

National News

Blueblood Republican Weld a top 'gay' activist?

Massachusetts Gov. William Weld is portrayed as a top gay activist in the European edition of the *Wall Street Journal*, which has a lengthy column on the state of the Republican Party and its apparent problems in formulating a party program, today.

"Mr. Weld's activism on gay rights is equally controversial," the *Journal* wrote. "He has appointed a number of gays and lesbians to high office, including at least two judges, and appointed a gay man, Michael Duffy, to head the state Commission Against Discrimination."

The daily quotes Weld: "If that makes me the most pro-gay governor in the country, and it must, because I read about it every day, then so be it."

ADL big wigs flip over 'Dopebusters' patrols

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) leaders Abraham Fox and Mira Lansky Boland co-authored an opinion column in the Aug. 19 *Washington Times*, which complains that federal money is being used to pay Fruit of Islam security guards in housing projects that receive Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding. The column is a continuation of ADL slanders that the Nation of Islam (NOI) is "anti-Semitic." The slanders have been escalating in response to the success and popularity of the anti-drug organizing being done by the NOI's "Dopebuster" operations.

The two mouthpieces for the ADL—which oversees millions of federal dollars transferred to their criminal activities by the FBI and other agencies that employ them as "consultants"—argue: "As Congress considers the Department of Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill in the next few weeks, one of the issues it might consider is whether HUD rules should permit a HUD contractor to spend \$644,000 to hire Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam to pro-

vide security for a federally subsidized housing project in Los Angeles, and whether there should be similar arrangements elsewhere."

In a related development, Washington Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly has distanced herself from unspecified "anti-Semitic" statements made by the NOI's Health Minister Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad, under pressure from the ADL, according to the Aug. 22 issue of the Washington paper *Afro-American*. Kelly has not rescinded an award to Dr. Muhammad for his work in combating AIDS, as the ADL demanded, however. Dr. Muhammad, responding to the continued attacks, pointed out that: "The new Ku Klux Klan (KKK) seems to be the ADL, they attack all black leaders," and referred to its "longtime association with mobsters and crime figures."

NIH withdraws funding for eugenics conference

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has been forced to suspend funding for a conference which proposes to look at the relationship between heredity and criminal behavior, according to the Aug. 19 *Washington Post*. Originally scheduled for Oct. 9 at the University of Maryland, the conference was titled "Genetic Factors in Crime: Findings, Uses and Implications." The racist premise of the conference was articulated in the original brochure for the event, which referred to the "apparent failure of environmental approaches to crime" and stated that "genetic research holds out the prospect of identifying individuals who may be predisposed to certain kinds of criminal conduct, of isolating environmental features which trigger those predispositions, and of treating some predispositions with drugs and unintrusive therapies."

New Dimensions, a black-oriented weekly in the Washington, D.C. area, reported in its Aug. 13 issue that the eugenics conference was part of the broader "Violence Initiative" announced by Attorney General William Barr, as part of the Bush administration's new crime-fighting public relations campaign. *New Dimensions* re-

ports that the "Violence Initiative," includes funding for a program that "would target more than 100,000 black youth, ages 5 to 9, for treatment with depressant drugs as a cure for potential 'violent' or 'hyper-aggressive behavior.'"

EIR plans a further exposé of the cynical "Violence Initiative" in future issues.

Crips, Bloods offer 'facelift' for Los Angeles

An item in a Aug. 25 *Washington Times* gossip column (which has been known to leak material from Jack Kemp's Housing and Urban Development office on occasion) relates that a "report from California" has it that Los Angeles' two leading drug gangs, the Crips and the Bloods, have issued a "Proposal for L.A.'s Facelift" that "demands an end to welfare. The platform calls for state funds to go only to 'invalids and the elderly.'"

The program, according to the report, also supposedly calls for teachers to be tested for competency and asks that high school curricula be reoriented to focus on "advanced sciences and additional applied math, English and writing skills." The *Times*'s columnist praises "even their more socialist ideas . . . like a recommendation that government establish factories that would provide materials and jobs to rebuild the inner city."

Va. death row inmate agrees to appeal sentence

Virginia death row inmate Mickey Davidson has reconsidered his decision to abandon his appeals, and will appeal his conviction to the U.S. Supreme Court, thus stopping his scheduled Aug. 20 execution. Davidson pleaded guilty to murdering his common-law wife and her two daughters in 1990. The Virginia Supreme Court upheld the sentence in June, when the case was automatically submitted to it. Now that Da-

vidson has reconsidered, he has virtually the entire appeal process before him.

Since the strong sentiment in the state against the execution of Roger Coleman in May, where letters to Gov. Doug Wilder ran 15,000 to 300 *against* Coleman's execution, Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, a gubernatorial pretender, has chosen victims who have no claims of innocence. She has also begun briefing the press to propagandize the vileness of the crimes, while stepping up the pace of executions to one per month. The next person scheduled for execution is Willie Leroy Jones, on Sept. 15. Terry's office has announced that two still-unnamed people will be executed before the end of October. Some sources report that in addition to these, Terry plans to execute yet two more, unnamed people before the end of the year.

'Milk-lift' for Iraqi children arrives in Phila.

Philip Valenti, the local Philadelphia spokesman for the Committee to Save the Children in Iraq, announced that the one-ton cargo of non-fat dry milk organized by U.S. farmers was delivered on Aug. 21 to the Philadelphia International Airport for shipment to children in Iraq. He said this is the fourth shipment of milk powder to Iraqi children, who are still being starved by the continuing U.N. embargo.

The shipment started out on Aug. 18 from Mitchell, South Dakota, followed by a car caravan of supporters. Several stops were made for rallies and press conferences in the farm belt, before the trailer carrying the cargo left on its 1,200-mile trip to Philadelphia. The "milk-mobile" was met Aug. 19 by Wisconsin dairy farmers for a press conference at the State Capitol in Madison.

The farmers' "milk lift" to Iraqi children started in October 1991, as an alternative to ineffective farmer protests, like "dumping" milk. The "milk lift" is intended to save the lives of innocent children and to protest the use of food as a weapon against them, as well as to dramatize the desperate economic condition of independent farmers in the United States. This milk lift was organized

with the help of LaRouche independent congressional candidate Ron Wieczorek, a South Dakota grain farmer. In addition to mobilizing farmers around the milk lift effort, Wieczorek has just successfully campaigned to stop the FmHA from forcing a foreclosure on his own farm, through its manipulation of "loan restructuring" mechanisms.

The farmers chose the dramatic gesture of trucking the milk across the country to highlight their opposition to politically motivated threats of renewed war against Iraq by both Bush and Clinton. Valenti said that shipments will continue and that donations can be sent to: Chaldean Catholic Church Milk Relief Fund, 25585 Berg Road, Southfield, Michigan 48034.

Anti-cult cults sue psychology associations

Psychologist Margaret Singer and sociologist Richard Ofshe, leading "anti-cult" experts for the Cult Awareness Network (CAN) and the American Family Foundation (AFF), have filed a \$5 million RICO suit in federal court in New York against high-ranking officials of the American Psychological Association and the American Sociological Association. According to the Aug. 12 issue of the *Bay Area News*, the CAN pair charge the two professional groups with conspiring with the Unification Church and other groups "to keep the two well-known cult experts from testifying in court about brainwashing techniques." The two claim that officers of the professional groups convinced their board of directors to file "false court documents" attacking Singer and Ofshe as charlatans and incompetents. Since 1986, the CAN "anti-cult" experts have been prevented from testifying as expert witnesses.

Both the CAN and AFF have been prominently involved in lobbying for legal restrictions in political organizing and fundraising. The lobbying is part of an ongoing campaign to cut associates of Lyndon LaRouche off from a major source of funding, which is literature sales.

● **PHYLLIS PIOTROW**, for whose anti-natalist 1973 book *George Bush* wrote the foreword, attacks Third World babies as the cause of environmental degradation, in the *Washington Post* Aug. 24. Piotrow calls for a propaganda barrage to convince the world's poor not to have children: "For the inner-city teenager and for the woman in Rwanda... the messages must be clear, entertaining, engaging, specific and pervasive."

● **THE ARABIC** news magazine *AlAslam*, which is printed in London has published a full-page article on the judicial railroad of Lyndon LaRouche. The article identifies the political motivations of the "Get LaRouche" task force, including his SDI program and policies to develop the Third World. The article details the networks associated with the FBI which organized the frameup.

● **FIREFIGHTERS** in California, who are battling raging brush and forest fires, are increasingly unable to find restaurants that will take the state's IOUs during meal breaks.

● **BILL CLINTON** tried to defend his execution of a lobotomized inmate, Ricky Ray Rector, during an Aug. 21 meeting with black journalists. Clinton denied deliberately allowing the execution of Rector during the New Hampshire primary campaign as a "strike against the Willie Horton" image pinned on Dukakis by the Republicans in 1988, UPI reported.

● **THE AMERICAN** Civil Liberties Union has brought a lawsuit in California claiming that the use of poison gas for executions amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, according to a commentary in the Aug. 16 *Los Angeles Times*. The suit points out the similarity between the cyanide gas used and the Nazis' Zyklon B.

● **THE JURY** in the Iran-Contra trial of former CIA deputy operations director Claire George declared itself deadlocked on Aug. 25 and again on Aug. 26, leading to a mistrial. A new trial has been set for October.