

National News

U.S. Rhodes scholars hold major reunion

Over 700 Rhodes Scholars met over June 11-13 at Georgetown University for their first reunion in 30 years, including a reception at the British Embassy. The scholarship was established in the testament of British imperialist Cecil Rhodes to train "native" administrators of the British Empire at Oxford University. Rhodes considered the United States simply a temporarily separated part of the empire, hence the decision to award it to promising U.S. citizens.

The *Washington Times*, after noting the large number of Rhodes Scholars in the Clinton administration, including George Stephanopoulos, Strobe Talbott, Robert Reich, Ira Magaziner, James Woolsey, and President Clinton himself, then quotes a British journalist: "Broadly speaking, the Executive branch of the world's only superpower is now a Rhodes operation . . . the only area that is off limits is the economic establishment. Rhodes Scholars have not yet cracked the Treasury or the Federal Reserve."

Justice Goodloe blasts jailing of farmers

Retired Washington State Supreme Court Justice William C. Goodloe has issued an urgent appeal to the Nebraska congressional delegation and state officials for a moratorium on farm foreclosures, pending an investigation of evidence of fraud and abuse by banks in the handling of farm loans in response to the June 4 jailing of Nebraska farmers Margaret and Joe Nelson of Morrill County (see *Agriculture* in *EIR*, June 11).

The Nelsons had sued their creditors, including the Production Credit Association of the Midlands (PCAM), for fraud in 1989 and won a \$1.2 million judgment after a jury trial. Although jurors later said they believed that PCAM officials had lied under oath, the trial judge overturned the jury verdict. The Nelsons were evicted from their property and sentenced to 30 days in jail for

contempt of court.

Justice Goodloe said:

"I spent four days last December chairing public hearings on human rights violations against family farmers in North and South Dakota. After hearing over 20 hours of testimony, I reached several very harsh conclusions concerning the deliberate liquidation of the independent farm system. Given the facts of the Nelson case, it seems that these conclusions apply to Nebraska as well.

"My findings of gross injustices and fraud helped move Congressmen Fred Grandy of Iowa and Tim Johnson of South Dakota to call for a moratorium on farm foreclosures, pending a congressional investigation. I appeal to the Nebraska congressional delegation and state officials, particularly Congressman Bill Barrett and Gov. Ben Nelson, to do likewise, and to intervene immediately in the Nelson case.

"I applaud the courage of Margaret and Joe Nelson. They are acting in the best non-violent tradition of leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King. . . . Their courageous sacrifice will not be in vain."

RJR promoting 'New Age' education reform

RJR Nabisco, the junk bond empire whose bankruptcy was averted in 1988 by one of the biggest leveraged buyouts in history (\$20 billion), is now in the business of turning children into zombies. The RJR Nabisco Foundation is sponsoring a three-day "summit on education reform" in Leesburg, Virginia June 20-23. The meeting will bring 80 "radical educators" from around the country for what they call a "China Breakers Conference." The meeting is closed to the public, organizers said, because it is "very prestigious."

"The China Breakers Conference is designed to recognize educators who have bucked the system and created effective new learning environments," said Roger D. Semerad, president of the RJR Nabisco Foundation. Moderators will include Theodore Sizer, formerly of Harvard University, a guru of the "outcome-based education" plan for replacing academic education with "values clarification"; Frank Newman of

Education Commission of the States; John Murphy of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, North Carolina Schools; Floretta McKenzie, former superintendent of schools in the District of Columbia.

RJR Nabisco's Next Century Schools project boasts that the foundation "bypasses bureaucracy and provides venture capital directly to individual schools, the frontline educators who have developed bold approaches. . . . At \$30 million, Next Century Schools is the largest corporate K-12 public schools partnership in history."

Ozone hoax defended in 'Science' magazine

The book *Holes in the Ozone Scare* by Rogelio Maduro and Ralf Schauerhammer is the main feature of the lead news article in *Science* magazine, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The article, titled "The Ozone Backlash," is intended to curtail the growing impact the book is having among scientific circles and laymen, and complains that ozone hole proponents "have recently been subjected to vocal public criticism of their theories—and their motives." However, a picture caption accompanying the book cover, points out: "Arguments detailed in *The Holes in the Ozone Scare* were cited in *Trashing the Planet*," by Dr. Dixy Lee Ray.

Author Gary Taubes tried to smear Maduro, whom he interviewed, noting that he is "an associate editor of *21st Century Science & Technology*, a magazine published by supporters of Lyndon LaRouche." He continued, "Although it's not common for a LaRouche publication to have an impact in mainstream thought, Maduro's arguments . . . are also the basis of much of the information in the *Omni* article, its author, novelist Jim Hogan told *Science*. In addition, *21st Century* has circulated a petition around the scientific community citing Maduro's arguments calling for the repeal of the Montreal Protocol [to phase out chlorofluorocarbons by the year 2000]. Among the dozen American researchers who have signed it are Derek Barton, a Nobel Prize-winning chemist at Texas A&M. . . . Barton told *Science* that he signed because he's 'one of these

people who are opposed to getting scared about imaginary problems. I think the ozone hole and global heating are nonsense.' ”

Galen Kelly accomplices charged with kidnapping

At least three accomplices of Cult Awareness Network operative Galen Kelly were charged in June with the May 1992 kidnapping of Debra Dobkowski in the criminal complaint presented by federal prosecutor Lawrence J. Leiser in Alexandria, Virginia. The three are Michelle and Ira Phil Burschansky of Lakewood, New Jersey and Becky Winstead of Virginia Beach, Va. Galen Kelly was convicted in May, and denied bail while awaiting sentencing.

According to an affidavit by FBI Special Agent Thomas M. Flosnik of the Washington Metropolitan Field Office, a confidential source (CS) indicated that Ira Burschansky is “officially unemployed, but does freelance work for people in the Brooklyn and Crown Heights sections of New York City. CS stated that Ira Burschansky was once a member of the Jewish Defense League, and has mentioned doing jobs for parents who want their children taken forcibly from cults.”

Kelly, among others, narrowly evaded conviction on conspiracy charges late last year stemming from a plot to kidnap LaRouche associate and Du Pont heir Lewis du Pont Smith, in what became known as the “Kidnappers, Inc.” case. In FBI surveillance tapes for that case, Kelly’s sidekick, former Loudoun County, Va. Sheriff’s Lt. Don Moore referred to the Burschanskys and Winstead as members of the Jewish Lubavitcher sect who would carry out kidnappings.

Israel agrees to extradite JDL killers

Israel agreed on June 11 to extradite Robert Manning, an American-Israeli wanted in the United States for the letter-bomb killing of a computer firm employee in a 1980 business

dispute. Justice Minister David Libai signed the extradition order after receiving assurances that Manning would not be given the death penalty if found guilty, a spokeswoman said. Manning, 39, and his wife Rochelle, 51, are wanted for the murder of Patricia Wilkerson, employed by a computer firm in Manhattan Beach, California. The couple have also been implicated in the 1985 JDL murder of Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee leader Alex Odeh in San Diego.

Both Manning and his wife are Jewish Defense League activists. Manning formerly ran a New York detective firm which provided security for the JDL. Both had earlier been arrested for running JDL “deprogramming” kidnappings in New York with the aid of the same Lubavitch Hasidic group used by jailed Cult Awareness Network operative Galen Kelly.

Suicide ‘how-to’ group formed in Washington

Right-to-die enthusiasts in Washington State have formed a group called “Compassion in Dying” and opened an office in downtown Seattle. The purported object of the group, founded in early June, is to assist people judged incurably ill and in pain, to take their own lives. “We’re the first group to say publicly that we will help people die,” executive director Ralph Mero proudly told the press. “We’re trying to provide a humane process that respects the rights of patients and their families.”

The group said it plans to first verify that victims have fatal illnesses, and then it will instruct them on the most effective means to end their lives, and tell them what to expect with each method. Volunteers will attend the suicide. The group says it thinks that, by these procedures, it will avoid sanction from a 1975 Washington State law prohibiting assisted suicides.

“Compassion in Dying” says its methods differ from those of pathologist Jack Kevorkian, who has killed 16 so far, in that they will not provide the means of suicide, but will insist that people obtain lethal doses of medications like morphine from their own physicians.

Briefly

● **REGINALD** Bartholomew, currently U.S. envoy to Bosnia, has been appointed new ambassador to Rome. Bartholomew started his career under Henry Kissinger in 1974, and followed the “destabilization trail” from there, as special Cyprus coordinator in 1981-82, and ambassador to Lebanon in 1983-86.

● **NEW BEDFORD**, Massachusetts became the fourth city in June to pass a resolution seeking the removal of the statue of Ku Klux Klan founder, Confederate Gen. Albert Pike, from Judiciary Square in Washington, D. C. The other three were East Palo Alto, Richmond, and Oakland in California.

● **LYNDON LAROCHE** partisans have a protest rally planned outside the 80th anniversary awards dinner of the Anti-Defamation League of Minnesota and the Dakotas in Minneapolis. Ambassador to Japan-designate Walter Mondale was the guest of honor.

● **THE CLEVELAND Plain Dealer** was the first U.S. newspaper, on June 11, to break the blackout on the amendment offered by Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) and the bill by Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.) for the U. S. to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia.

● **DAVID GERGEN**, President Clinton’s new communications director, has resigned from most of his memberships in Eastern Establishment outfits, including the all-male Bohemian Grove, the Aspen Institute, National Committee for U.S.-China Relations, the National Endowment for Democracy, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Trilateral Commission.

● **MARK THATCHER**, the son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, is being issued a subpoena by Texas State District Judge Dan Downey, which was requested by two former business associates of Dr. Ihsan Barbouti, an alleged arms trafficker to Iraq and Libya who was based in Houston.