

## Battle lines harden against spiritual child abuse

by Jeffrey Steinberg

The battle against the spiritual abuse of the nation's children through a New Age educational "reform" program called outcome-based education (OBE) received a big boost in late August with the release of a mass-circulation pamphlet by the editors of the *New Federalist* newspaper. The broad distribution of the 24-page document is intersecting numerous local battles led by parents and traditional educators against the efforts to turn the public schools into brainwashing centers where children are taught how to "feel good" about homosexual lifestyles and to hate the authority of reason and natural law.

In Virginia, one of two states in the country where there are gubernatorial elections in 1993, OBE has become a major feature of the three-way race between Democratic nominee Mary Sue Terry, Republican George Allen, and independent Nancy Spannaus. Spannaus's campaign is circulating its own exposé of OBE, and has aired a series of radio advertisements attacking Terry for her support for OBE. Spannaus's campaign slogan is: "Virginia Is for Mothers."

Picking up on the same theme, Republican candidate George Allen, in late August, declared himself a strong advocate of traditional family values and touted his experiences as a father as a qualification for the job. Allen's running mate for lieutenant governor, Michael Faris, is a well-known local advocate for alternatives to the New Age wrecking of the public schools. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL) and People for the American Way have announced that they will launch major campaigns in Virginia to defeat the GOP slate, which they are attacking as "Christian rightists."

As the result of the brawl that has broken out in the election campaign, Virginia's radical education reform is

stalled. State officials have complained to reporters that Mary Sue Terry, who was Attorney General in two administrations up until she launched her campaign, has pulled back from enthusiastic support for the program. World Class Education, Virginia's brand-name for OBE, "has become a political football in the gubernatorial campaign," a leading developer of the Common Core of Learning new Virginia curriculum complained recently. "The political uproar is holding back the program. We are being stalled." The culprits, in her deliberately oversimplified view, are people who "don't want their kids to question authority or their family, or to ask whether there is a God or not."

### Satanists and perverts in the schools

In his introduction to the *New Federalist* pamphlet, political economist Lyndon LaRouche emphasized that the people behind the so-called educational "reforms" are actually peddling Satanism and sexual perversion. LaRouche traced the roots of many of the innovations in U.S. education to the schools established under communist rule: "This educational reform is fairly described as a deliberate, consciously satanic effort, that is, pursued by avowed Satanists . . . who are determined to destroy the institution of the family by way of this outcome-based education program, and also, to destroy the nation as we have known it. The beginning of this form of education goes back to the early days of communism in Russia and in Hungary. At the outset, the most radical Bolsheviks planned to take children, from infancy, away from their parents, and put them in creches, and have the education of the child taken over entirely by the state."

LaRouche also pointed to the pivotal role of avowed Satanists such as the late Alice Bailey, a founder of the

Lucis Trust (formerly the Lucifer Trust), and United Nations official and New Age education pioneer Robert Muller, whose World Core Curriculum forms the basis of the OBE programs in many states across America.

LaRouche himself is currently exploring the possibility of a presidential run in 1996, and the destruction of U.S. education is likely to be one of his most powerful themes.

### **New evidence**

As local battle lines have hardened in anticipation of the opening of the school year, new evidence has surfaced proving the pagan and satanic agenda of the OBE advocates.

The ADL's "A World of Difference" school curriculum, which purports to teach "tolerance" and "multi-culturalism," not so subtly guides students toward pagan and satanic forms of religious worship and away from social movements based on the practice of Judeo-Christian love for humanity. In St. Louis, for instance, a teacher's guide provided by the ADL to aid in the presentation of the curriculum contains a lesson plan on "primal religions" which includes the following blandly worded section on paganism: "Pagans preach: 'If it harms no one, do what you will.' Pagans are especially interested in honoring feminine qualities to balance the hierarchical and patriarchal aspects of our society. This religion is sometimes called Wicca or Witchcraft, and is not related to Satanism (Satan is a character found in Christian, not Pagan literature). Wicca festivals include solstices, equinoxes, and other natural times."

Contrast these benign words to the curriculum's hate-filled description of the movement founded by Lyndon LaRouche, a man who stresses man's responsibility to develop in the image of his Creator. The version of the curriculum in use in Los Angeles has a section called "Hate Groups in America" which characterizes the LaRouche-founded philosophical association National Caucus of Labor Committees as an "extremist group" which has "frequently promoted anti-Semitic views." It says that LaRouche's writings "accuse various governments, groups, and prominent individuals of sinister and illegal plots to manipulate political, economic and social events."

The curriculum's message is therefore clear enough: It's perfectly normal to worship evil as the Satanists do, but keep away from those extremist folks who are dedicated to fighting *against* evil.

The ADL's "feel good about evil" attitude well suits the organization's big financial backers, who use the ADL to protect their illegal drug money-laundering and other swindles which have bilked billions from unsuspecting citizens — many of them elderly people. For example, a book published by the editors of *EIR* in January 1993, *The Ugly Truth About the ADL*, exposed the fact that the League's "A World of Difference" program was founded in 1986 with a \$1 million gift by junk bond swindler and drug money launderer Michael Milken.

Top ADL officials across the country, such as Cleveland businessman Sam Miller, an ADL national commissioner, have been key behind-the-scenes players in ramming OBE through state legislatures and city councils. Under Miller's leadership, Cleveland recently adopted Vision 21, a total revamping of the public school curriculum. Under Vision 21, the city's high schools for science and the performing arts will be shut down, but money will be set aside for the creation of "African centered/multicultural immersion schools" in the city's black ghettos.

### **Stanford targets North Dakota**

In 1989, voters in North Dakota overwhelmingly defeated a referendum that would have established "Health Guidelines" for teaching sex education in the public school system. Early this year, under continuing pressure from parents and traditional educators, the state legislature voted to postpone implementation of OBE until 1997, a potential death knell for the entire program. North Dakota had hired the Stanford Research Institute (SRI), a bastion of New Age "cultural paradigm shift" quackery, to revamp the school and public service systems in the state.

Larry Spears, a Stanford graduate, was subsequently hired by the state to design a plan for implementing the SRI scheme. Spears and his wife own a company that has produced a Wiccan "gender-free" version of the Bible, aimed at children 6-12 years old. Spears defends his New Age Bible: "Children come to the Bible as blank slates, except for what the sexist culture says. When they come to scriptures accurately translated, they can see it without gender. Then girls and boys can more accurately see their places."

Back in 1989, the day after voters rejected the proposed North Dakota sex education program, State Education Superintendent Wayne Sanstead sent the curriculum and teaching aids to schools across the state anyway. The program rejected the idea that children should be taught such concepts as "good," "evil," "right," and "wrong." In March of this year, Sanstead led a delegation of six North Dakota public school teachers to Los Angeles where they all received \$25,000 awards from the Michael Milken Family Foundation. All told, 120 U.S. educators received the cash payoffs from Milken. It was the sixth annual National Educators Awards conference; and this year's festival was highlighted by a personal appearance by Milken, fresh from his stint in federal prison for racketeering.

Milken is not the only ADL financial angel pouring millions into the New Age perversion of America's schools. Edgar Bronfman, whose family fortune derives from Prohibition-era bootlegging and narcotics, is an honorary vice president of the ADL, and is one of the three major corporate patrons of the New American Schools Development Corp. (NASDC) via the Seagram's Foundation. NASDC is a public-private joint venture that has been a central conduit of Robert Muller's World Core Curriculum into the U.S. schools.