gallagher, Paul Gallagher, and Lawrence Hecht two additional issues for their appeal on a conviction on concocted "securities fraud" charges. The court's decision was in response to a motion for reconsideration filed after the same panel denied the defendants an appeal on all issues except the recusal of trial Judge Clifford Weckstein for bias.

The granting of a motion for reconsideration on March 30 on a petition for appeal is so unusual that observers thought that this may be the first time the court has ever granted one.

The two issues are: 1) Did the court err by not dismissing the indictments because the loans at issue were not securities? and 2) Did the court err by not dismissing the indictments because of a violation of due process?

The defendants have 35 more days to file their opening brief and any *amicus curiae* briefs on their behalf.

LaRouche: How to teach establishment a lesson

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche told voters plainly, "If you want to teach the establishment a lesson, vote for me," in an appearance on the Midday Show, hosted by Steve Siegal on WISN radio in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 1.

Siegal introduced LaRouche by saying that his being the only presidential candidate in jail before the elections is an advantage over the other candidates.

LaRouche told listeners that the real corruption in the United States today is not the politicians but, first, the news media, and, second, the citizens who have allowed the

political process to become so degraded.

LaRouche explained that the role of the media in the "Get LaRouche" task force organized at John Train's salon in 1983 was to plant attacks on him in the media as a prelude to a legal prosecution. When that didn't work in the first trial, (because the jury in Boston laughed at the government case and a mistrial ensued), the government created the crime (the April 1987 involuntary bankruptcy of three companies). Then, LaRouche said, he and his associates were charged with the failure to inform people that the government was going to bankrupt them.

LaRouche said that now the oligarchy of the West believes that with the collapse of the Soviet empire they do not need to maintain a commitment to technological progress, which tends to create a society in which people are conscious of their own capability of creative thinking. Thus, they are destroying even any semblance of a decent life for any citizen. So, LaRouche concluded, "if you want to teach the establishment a lesson, vote for me and watch them holler."

Prosecuted FDA official suffers amputation

Marvin Seife, a former Food and Drug Administration official, prosecuted for accepting a free lunch and setting a "bad example," was so mistreated in federal prison that he had to have one leg amputated and may lose the other, according to the April 3 *Washington Post*.

Seife, an award-winning FDA official who is regarded as the father of the generic drug boom (which saves consumers an average of \$2 per prescription), was prosecuted and convicted for lying about half a dozen free lunches with drug industry officials, and was sentenced to five months in a federal prison camp.

When Seife arrived at the prison camp in Texas on Feb. 10, he was thrown into solitary confinement (the "hole") because prison officials had misplaced his paperwork, which included warnings that he was prone to serious infections due to a condition called aseptic necrosis. His shoes were confiscated, and he first had only socks

to wear, then was issued old boots which were too small for him and resulted in severe blisters. The blisters became infected, and staphylococcus infection spread throughout his entire body before prison officials allowed him to get medical treatment. On March 1, his gangrenous left leg had to be amputated below the knee. On March 30, a federal judge reduced his sentence to time served, and Seife was released.

"What has happened to me is the most horrible thing on Earth," said Seife recently from his hospital bed. "It almost killed me. I won all these awards, I was one of the most honored employees of the federal government. . . . Out of nothing, I was totally destroyed. Thirty years, I gave my whole life to public service! It's cost me \$250,000 to defend myself. . . . Look what they've done to me."

Helmsley framed by feds, says columnist

"Every April 15—tax day—the government announces the imprisonment of a high-profile tax cheat to send the rest of us a message," syndicated columnist Paul Craig Roberts wrote in a column appearing April 4. This year, "hotel queen Leona Helmsley has been selected for the role."

Roberts reported that prosecutors knowingly used fraudulent evidence to convict Helmsley, that they failed to disclose that the accountant who was the government's chief witness was under criminal investigation for fraudulent dealings with another client, and that the government dropped its case against him in exchange for lying testimony against Leona Helmsley.

During the three-year period at issue, the Helmsleys paid over \$53 million in taxes. The government claims they avoided \$1.7 million in taxes. Wrote Roberts, "It is safe to say that the Helmsleys would not have noticed the difference between the \$53.7 million they paid and the \$55.4 million that the government claims they owed."

Roberts called for a new trial and an investigation of the prosecutors who knowingly used fraudulent evidence. "If we are to remain a free people, we cannot tolerate the government's show trials," Roberts concluded.

Briefly

● **FORMER ASTRONAUT** Dr. William Lenoir, who oversaw both Space Station Freedom and the Space Shuttle, has announced he will resign effective May 5, leaving Kennedy Space Center head Capt. Bob Crippen as the only astronaut left in a top management position. The Rogers Commission investigating the Challenger explosion had recommended that astronauts play a larger role in managing NASA.

● **MILTON FRIEDMAN** again called for the legalization of drugs, in an interview in the German magazine *Der Spiegel* in March. Drugs should be legalized like alcohol and treated like any "agricultural" product, he said. He has supported legalization since 1972.

● **RICHARD G. KOPF** of Nebraska was named by President Bush as a federal judge on April 3. According to *The Franklin Cover-up*, Kopf was involved in key phases of the coverup of the Franklin Credit Union child abuse scandal.

● **PHILIP VALENTI**, a LaRouche Democrat, debated his four opponents for U. S. Senate from Pennsylvania on March 30. Valenti said 6 million jobs need to be added to the economy so tax revenues can be increased without raising taxes. The debate was sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters.

● **JERRY BROWN** lifted paragraphs of his speeches from *Senator Smith*, a book by pollster Patrick J. Caddell. The book was "a fictional device . . . to illustrate a strategy to energize disaffected voters by appealing to idealism while stoking anti-establishment anger," the March 30 *Washington Post* reported.

● **JAMES WEBB**, the NASA administrator who took us to the Moon, died on March 27. Webb had warned that "superiority in the space environment will be won by that nation which first fashions into a usable system all of the scientific knowledge, all of the technology, all of the experience. . . . We have avoided a narrow program."