

National News

Libertarian politicians proliferate in Texas

The Libertarian Party is out to launch an electoral force in Texas comparable to radical environmentalist Tom Hayden's Coalition for Economic Democracy in California, with a free-market twist for Texas. The Libertarian movement is backed by Robert O. Anderson, the Atlantic Richfield chairman who runs the Aspen Institute.

Their most blatant success thus far has been the November mayoral election in Houston, where a coalition of liberals, homosexuals, and libertarians elected Kathy Whitmire. At the same time, the "cowboy" version of British liberalism ran sufficiently rampant to defeat the Clayton water development bill and the Austin nuclear energy project.

In Houston, three card-carrying Libertarian Party members were elected to the Harris County School Board, running on a slick free-market pledge to trim bureaucracy, which is in fact a foot in the door for their program of dismantling public education.

In a post-election interview, one of the three, Bill Fraser, indicated that the party intends to establish a precinct-level machine in Texas and work actively through the state legislature to pass their programs if they are stymied locally.

National mobilization to stop euthanasia

Mel Klenetsky, former New York City Democratic mayoral candidate and a spokesman for the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), announced this week that he will lead a national effort to ensure Congress vetoes the District of Columbia's Natural Death Act.

Congress must pass a "resolution of disapproval" against the act by the end of January to prevent it from becoming law.

Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware also have euthanasia bills pending.

Said Klenetsky, "At the Nuremberg trials after World War II a prominent U.S. physician, Dr. Leo Alexander, testified that widespread genocide started with small beginnings by Nazi doctors in the euthanasia movement. The concept of "a life not worthy to be lived" was applied first to the "severely and chronically sick." This led to the mass murder of the mentally ill under "Action T-4" until 1942 when the "lives not worthy to be lived became Jews, Poles and any opponent of the Nazi leaders," Klenetsky charged.

Spokesmen for the NDPC scheduled a press conference on Dec. 3 outside the offices of Sen. Charles Mathias (R-Md.) to announce the committee's national campaign against the Natural Death Act, D.C. Act 4115. Mathias chairs the Senate subcommittee on the District of Columbia, and will be put on the spot to introduce a resolution of disapproval in Congress. Mathias is a supporter of the Global 2000 depopulation doctrine.

Murdoch's *New York Post* upset about LaRouche

The tabloid daily *New York Post*, owned by Anglo-Australian press baron Rupert Murdoch, on Dec. 1 carried a banner page-three article titled "Neo-Nazis Smearing Lawe's Rivals in TWU." The background to the article is that the *Post's* British intelligence controllers have been disconcerted by the National Democratic Policy Committee's counter-attack against the *Post's* scandalmongering attempts to wreck the Transit Workers' Union (TWU), whose current chief, austerity opponent John Lawe, is up for re-election against a crew of "dissidents."

Post author Guy Hawtin charges that "neo-Nazi party workers have mounted a massive propaganda campaign aimed at smearing Lawe's opponents . . . claiming union reformers are backed by 'big business interests' who want to destroy

New York. . . there are thousands of leaflets in every [subway workers'] depot. . . ." This refers to a leaflet issued by the TWU leadership using NDPC documentation of connivance between Hawtin and New York's Global 2000 de-urbanization networks to dump Lawe. Hawtin has been in charge of scripting *Post* attacks on Lawe and the union.

Moldea outlines war against Reagan

Dan Moldea, the Walter Sheridan protégé connected to the Institute for Policy Studies, has outlined in an interview provided to *EIR* his scenario for the destruction of the Reagan administration through the current wave of scandals aimed at top Reagan administration officials.

Earlier this year Moldea had read a two-hour presentation at a forum sponsored by the Institute for Policy Studies, on the "organized-crime connections" of the Reagan administration.

In the interview Moldea stated that Reagan's National Security Adviser Richard Allen was dead politically; that Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan would not last more than 60 days because of his involvement with indicted Long Island Teamster official Harry Gross; and that CIA Director William Casey was next on the hit list for links to organized crime.

While proclaiming with relish the impending destruction of the Reagan administration, Moldea sang the praises of FBI Director William Webster for promoting the Abscam-style "sting" entrapment operations against politicians and the labor movement, and bemoaned the "raw deal" Webster was getting in the news media because of his conversation with Richard Allen.

Moldea said that the Reagan administration was handling organized crime with "kid gloves" and that Webster was the only person in the administration who was interested in investigating the "mob."

Moldea also said that he was to be the "spokesperson" for the independent truckers' movement connected with Bill Hill in an upcoming truckers' strike supposedly timed for around Christmastime. Moldea's mentor, Kennedy Justice Department operative Walter Sheridan, said that it would take something like the truckers' strike to really rev up the scandal against Reagan because of his likely support of the Teamsters' Union against the independents, which could be played by Reagan's enemies as a "political conflict of interest."

Watt undercutting resource development push?

Interior Secretary James Watt astonished the press corps in Houston on Nov. 24 by mouthing the argument of the environmentalists he allegedly opposes in defense of a stand against a plan to bring water from Alaska.

"The environmental impact would be horrendous. That, combined with the astronomical cost involved, means that I will not allow a single penny to be spent out of my department to even study the idea of transferring water from Alaska to Canada," Watt stridently asserted to the shocked press.

Watt's emphatic stand against the NAWAPA concept—revealed publicly for the first time at the Houston press conference—contradicts interest expressed by others close to President Reagan in reviving a study of the Alaskan water option.

It also coheres with other views expressed by the Interior Secretary which are causing many pro-growth observers to begin to have second thoughts about Mr. Watt.

For example, in his speech to the Houston Forum, Watt insisted that everything he stood for was ultimately aimed at preventing the federal government from unleashing a "Manhattan Project-style" program to develop the nation's energy and natural resources.

Watt related his views on this in the

following way: "If we don't act now to turn some federally held lands over to private hands for exploitation of natural resources, then within 10 to 20 years we will be faced with a national energy shortage crisis, such that will force the federal government to come in and destroy the environment of the West in order to force the development of needed energy resources.

"I saw it when I was on the Federal Power Commission during the severe winters of 1976 and 1977, when a million jobs were lost and real energy shortages threatened the Great Lakes and Northeastern states. Then, the government would have done anything to get the energy it needed."

Speaking like an environmentalist at that point, Watt then declared, "If that happened, then my homeland [Wyoming] would be raped by the government.

While Watt's promise to release federally held lands for private exploitation is appealing to pro-growth interests, it also thwarts the ability for real economic growth, especially in the West. This view opposes the "dirigist" role which everyone who has been involved in the real history of how the West was developed knows the government must play.

Without water resource development, there is no real economic development, as the development of the West proves. Such development always requires strong government support.

Yet, Watt shrugged his shoulders and grinned when asked what words of comfort he had for farmers in the High Plains who are faced with ruin if no new water is provided.

"Nothing will be done at least until the end of the decade," he said. "But that's all right. It will take that long for a real crisis to provoke something getting done."

Even then, he noted, water development would come only as a partnership of state and private interests as a condition for government involvement.

Water from Alaska? "It is the furthest thing from my mind. I won't spend a penny on it. It will ruin the ecology," he says.

Briefly

● **JIMMY CARTER** has formed a new political action committee which will raise money for Democratic candidates and for causes such as human rights and Mideast peace. The former president said in a letter released Dec. 2 that the PAC "in no way is for my own political career," but instead will focus on supporting environmental quality, arms control and "a humane approach to fiscal responsibility." Unconfirmed reports indicate that Carter's PAC will be named "Peanut PAC," or PEAPAC for short.

● **EDWIN L. DALE, Jr.**, the Director for Public Affairs of the Stockman OMB, co-authored a pamphlet on economic and budgetary policy in 1976 with Donald Lesh, the Executive Director of the U.S. Club of Rome, *EIR* investigators learned recently. Dale is a former *New York Times* columnist who in 1971 confessed in print that he had no idea what to do about economic policy.

● **PROF. MEL BRADFORD** of the University of Dallas has been endorsed by 16 Senators to head the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities, although he praises "moral indifference" toward slavery and, according to columnist George Will, he likened Abraham Lincoln to Adolf Hitler. Lincoln, claims Professor Bradford, "undermined our inherited constitutional system" by replacing "positive pluralism" with a "uniformitarian" doctrine.

● **CORRECTION:** In our Dec. 8 issue, two names were misspelled in the article on the U.S. Club of Rome conference in Washington, D.C. The Club of Rome member in the Defense Department referred to as Donald Dewitt is Dr. Darnell M. Whitt II. George Burris is in fact George Bird of the Fusion Power Company in New Jersey.