

National News

Document reveals basis of 'Thornburgh Doctrine'

The Department of Justice (DoJ) memo justifying the so-called "Thornburgh Doctrine" is reviewed by Michael Isikoff in the Aug. 14 *Washington Post*. According to Isikoff, the document "asserts that the President and attorney general have 'inherent constitutional power' to order a wide range of law enforcement actions in foreign countries without the consent of foreign governments, even if they violate international treaties.

"It also argues that 'as a matter of domestic law, the executive has the power to authorize actions inconsistent with U.N. Charter provisions barring use of force against member nations.

"Such decisions 'are fundamentally political questions,' the opinion states, and therefore do not constrain the chief executive in fulfilling his law enforcement responsibilities." The decisions should be made by lower ranking officials, the memo argues, so as not to unnecessarily prejudice U.S. international relations with the victim governments.

The memo was authored by William P. Barr, who is scheduled to take over control of the DoJ from Thornburgh when he leaves office to campaign for Senate. Barr wrote the memo in order to challenge a contrary finding made by former assistant Attorney General John M. Harmon, who concluded in 1980 that the FBI had no authority to forcibly apprehend fugitives overseas without the consent of foreign governments.

LaRouche campaign lead on Flint nightly news

Lyndon LaRouche's presidential campaign was the lead item on the Flint, Michigan ABC affiliate WJR-TV nightly news Aug. 13.

The announcer stated that while most of the Democrats are declining to run and the party is having difficulties fielding candidates, one candidate is off and running, and that is Lyndon H. LaRouche. A still photo

of LaRouche was then flashed across the screen.

LaRouche campaign organizers were shown getting contributions from citizens of Flint and handing them literature in return. One organizer was interviewed attacking the free trade bill. "We don't want to see the Bush Democrats try to out Bush Bush. We know the free trade bill will take what's left of Flint and the U.S. productive economy off the map so we have to mobilize to stop it now."

Mary Sue Terry indicts dairies, protects cartels

Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry indicted several dairies Aug. 16, in collusion with the Department of Justice (DoJ) effort to shut down independent dairies and divert attention from milk shortages.

Terry filed the suit in U.S. District Court in Richmond, Virginia. It charges companies for conspiring to rig bids to school districts for contracts to supply milk for schoolchildren. Named in the suit are Embassy Dairy (a processor connected at one time to producing 7-11's dairy products), Maola Milk and Ice Cream Co., Marva Maid, and Southland Corp., (which is operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and bought a Maryland-based farmer-owned dairy company in the mid-1980s).

Terry's action coheres with U.S. Department of Agriculture and DoJ policy to protect the interests of mega-milk processors, such as the Bronfman Seagram-Labatt's chain in the Northeast, and other major components of the milk cartel.

The Terry action comes at a time when dairy farmers are being ruined by low prices. The current rate of slaughter of milk cows is 12% higher than this time last year. The DoJ and USDA are attempting to deregulate the milk market which, through the Milk Marketing Board system, had given farmers some protection. The DoJ-USDA goal would be to produce milk from mega-farms using bovine somatotropin growth hormone on a few cows; soy milk; and for the general population, no milk consumption.

'Cult awareness' group sued for eavesdropping

The Cult Awareness Network (CAN), a hate group whose leaders have been exposed for sexual perversion, has been sued in a multi-million-dollar civil suit for breaking the eavesdropping laws of the state of Michigan.

A 60-year-old Scientologist, Dorothy Jean Dickerson of Ann Arbor, is suing CAN; its executive director Cynthia Kissner, the former topless dancer and spokesperson for the phony LaRouche Victims Support Group; Steve Hassan, a CAN deprogrammer; and TV talk show host Sally Jessie Raphael, among others.

Dickerson was ambushed by two of her children into a personal discussion about her involvement with Scientology. The children arranged for her to be videotaped by a hidden camera while they wore body microphones. The discussion, which Dickerson assumed was private, was later broadcast on the syndicated Raphael show, causing her "severe emotional distress . . . grief, anger, shame, mortification, and embarrassment," according to court papers. Michigan law prohibits the recording, by any device, of any conversation unless all parties consent. It is similarly illegal to disseminate any recording illegally obtained. Both crimes are felonies.

Nebraska child abuse victim sentenced

Twenty three-year-old Alisha Jahn Owen, victim of an organized sexual child exploitation ring for many years, was sentenced to a long prison term in a district court hearing in Omaha, Nebraska Aug. 8. She was convicted June 21 of eight counts of felony perjury for naming state Judge Walter Carlson, former Omaha Police Chief Robert Wadman, and former *Omaha World Herald* publisher Harold Andersen as having sexually abused her as a minor. She has steadfastly refused to back down from her story, despite intense pressure from the FBI, the media,

state and federal prosecutors, and grand juries that she do so.

Owen was given three separate sentences of 3-9 years each, which she will have to serve consecutively beginning next February. Even with maximum "good time" allowed, it will mean a minimum of 10½ years in the state penitentiary, and a maximum of 27 years.

The conviction and sentence were denounced by former state Sen. John DeCamp in Lincoln as "a complete corruption of public institutions" and "intentionally designed to be a sentence of life in prison." DeCamp is the attorney for another victim-witness, Paul Bonacci.

In a statement at her sentencing hearing, Owen blamed the *Omaha World Herald*, State Prosecutor Gerald Moran, Robert Wadman, and Harold Andersen for fueling a climate of innuendo against her. "I couldn't change my story when the FBI asked me to," she said, "because I can look into the mirror and know I am telling the truth. Children ask for justice, while adults plead for mercy. Your Honor, I stand before you here today, and I ask for justice."

Owen didn't get it.

Police protect Wicca occult group

The occult crimes expert for the St. Paul, Minnesota police department held a "peace conference" with the high priest of the satanic Wicca cult. The incident fits a growing pattern of police and high officials giving protection to satanic activity.

Several policemen tried to stop Wiccan ceremonies in the city's central park. The police officers accused the robed witches of being satanists, and when the high priest, Bertram, made "ceremonial" gestures with his dagger, police drew their weapons. According to the Aug. 12 *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, the witches went to police headquarters to lodge a complaint against the police.

Sgt. Vern Lee, the occult crimes expert, met with the high priest to make peace. He told the press, "There was a lot of misunderstanding on both sides. Our people don't generally stumble into that sort of thing."

Lee said that the Wiccan high priest "seemed like a nice guy" and that he understood the witches' concern because "I belong to a Masonic lodge and the Shrine. You don't walk into those meetings."

Welsh puts ADL issue before Virginia court

Attorneys for Richard Welsh sought on Aug. 12 to reverse their client's May 1990 securities conviction, on grounds that the presiding judge, Clifford Weckstein of Roanoke Circuit Court, was biased and had extrajudicial contact with the defendant's political enemies.

Welsh, an associate of political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche, obtained evidence showing that Weckstein actively corresponded with and solicited support from representatives of the Anti-Defamation League. The ADL is a long-time foe of the LaRouche political movement, and collaborated with the prosecution in several criminal cases against LaRouche's associates.

Weckstein's conduct raised constitutional issues which prompted a three-judge appeals panel to grant Welsh's application for appellate review. The panel also decided that Welsh should be allowed to appeal on grounds that the judge should have dismissed the charges because the prosecution illegally used Welsh's immunized federal testimony against him; and that Weckstein should have dismissed the charges because, at the time of Welsh's indictment in 1987, "political loans" were not considered securities in Virginia.

This is the first time that the story of Weckstein's contamination by the ADL, his coverup of his ADL connections, and the facts of his bias, has been put before the state Appeals Court.

Welsh's appeal brief discusses how Weckstein only disclosed his ADL connections after Welsh had brought a motion to recuse him for bias. Even then, the judge didn't make a full disclosure until ADL National Commissioner Murray Janus—with whom Weckstein corresponded concerning the legal cases of LaRouche associates over which Weckstein was presiding—was called as a witness for the defense.

Briefly

● **THE AMERICAN** Library Association reports that under the cover of budget cuts, the Bush administration is suppressing information which had previously been made available free to the public in government publications. According to a letter to the editor of the Aug. 14 *New York Times*, this year's mid-session review of the budget omits data showing interest on the public debt.

● **THE VIRGINIA** Court of Appeals upheld bond conditions placed on Paul Gallagher, Anita Gallagher, and Laurence Hecht Aug. 13. The conditions prohibit the associates of Lyndon LaRouche, convicted of "securities fraud," from soliciting contributions for their legal defense.

● **MASSACHUSETTS** Gov. William Weld will try to make Massachusetts the 37th state in the Union to reimpose the death penalty. "I'm for it," he barked. "You can't prove this, but I just think *viscerally* that it is a deterrent."

● **A NEW YORK** State medical panel has found that the actions of Timothy Quill, a Rochester physician who wrote about how he assisted one of his patients in killing herself, were "legal and ethically appropriate."

● **VIGILANTE JUSTICE** was sanctioned by district Judge Mary Bacon in Texas who found no probable cause to prosecute José Alberto Arias for the murder of José Ramírez, whom Arias believed had raped his eight-year-old daughter. Police claim Arias orally confessed to the murder. "I didn't think that was murder. Anybody hurts one of my kids, I'm going to do anything I can to them," Bacon said.

● **A SHARP INCREASE** in opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement is reported from the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. Some fear the effects of increased traffic on roads that were not built to handle trucks; others the fact that it won't help Mexico if people work for nothing.