

National News

Brave legislator kills Mass. death penalty

The fact that one individual can change history was demonstrated in Massachusetts on Nov. 6, when State Rep. John P. Slattery (D-Peabody) switched his vote and opposed the final version of a bill legalizing capital punishment, which had passed both House and Senate, as *EIR* reported last week. While the reconciled bill passed the Senate, the House vote was 80-80, killing it until the next session, in 1999, unless it is attached as a rider to another bill.

In a dramatic speech, Slattery said he feared that an innocent person could be executed, and that the bill did not afford enough protection for juveniles and minorities. The bill allowed execution of children as young as 14. Slattery also said, "I don't want to face . . . lying in my bed at 12:01 a.m. 15 years from now, knowing that somebody is being put to death, that I helped create the mechanism for putting that person to death, and not being sure that person being put to death deserved what he got."

Cardinal Bernard Law of Massachusetts, speaking before the final vote, likened the death penalty drumbeat to the lynch mobs he encountered as a young priest in the South in the 1960s. "It's the closest thing I have seen to a lynch mob mentality since I left Mississippi; it's a frightening thing."

'Defrauding America' covers LaRouche frame-up

The third edition of Rodney Stich's book *Defrauding America: An Encyclopedia of Secret Operations by the CIA, DEA, and Other Covert Agencies* has a remarkably good summary, with only minor errors, of the way in which the fraudulent bankruptcy was used to illegally frame up Lyndon LaRouche: "In one case," wrote Stich, "the Department of Justice forced a publishing company into bankruptcy. The company was set up for the purpose of spreading political ideas, and the Justice Department attorneys did not like the exposures. Presidential

candidate Lyndon LaRouche informed the public of corruption by federal officials via the publications *Campaigner Publications*, *Caucus Distributors*, and *Fusion Energy Foundation*.

"Without a hearing, the Justice Department obtained an ex parte order forcing the company into bankruptcy. The company argued that the law required three parties to force a person or company into bankruptcy, and sought to have the seizure overturned, without success. The Justice Department used its United States Trustee Division and its control over private trustees and federal judges to force the company into Chapter 7 liquidation.

"The Justice Department secured indictments against LaRouche and six associates for mail fraud on the basis that the companies did not repay earlier loans. LaRouche argued that the loans could not be paid back because Justice Department officials forced the company into bankruptcy. The Justice Department attorneys obtained a fifteen-year prison term for the 67-year-old LaRouche.

"Fortunately, LaRouche had friends outside of prison willing to fight for him. While LaRouche and his associates were in prison, District Judge Martin Bostetter ruled in a 106-page decision on October 25, 1989, that the Justice Department's seizure of the assets and involuntary bankruptcy action were illegal and a fraud upon the court."

'MediCaring' to get rid of 'useless eaters'

Several hundred new "health care" projects have sprung up to cut costs by dispatching chronically ill and disabled patients, who are not terminal, by eliminating treatment under the guise of "improving care for the dying." These projects are epitomized by the "MediCaring" Project of the Center to Improve Care of the Dying.

Far from containing costs, such entities as George Soros's "Project on Death in America," the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "Last Acts," and the Institute of Medicine's "Approaching Death" are pouring millions into their model, appropriate to a collapsing economy, where ever-growing segments of the population are defined as

"useless eaters." They even make references to returning "dying" to "the way it was" in the old days—Nazi Germany's euthanasia programs come to mind.

MediCaring, for instance, proposes to make hospice—heretofore available to patients with a life-expectancy of six months, who receive only palliative care—available to anyone who has been hospitalized more than once in six months for a costly chronic condition. The plan aims toward "reallocating resources from traditional hospital-based 'rescue' care to . . . supportive care that more appropriately meets the needs of those facing 'life-defining,' eventually fatal illnesses." Cost-cutting is achieved "mainly by diminishing the use of acute care interventions that may no longer serve the patient."

London daily cheers on Unabomber fan club

The Hollinger-owned London daily, the *Sunday Telegraph*, continues the tradition of its former Washington correspondent Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, organizing support for U.S. terrorists—in this case, for environmentalist Theodore Kaczynski, who is on trial in connection with the 15-year spree of mail-bomb murders, as the "Unabomber." Under the headline "Unabomber's Fans Spring to the Defense of 'A Mad Genius,'" the Nov. 9 issue reported that "Kaczynski's virulent anti-technology message has made him a hero" to some Americans. "Hundreds of messages of support have been sent to his defense lawyers in Sacramento, where his trial will begin on Wednesday, and to the Attorney General, Janet Reno. . . . The campaign is being coordinated by the Unabomber Political Action Committee, which last year attempted to promote him as a Presidential candidate." One message reportedly said: "People call him a killer, but he was defending our planet. People will kill to defend their country, so why not their planet?"

"The Unabomber killed people and that was wrong," said a spokesman for the Unabomber Political Action Committee. "I am very sorry that innocent people were hurt and killed. Nevertheless, there is widespread

REP. FRANK WOLF (R-Va.), front-man for British intelligence's Christian Solidarity International, wrote a provocative letter to Chinese ambassador Li Daoyu on Nov. 3, demanding a visa to visit Tibet, and to "meet privately with prisoners" (which is strictly forbidden to Virginia's prisoners). Wolf illegally travelled to Tibet earlier this year.

CONGRESSIONAL neo-cons, led by Robert Barr (R-Ga.) and Chris Smith (R-N.J.), filed a resolution on Nov. 5 requesting an "Inquiry of Impeachment" against President Clinton, that would mandate an investigation by the House Judiciary Committee. White House spokesman Mike McCurry responded that "in any body of 535 people, there will always be a denominator that is lowest."

BUDDHIST BOOMERS? Thanks to Hollywood glorification, conversions to Buddhism, especially the Tibetan variety, has grown to 1 million Americans over the last decade, says Helen Tworikov, editor of the slick magazine, *Tricycle*. "I think people in their 20s are scared," she says. "The planetary situation is really scary, and people are realizing that there is really no security out there. You either have to create it internally, or you don't have it."

JOB ACTIONS continue to plague Los Angeles County, where a walk-out over pay increases for 600 court clerks continued on Nov. 6. The walkout has hit the nation's busiest judicial system. It is also reported that the Joint Council of Interns and Residents for the County Hospitals are protesting being asked to regularly work 12-hour shifts, for 8 hours pay, according to preliminary reports.

TEXAS VOTERS overturned the state's 150-year-old "homestead" law which prohibits foreclosure on a home, thereby preventing banks from making loans guaranteed by the home's equity. Only 10% of Texas voters turned out on Nov. 4, with just over 5% of them forcing passage of the ballot measure.

sympathy for the ideas expressed in his manifesto."

The Hollinger's daily gushes that Kazynski is even the subject of a play, *Montana Dreaming*, which just opened in New York. "For some people he is a folk hero," says the play's author. "That is not to condone murder or violence, but the Unabomber is acting out a collective uncertainty that society has about computers and the way technology has taken over their lives."

Treasury's Rubin opposed phony welfare 'reform'

According to a recent issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin was one of the major opponents of the fascist "welfare reform" bill, passed in September 1996, and has indicated his preference for jobs creation through encouraging manufacturing. In a profile of Rubin, the weekly wrote that Rubin "has some traditionally liberal views about inner-city problems. Rubin believes the social problems of the ghetto like crime and illegitimacy are strongly linked to the decline in the number of manufacturing jobs. He thinks Washington can help by making more capital available to 'distressed communities.' And he joined the left wing of the Democratic Party in advising President Clinton to veto the welfare-to-work bill last year, because he thought it imposed draconian cuts in the food-stamp program and Medicaid."

U.S. News identified Rubin as "one of Clinton's leading urban strategists," who supports three programs. "First, he led the campaign to expand the powers of the Community Reinvestment Act, under which Federal regulators must make sure that banks lend money to the inner cities. Without Rubin's lobbying, GOP legislators would have weakened the program. Since 1993, home mortgage lending in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods has gone up 25%." This is a program supported by Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.), former chairman of the House Banking Committee.

Rubin also supports more community development financial institutions to provide loans and grants to inner cities, and has pushed for added "empowerment and enter-

prise zones." The first program, though limited in its effect, goes in the right direction. (*EIR* has pointed out the flaws in the "enterprise zones" programs.)

Rubin's outlook reveals a personal morality which contrasts sharply with his opponent, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan.

D'Amato attacks Germany over Scientology ban

Sen. Al D'Amato (R-N.Y.) mounted his bully pulpit on Nov. 11 during hearings on the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) human rights conference, to attack Germany for removing the status of a religious organization from the Scientology cult, and ranting about German "religious persecution." Earlier, despite testimony from Hollywood devotees to House hearings on so-called religious persecution, a House resolution denouncing Germany was resoundingly defeated.

In the meantime, the German embassy in Washington was whipsawed by Congressional committees to make it appear "uncooperative": On Aug. 25, D'Amato had requested the embassy to report to hearings on "growing intolerance in Germany," and was, of course, refused in an official letter of response on Sept. 16. The embassy cited a State Department report that explicitly stated that there was no religious repression in Germany. However, by Sept. 9, the Germans had been informed, that their testimony was no longer required. Then, surreptitiously, D'Amato had introduced the issue into the Senate hearings in mid-September, in preparation for the OSCE meeting, set for Nov. 12 in Warsaw. When the German embassy learned about it, and the mooted House resolution, the embassy offered to testify, but was brusquely rebuffed.

That was the signal for the *Washington Post* and *New York Times* to trumpet that the Germans were too "arrogant" to respond to charges of religious intolerance. Ironically, those two papers were always eager to defend the kidnapper/brainwashers of the Cult Awareness Network, whenever that anti-cult cult illegally snatched a Scientologist for "deprogramming."