National News

British paper outlines 'vision thing' for GOP

The London *Times*, echoing former President George Bush, demanded that the Republican Party make the Conservative Revolution the basis of its "vision thing," in a March 14 editorial entitled "The Vision Thing: A Republican Agenda for 1996."

After attacking Pat Buchanan and protectionism, praising House Speaker Newt Gingrich's (R-Ga.) Contract with America as a "profoundly upbeat document," and hailing House Majority Leader Richard Armey's (R-Tex.) tax-reform proposals, the *Times* demanded that a Republican agenda "also focus on a massive roll-back of responsibilities to the states. The failure of social planning over the last 30 years strongly suggests that the United States is too large a nation to be organized from Washington."

The "third priority" must be the "underclass" and "welfare reform," for which the Times recommended the racist-genocidalist theories of Charles Murray, co-author of The Bell Curve, from whom former Times editor Lord William Rees-Mogg has taken his crazy theories of the "cognitive elite," and the slave labor ("free enterprise zones") proposals of Jack Kemp.

Animal rights activists call for murder

Animal rights activists called for the death of a California state senator, because he urged hunting down mountain lions in California that are stalking and killing people. The activists' message was posted on the Internet's talk politics animals newsgroup on March 6, and has been "reposted" to many other newsgroups, including those "moderated" by the self-professed terrorist outfit Earth First! and animal rights groups.

The message, which represents a serious escalation of eco-terrorism, read: "Instead of hunting Lions in California, let us declare

open season on State Senator Tim Leslie, his family, everyone he holds near and dear, the Cattlemen's Association, and everyone else who feels that *lions* in California should be killed.

"I think it would be great to see the slimeball, a—hole, conservation moron hunted down and skinned and mounted for our viewing pleasure.

"I would rather see every right-wing nut like scumface-Leslie destroyed in the name of political sport, than lose one mountain lion whose only fault is having to live in a state with a f—king jerk like this sh—t-faced Republican and his supporters.

"Pray for his death. Pray for all their deaths.

"Lets hunt Senator Leslie for sport."

Private investigator Barry Clausen, who infiltrated Earth First! in the early 1990s and continues to track their activities, told *EIR* on March 12 that this open call for murder is part of an escalation of activities by animal rights and environmentalist activists. After a lull over several months, there has recently been an explosion of animal rights and ecoterrorism in the United States and Canada. Furthermore, he said, these activists are increasingly talking about killing people to save the Earth. Law enforcement agencies are reportedly investigating the threat.

Farrakhan will release audio tapes of his trip

Nation of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan announced that he will release audios and videos of what he said and did during his recent tour to Africa and the Middle East, in order to expose the lies that major press organs have been circulating. He made his remarks in accepting the Newsmaker of the Year Award at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on March 14.

Minister Farrakhan said that if there were no opportunity for him to present his side of the story in the face of the witch-hunt against him, in Congress or in the media, he would "go directly to the people," starting with appearances in New York, Philadel-

phia, Washington, Atlanta, Miami, Houston, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Oakland.

Farrakhan was asked by CNN to comment on the letter he received recently from the Justice Department. The letter stipulated that were Farrakhan to act as an agent of a foreign country, in particular Libya, he must register as such. "I am not an agent of Libya, or any foreign government, and there is no need for me ever to follow that law that I should register. . . . If the government requests that I register as an agent of God, then I shall do so," he said. He added that he can "receive aid in the program of the honorable Elijah Muhammed . . . from any quarter, without strings attached."

Minister Farrakhan said that within the next 10 days, "we will make known the audit of the Million Man March and all of the funds that were taken in." Once again, he slammed the members of the media who insinuated and "even outright said" that Farrakhan had pocketed the money.

CHADD backs down on Ritalin classification

Mary Richard, president of the board of directors of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (CHADD), confirmed in a conversation with *EIR*, that the group withdrew its petition on March 12, to reclassify methylphenidate, the chemical name for Ritalin. CHADD and the American Academy of Neurology, the two lead petitioners, asked in the petition, which had been filed in October 1994, that this drug, a pharmacological cousin of amphetamines and cocaine, be taken off the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) list of Schedule II controlled substances.

The decision is a tactical victory against the drugging of American children.

Richard said she was "surprised anyone was looking into this." She claimed that the decision was made by the board in March because there was "no longer a concern" about potential shortages of the drug, due to "administrative changes" made at the DEA,

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which would eliminate a layer of bureaucracy, and would speed up the decision-making process when it came time to review the annual production quota for all Schedule II medications. She insisted that "controversy," i.e., the dangers of millions of children (and adults) using such dangerous drugs, was not a factor, but that the decision was merely the "logical" outcome of this change.

Asked what her rejoinder was to many of the findings in the DEA's response to CHADD's petition, which reaffirmed the dangers of such drugs, she said, "People at the DEA are not medical doctors, not pediatricians, and not neurologists." CHADD gets a large portion of its annual operating budget from Ciba-Geigy, the manufacturers of Ritalin.

Trumka calls for united front against Gingrich

AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer and head of the United Mine Workers Union Richard Trumka called for a united front against House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) and the Republican Congress, in a speech to over 1,000 delegates at the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO state convention in Philadelphia, the Delaware County *Daily Times* reported on March 6.

Trumka vowed to "kick butt." "Newt Gingrich wanted a labor movement that would roll over and play dead," he told the crowd. "I got two messages for you, Newt. Up yours and drop dead."

In what AP called "an old-fashioned union hall scene," Trumka stripped off his jacket and shouted, "Our message is that unions are back. Get in our way and we'll knock you flat on your a—." In response, state AFL-CIO head Billie George pledged that state members would "never, ever, turn our backs" on the national cause.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich addressed the gathering, as part of a tour on which he is speaking out against corporate leaders "treating people more and more like disposable pieces of equipment," in pursuit of "just one thing—shareholders," including their own profits. Reich denounced CEOs such as former Scott Paper head Alfred J. Dunlap, who made \$100 million while cutting 11,000 jobs and closing Scott's Philadelphia-area headquarters.

"Corporations don't exist in nature," Reich told the *Delaware County Times*. "They are creatures of law. Corporation executives, whether they know it or not, have a public trust. If companies are not generating benefits for society, but instead are imposing enormous social costs, then governments and societies have every reason to change the rules, laws, and tax incentives for corporations."

Court rules U.S. owns lands in Nevada

Federal Judge Lloyd D. George overturned Nye County, Nevada ordinances that had declared the U.S. government does not own the Nevada lands it has held since 1848, the March 16 New York Times reported. The March 14 ruling, in the U.S. District Court in Las Vegas, makes clear the illegal basis of the "county supremacy" movement. In 1994, Nye County Commissioner Richard Carver had bulldozed over a Forest Service road and threatened to arrest a ranger who tried to interfere.

After the United States shifted away from the traditional policy of development of western industry and agriculture, and toward green, zero-growth restrictions, a synthetic protest movement was engineered by Conservative Revolution agents associated with a complex of British think-tanks. Instead of fighting the anti-industrialization policy shift (with which they agree), movement spokesmen such as Wayne Hage openly bragged of a revolt in the tradition of the Confederacy's war against Abraham Lincoln's central U.S. government.

Judge George's ruling cited the 1864 law under which Nevada joined the Union, securing title to federal lands within the state. Hage has specifically rejected that law as issuing from the oppression of the Union against pro-Confederate Nevadans.

Briefly

WASHINGTON, D.C. may be forced to cancel its Presidential primary unless budget cuts ordered by the D.C. Financial Control Board in February are at least partly restored, said election board Executive Director Emmett Fremaux, Jr., the March 12 Washington Post reported. Mark Goldstein, a spokesman for the board, said that there would be no restoration of funds and, "If that means they have to eliminate a primary, that is their decision."

MARK WARNER, the cellular phone multimillionaire, finally announced for the Democratic Party nomination for U.S. Senate in Virginia on March 11. The March 12 Washington Post described him as a "Third Wave' high-tech candidate," who puts priority on a balanced budget, "a computer on every desk," the "technological revolution," and other futurist jargon. He has refused any debate with his opponents, former U.S. Rep. Leslie Byrne and LaRouche Democrat Nancy Spannaus.

TONY MERTEN, the head of the local Sierra Club, and whose business card reads "Earth First! Tony Merten, Special Projects," committed suicide in New Mexico on Feb. 18, after police told him that he was their prime suspect in a series of cattle killings in Luna County, the New Mexico Courier reported. This is the first time that a leader of a "respectable" green organization has been close to arrest for an act of eco-terrorism.

PRESIDENT CLINTON was named "Irish-American of the Year" by *Irish-American* magazine. Publisher Niall O'Dowd presented the award on March 11. "We will continue to work closely with the Irish and British governments and the parties involved to support their efforts to end the violence and to achieve a lasting peace," Clinton said.

PAT BUCHANAN continues to hint that he may lead a third-party bid. "Somebody is going to have to represent the folks who have voted for me," he said on March 14.