

# National News

## Tensions rise one year after Oklahoma bombing

The federal government siege in Montana of a radical, anti-government group, called the Freemen, is indicative of rising tensions as the first anniversary of the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City nears. That bombing took place April 19, the second anniversary of the federal assault on the Branch Davidians at Waco.

Authorities have stressed that in Montana, they have no plans to raid the farmhouse where the Freemen are holed up, and have assured the Freemen that, if they surrender to police, no harm will come to them. The Freemen are a British Israelite group that has been in a running fight with federal and county authorities for several years. They reject all laws, refuse to pay taxes, and claim the right to issue their own currency.

With the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing approaching, it is likely that there will be a heightened security alert all over the United States.

One year ago, Lord William Rees-Mogg's *Strategic Investment* newsletter had claimed that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was planning a nationwide raid on anti-government militias. That piece of Rees-Mogg disinformation proved to be a crucial lead regarding the British authorship of the April 19 Oklahoma City bombing.

## LaRouche campaigns in Virginia, North Carolina

Speaking to about 200 supporters in Norfolk, Virginia on March 29, Democratic Presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche attacked Newt Gingrich's "Contract on America," as a Nazi policy, whose proponents "knew, or should have known" its murderous consequences.

Throughout his hour-and-a-half speech and an hour of audience questions, LaRouche expressed optimism about what his campaign can do:

"There *is*, contrary to all pessimists,

there is an opening in Washington, which can give hope to people who are senior citizens, or who have a member of the family who's a senior citizen, people who work for a living, and produce things; people who are members of often-targetted, so-called minority groups, people in the lower 80% of the income brackets, especially in the lower 60%. *The situation is not hopeless.* There's no victory being delivered to us, but the situation is not hopeless. Because some Democrats in Washington, including Robert Reich, who is speaking with the approval of the President of the United States, Clinton, are saying the kinds of things that pertain to this, *and they mean it.*"

The candidate cited, as an example, the collaboration between LaRouche Democrats, Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua of Philadelphia, a number of associated religious groups, and others, which stopped a piece of Republican legislation that would have dropped over 250,000 people from medical assistance. That is the way such Hitler-like budget cuts have to be stopped.

LaRouche spoke at a candidates' forum in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on March 30, at an event sponsored by organizers connected to the Million Man March. LaRouche was invited to come an hour early to answer questions prior to the main event, which was addressed by 12 candidates in all. There was extensive press coverage in advance of LaRouche's appearance in the area, including one article entitled: "LaRouche Is Coming."

## Another Rehnquist ruling against Constitution

In what a dissenting Justice called a "shocking affront," a five-judge majority of the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling on March 27 which dramatically reduces the power of Congress to permit citizens to sue state governments to enforce federally granted rights. Taking the unusual step of reading his dissent aloud, Justice David Souter said: "Saying that a state could not be sued by an individual to enforce a federal right is utterly inconsistent with the very theory of sovereignty that underlies the Constitution."

The case, *Seminole Tribe v. Florida*, involved a challenge to a 1988 federal law which permitted Indian tribes to sue states in federal court for failure to negotiate in good faith over the operation of gambling casinos on tribal lands. EIRNS notes that, irrespective of the wisdom of permitting gambling on tribal lands in the first place, Chief Justice Rehnquist used the case as another opportunity to join the Conservative Revolution crowd in attempting to dismantle federal power over the states.

Rehnquist based his ruling on the 11th Amendment, which bars suits against one state by citizens of another state. Justice Stevens said that the ruling would affect federal bankruptcy, anti-trust, copyright, and other federal laws regulating the national economy. Rehnquist said it would not affect the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection, since the 14th Amendment was adopted after the 11th Amendment. But, since the U.S. Constitution was adopted before the 11th Amendment, Rehnquist apparently feels free to disregard that.

## New CIA team to probe need for missile defense

In order to stave off a congressional investigation, through the General Accounting Office, of the CIA's estimated ballistic missile threat to the United States, CIA Director John Deutch has offered to set up an alternative "Team B" of analysts to make their own assessment. Since details of the CIA report, which stated that there likely will not be a threat to the United States for the next 15 years, were made public last December, Republicans have been attacking the report as political, since it would justify President Clinton's view that it is not immediately necessary for the United States to deploy a ballistic missile defense system.

The ballistic missile defense proposed by congressional Republicans has nothing to do with the science-driver program based on new physical principles designed by Lyndon LaRouche, and adopted as the Strategic Defense Initiative: It is, rather, the same kind of hoax, promoted by the late Gen. Danny Graham and Henry Kissinger.

According to the *Washington Times*, Rep. Floyd Spence (R-S.C.), who chairs the National Security Committee, asked the GAO to review the CIA report on Feb. 28. Deutch has said that former Director R. James Woolsey could head up Team B, which would include other intelligence analysts, according to the *Times*.

## What is George Bush doing in the Mideast?

Former U.S. President George Bush returned to Houston on March 27 after an eight-nation Mideast tour that had no particular purpose or agenda, "just private visits to friends," according to his spokesmen.

Bush went to Saudi Arabia, where he met with King Fahd; in the Aswan, Egypt, Bush met with President Hosni Mubarak; in Dubai, Oman, he met with Sultan Qaboos bin Said. In Kuwait, Bush opened a new U.S. embassy building and dined with Emir Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmad al-Sabah. Don Wilson, director of the George Bush Presidential Library Center at Texas A&M University, just happened to be in Kuwait at the same time, but explained there was no connection. Wilson, in meetings with Kuwaiti businessmen, noted that over the past two years he has raised \$5 million from Gulf Arab nations toward the \$85 million cost of building the center.

## Mexican MSIA leader tours U.S. Southwest

The Mexican chairman of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA), Marivilia Carrasco, toured southern California March 18-24, to support the Presidential campaign of Democrat Lyndon LaRouche, and to help build a repeat Million Man March, especially in the U.S. Hispanic community, set for Columbus Day.

Carrasco brought first-hand knowledge of how free trade and *laissez-faire* economics destroy nations and their people, to audiences of trade unionists and city officials,

and to LaRouche campaign meetings. Families in Mexico and the United States alike are hurt by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), unbridled financial speculation, and the drug epidemic, she said.

On March 19, Carrasco addressed the City Council of Lynwood, along with an audience of 150, at the invitation of former Mayor Byrd, a signer of the call to President Clinton for LaRouche's exoneration. After being introduced by Mayor Richards, she told the audience that America has a unique chance this election year to destroy the power of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank by voting for LaRouche, who has developed the necessary programs to turn around the global economic crisis.

On March 21, Carrasco met with three members of the Hawaiian Gardens City Council, to discuss organizing opposition to Anti-Defamation League-linked proposals for legalizing casino gambling in the city.

Carrasco was also hosted at campaign and other events in Houston, San Antonio, and Austin, Texas.

## Truckers team up to stop NAFTA open border

At a March 13 Chicago NAFTA Truckers Summit, the heads of truckers unions in the United States, Mexico, and Canada met to discuss and adopt an "action plan" to maintain the blockade against implementing cross-border trucking provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement, according to the March 25 *AFL-CIO News*. The intent of the meeting was to link efforts so that the countries' workers are not pitted against each other. Teamsters President Ron Carey is quoted: "NAFTA threatens jobs and highway safety in all three countries. It's time for truckers to unite. Our fight is not with each other. Our fight is against corporate greed that is destroying jobs and wages on both sides of the border."

Though the *AFL-CIO News* doesn't report this, the move is also important because containerized trucking will be completely freed up under NAFTA, and is the main way drugs get into the United States from Mexico.

## Briefly

**MARGARET THATCHER** received effusive praise in the lead editorial of the Richmond, Virginia *Times-Dispatch* on March 30. Thatcher will be in Virginia in April to receive the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation's first Thomas Jefferson Medal in Statesmanship. "There is no more deserving recipient," says the editorial, which credits Mad Margaret with the "reform" of the Soviet Union and the restoration of "vigorous virtues" in Britain.

**SIR HENRY KISSINGER** complained that he would "undoubtedly again be accused of serving my own business interests," for retailing the British efforts to heat up tensions between Taiwan and China, in his syndicated column on March 31. "Anyone who doubts that my writing seeks any goal other than to promote the national interest should stop reading here," Sir Henry protested.

**ROBERT DOLE** will address commencement exercises at televangelist Jerry Falwell's Liberty University on May 11, according to the April issue of Falwell's *Journal*. "Many believe Dole is the man who can unify the Republican Party," presumably around the fast-fading Conservative Revolution.

**GEORGE SOROS** "is the Daddy Warbucks" of the drug legalization movement," according to an article from Media General News Service on March 31. Soros gives \$800,000 a year to the Open Society Institute, which, in turn, funds the Lindesmith Center, headed by "leading spokesman for drug legalization Ethan Nadelmann."

**PRESIDENT CLINTON** expressed his satisfaction over the easing of tensions between China and Taiwan on March 26. Speaking to reporters before a meeting with state attorneys general, he said: "I was encouraged by some statements that came out of both sides in the aftermath" of Taiwan's first Presidential election.