

# National News

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## LaRouche candidates get big votes

LaRouche candidates for congressional and state legislative offices in Missouri and Michigan polled high votes in the first round of post-Democratic convention primaries Aug. 2.

Both states have been hard hit by industrial collapse and drought.

Missouri corn and livestock farmer John Gallagher, running in the 6th C.D., which includes the city of St. Joseph, one 31% of the vote in a race for the Democratic congressional nomination. Gallagher campaigned "for a space-age industrial revolution," and emphasized that the LaRouche platform represents a solution to the AIDS danger, and a policy for building up America's defense, economy, and national credit policy. In 1986, Gallagher received only 4.5% of the vote in a state senate race, including about 2% in the 6th C.D. Thus, in two years, his vote rose 29%, reflecting the vast growth in LaRouche's own support nationally.

In Michigan, legislative candidate Jim Green, running in the 84th C.D. as a "LaRouche Democrat," polled 42% of the vote.

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## Reagan to ask Soviets to destroy radar

President Reagan has decided not to declare the Soviets' massive phased-array radar installation at Krasnoyarsk a "material breach" of the 1972 ABM Treaty, but instead will ask Moscow once again to raze the facilities, when the two countries begin their review of the ABM Treaty at the end of August.

How to handle the Krasnoyarsk issue has been a hotly debated issue within the administration, with some quarters, reportedly the National Security Council staff and Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci, urging the President to declare it a "material breach."

Under international law, such a declaration would permit the United States to ab-

rogate part of the pact, and perhaps expand its testing of Strategic Defense Initiative technologies, or withdraw from the treaty altogether.

Secretary of State George Shultz is known to be opposed to any such action.

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## Dukakis might keep Koop on

The AIDS virus will continue to spread among and kill Americans under a Dukakis administration, with the full protection of civil rights laws, if aides to the Democratic presidential nominee have their way.

They are advocating that Dukakis announce that he will keep Surgeon General C. Everett Koop at his post. Koop's lies about "clean needles and condoms" have covered for the Establishment's policy of doing nothing to stop the spread of the killer virus.

Dukakis has said that he would not make any personnel decisions until after he were elected in November, but aides said that retaining Koop could send a signal that their candidate will reward "competence and compassion."

Sen. Edward Kennedy is also said to favor Koop's retention in the Surgeon General's job, and he is quoted in the Aug. 15 edition of *U.S. News & World Report* saying that his vote against Koop's confirmation was a "mistake."

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## Condom study loses funding

A California study on the effectiveness of condom use in preventing the spread of AIDS will have its federal funding terminated, because federal health officials fear that, in fact, the condoms won't be effective in areas with high infection rates.

The rate of AIDS infection among male homosexuals in Los Angeles is considered so high that no study participants could be

assured of protection through use of condoms in acts of anal sex.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, which released the story after obtaining documents under the Freedom of Information Act and in interviews, the action "appears to represent a major shift in the federal government's attitude toward the use of condoms in preventing AIDS among gay men. In the past, federal health officials have repeatedly described condoms as the single best way, aside from celibacy, to reduce the spread of AIDS. But now, federal officials say effectiveness of condoms in blocking the spread of AIDS through anal sex has been seriously compromised in five U.S. cities with high infection rates—Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Miami, and Washington."

The newspaper cited Dr. Jeffrey Perlman of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, saying that the risk of condom failure combined with high infection rates made chances of transmitting the virus unacceptably great.

The study was being conducted by the University of California at Los Angeles, on a \$2.6 million federal grant.

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## Governors endorse new amendment procedure

New Hampshire Gov. John H. Sununu (R), a strong supporter of George Bush and 1987-88 chairman of the National Governors Association (NGA), successfully maneuvered that organization into going on record in favor of a new way to amend the U.S. Constitution, at the organization's August meeting in Cincinnati.

Currently, the Constitution authorizes the calling of a constitutional convention to consider an amendment on petition of two-thirds of the states. This has been sought by supporters of a balanced-budget amendment. But the procedure has never been used, because of fears that a "runaway" convention would virtually rewrite the nation's founding document, whatever the original purpose of the convention.