

National News

Virginia court sanctions 'right to die'

In a ruling hailed by the *Washington Post* and the New York-based Society for the Right to Die, Virginia Circuit Court Judge Albert Grenadier ruled Jan. 11 that a Virginia man suffering from a serious kidney ailment must be permitted to terminate his dialysis treatment even though, in the court's own words, this "will surely result" in the patient's death.

The hospital where Andrew McLellan, an AFL-CIO executive, was being treated petitioned the court to prevent termination of his treatment, but the court ruled in favor of pulling the plug on the chilling grounds that "the state's interest in preserving life, protecting innocent third parties, preventing suicide and maintaining the ethical integrity of the medical practice is overborne by Mr. McLellan's constitutional right of privacy and his right to individual free choice and self-determination."

The Society for the Right to Die's Executive Director, Alice Mehling, told a reporter that the Virginia decision is "marvelous, from our standpoint. . . . Given that we have such scarce medical resources, we must implement some kind of triage."

AAAS session promotes euthanasia policy

Euthanasia was featured at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) convention in Washington in a three-hour session Jan. 7 attended by 150 doctors, nurses, and graduate medical students. Titled "Management of Pain and Symptom Control in Terminally Ill Patients," the theme of the session was stated by Dr. Arthur Lipman, Chairman of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Utah, and Director of the Salt Lake City Hospice: "No physician ever took an oath to *cure*. We took an oath to *care*," the motto of Lipman's mentor, Dame Saunders of St.

Christopher's Hospice in England.

The content of "care" for Lipman and his Utah colleague and co-panelist Dr. Bradford D. Hare, was the use of narcotics to simplify and cheapen the process of dying.

The audience had been saturated with leaflets and repeated interventions by members of the Fusion Energy Foundation, charging the speakers with promoting practices for which Nazi doctors were sentenced to hanging at Nuremberg. It then announced that the concluding speech on "Ethical and Humanitarian Issues" would be cut short.

An agitated Dr. Edward Pellegrino, President of the Jesuit-run Catholic University of Washington, D.C., was able to sufficiently sum up the session, however: "An ill person is a wounded human being and loses his human characteristics," he said. "To *help*, to *help* is the cry. *Never* to cure. Medicine is not a science. It does not deal with universal law."

Worldwatch lauds higher interest rates

Bruce Stokes, a senior researcher at the pro-genocide Worldwatch Institute, stated in an op-ed in the Jan. 14 *Christian Science Monitor*, "There is growing pressure on the Federal Reserve to lower the cost of money so that construction jobs are created and Americans' homebuying dreams have a chance of being fulfilled," Stokes says. "This deceptively simple solution would be a mistake. . . . Since Americans already live in the world's biggest, most well-appointed houses, they should be investing less, not more, in housing. . . ."

"Homebuyers need to borrow less and save more. . . . Demands for cheap money should not take precedence over the country's need for a more productive use of its limited financial resources. The Federal Reserve should have. . . the political courage to withstand current pressure."

The Worldwatch Institute is headed by Lester Brown, a member of the Club of Rome who has openly advocated drastic reductions in the world's population.

Brown is also a member of the advisory board of Cyrus Vance's Center for Democratic Policy, the think tank of the Harriman wing of the Democratic Party. Lester Brown also belongs to the new Institute for International Economics in Washington, financed by the German Marshall Fund.

Is David Gergen leaking again?

Washington insiders are marveling at the staying power of David Gergen, presidential Director of Communications in the Reagan White House. Gergen's Stockmanesque criticisms of Reagan economic policies found their way into a freelance reporter's Jan. 4 *Baltimore Sun* op-ed, and he has given a series of poor performances at White House press briefings.

At the Jan. 12 daily briefing, Gergen capped this series with a 45-minute session on the President's decision to submit legislation to revoke tax exemptions for discriminatory schools, following the administration's decision not to back IRS regulations having the same effect. This is a very touchy situation for the President. Despite a strong anti-discrimination statement released by the President, Gergen's responses indicated that Reagan might favor exemptions for schools that discriminate for "religious" reasons. However, when directly asked by *EIR* if he believed the President might push for such exemptions, Gergen replied, "I don't have any reason to believe that."

Ironically, Gergen's original political involvement was as a civil rights activist and Humbert Humphrey supporter, against Nixon in the '68 presidential campaign. Yet he was hired by the Nixon White House as a speechwriter and became head of the writing and research staff during the Watergate period. Former Nixon aide John Dean, among others, is reported to have strongly suspected Gergen of being the "Deep Throat" lead source to the *Washington Post*, at least in part because Gergen was an old acquaintance of Watergate reporter Bob Woodward from their days

together at Yale. But even more telling is that the individual who, well-placed sources have told *EIR*, was in fact the real "Deep Throat" in conjunction with Al Haig—Nixon tax lawyer Chapman Rose—was the man who pulled off the hiring by the Nixon White House of liberal Democrat Gergen in the first place.

During the Carter years, Gergen beefed up his "conservative" credentials by setting up and editing the American Enterprise Institute magazine *Public Opinion*, whose orientation was social democratic and liberal pluralistic (at best), under a "Republican" cover. But despite this insiders point to the support of Presidential Chief of Staff James Baker III as the only reason the awkward and unpersonable Gergen (who was considered during his tenure in the Nixon and Ford Administrations as a disloyal "chronic leaker") was appointed to the high-access post of Assistant to the President last January, and was further elevated to de facto press secretary following the March wounding of James Brady. Gergen had functioned as Baker's assistant during the transition and was first brought into the Reagan White House as Baker's immediate deputy.

As a result of Gergen's elevation, the White House press operation is now run by Gergen; long-time Gerry Ford aide Larry Speakes; and Pete Roussel, whose closest, long-standing ties are to George Bush and Jim Baker.

AFL-CIO joins DNC in fascist organizing drive

Tom Donahue, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO, delivered the keynote address Jan. 14 to Consumer Assembly '82, the annual conference of the Consumer Federation of America. Donahue's presentation of the AFL-CIO's "alternative" to what he called the "18th-century invisible hand theory" of the Reagan administration closely paralleled proposals made Jan. 13 at a Capitol Hill conference sponsored by the "Democracy Project," a corporatist Democratic National Committee-connected group.

Donahue announced the AFL-CIO's intention to hold "Solidarity Day '82" marches on election day in support of the establishment of a National Re-Industrialization Board and a Reconstruction Finance Corporation in which "labor, management, and government" would collaborate to control flows of credit and re-industrialization funding. He also called for "cost-reduction programs in health care" and other areas. Donahue did not, however, announce publicly that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation proposal is promoted by Felix Rohatyn and Eugene Keilin of the Lazard Frères investment bank to enforce a dictatorship over the U.S. economy modelled on Lazard Frères' Municipal Assistance Corporation, which decimated all New York City municipal services except debt service.

Supreme Court tosses out Princeton's appeal

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld its judicial counterpart in the State of New Jersey on Jan. 13 by affirming the decision in favor of International Caucus of Labor Committees member Chris Schmid's right to political organizing on the Princeton University campus.

Schmid had been kicked off the campus for leafleting against Prof. Richard Falk, a leading one-world environmentalist and supporter of the Ayatollah Khomeini. In Princeton's appeal to the Supreme Court, Princeton alumnus and former U.S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach argued that Princeton has the right to harbor almost any opinion whatever while excluding whom it chooses from premises traditionally open to the public.

The Court's per curiam decision simply dismissed Katzenbach's appeal without addressing the constitutional issues involved. However, the decision represents a significant victory against Princeton's effort to serve as a citadel of subversion through promoting the Muslim Brotherhood and other terrorist controllers with impunity.

Briefly

● **THE WASHINGTON POST**, which hounded Richard Nixon out of office, is rumored to be conjuring up a scandal with which to taint top White House advisor Michael Deaver.

● **ALAN CRANSTON**, the Senate Majority Whip who recently sent his constituents a letter extolling the genocidal *Global 2000 Report* of the Carter administration, apparently thinks that his policies have such widespread support they will propel him into the White House. Cranston announced in a press conference Jan. 7 his intention to form a committee to review his possibilities for a bid for the presidency. Said Cranston, "I'm well identified with ... all the Global 2000 issues like overpopulation, poverty and resources depletion."

● **RAY DONOVAN**, who has been the victim of attacks by the Dope, Inc. networks in the Justice Department, has sharply criticized the special prosecutor law which has been used by this network to smear Donovan and other officials. "When unsubstantiated charges can be made by anyone, including convicted criminals, triggering this law, it deserves review," said the Labor Secretary.

● **THE FEDERAL** District Court in Brooklyn has continued its witchhunt against labor officials and labor connected Democrats by garnering an indictment on racketeering charges against Teamsters Local 282 President John Cody, whose local union delivers most construction materials from its base in Long Island to New York City. The indictment comes about one month after Mr. Cody received an overwhelming vote of confidence by his members.



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For the first time since the mid-1960s, a serious revival of interest in tapping the enormous water and hydroelectric potential of Alaska and Canada is occurring. The dramatic threat of shortages facing major agricultural and growth areas of the nation are well known. Overcoming the fiscal and ideological constraints that have doomed regional water development plans in recent years will be the subject of this conference. It will demonstrate both the economic necessity and engineering feasibility of water from Alaska, which would cost less to the national economy than the effects of scarcity and shortages will.

- 9:00-10:00 a.m. Welcome and opening statements**
- 10:00-12:00 noon Panel: "The Engineering Feasibility of Delivering Water From Alaska."** Experts on plans developed in the 1960s and before, including the Ralph M. Parsons Company's "North American Water and Power Alliance," will detail the feasibility and enormous water and hydroelectric yield potential of water from Alaska to Canada, Mexico and the United States.
- 12:00-2:30 p.m. Luncheon and address: "The Moral and Economic Necessity of Developing Population Growth Potential"** by *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.
- 2:30-4:30 p.m. Panel: "The Economic Feasibility of Water From Alaska."** Proofs will be presented that the nation will spend more in increased costs due to scarcity if it doesn't transfer water from Alaska than if it does. Panelists: *EIR* Economics Editor David Goldman; California Democrat Will Wertz, challenging Jerry Brown for the U.S. Senate; and Kansas State Rep. Keith Farrar (R-Hugoton), a member of the High Plains Study Council.
- 4:30-6:00 p.m. Closing remarks and reception.**

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