AFL-CIO plans political containment of labor

The Executive Council of the AFL-CIO refined its plan for guaranteeing the labor vote to a Social-Democratic presidential candidate at its quarterly meeting in New York the first week in August. This strategy would include the first primary endorsement of a candidate in the history of the Federation, to prevent the “defections” of union members to vote for candidates on the basis of individual decision. In 1980, 44 percent of union members “crossed party lines” to vote for Ronald Reagan, a decisive factor in defeating Jimmy Carter.

The AFL-CIO General Board is slated to endorse a candidate in early December 1983. The endorsement will require a two-thirds majority of the Board’s 99 members, weighted by the size of individual union membership. The decision would only be binding on AFL-CIO state federations and local central labor councils, it is expected that few affiliated international unions would buck the Board’s decision.

Was Penn Square plugged?

Some intriguing unanswered questions remain regarding the dramatic failure of the Oklahoma City Penn Square Bank last month. According to their own admission days later, one of the bank’s major shareholders, GHK Oil company, withdrew most of its holdings in Penn Square, amounting to undisclosed millions, just several days before the failure.

GHK owner Robert L. Hefner III says that he made the move on advice of a “prominent New York financial institution.” This has led to speculation that the Penn Square affair may have been deliberately triggered against certain domestic U.S. banks. This is especially significant in light of the fact that Fed Chairman Volcker, in agreement with members of the Basel, Switzerland Bank for International Settlements, deliberately refused to bail out Penn Square in order to “discipline” domestic banks.

Hefner is a Carter liberal, a rarity in the oil business, who maneuvered a proposal into the 1978 Natural Gas Policy Act to exempt so-called deep gas (below 12,000 feet) from price controls. Hefner’s GHK is the largest independent leaseholder in the deep gas region of the Anadarko Basin of Oklahoma, a major lending prop for Penn Square.

LaRouche challenges Kissinger to sue him

Lyndon H. LaRouche, the noted economist, has issued two statements in his own name warning of the extreme danger of allowing Henry Kissinger to return to any position of power in the United States, on July 28 and August 3.

In his first statement, LaRouche urged the American public to make known to President Reagan that they fully back his having kept Kissinger out of the U.S. government’s affairs up to this point. LaRouche motivates this political mobilization, with full acknowledgement that Kissinger may attempt to sue him for his statements, with descriptions of Kissinger’s own admission in his May 10 speech at London’s Chatham House of lying and treason to the U.S. president.

“Personally, Kissinger is a nothing. Or, as we say in Yiddish, a golem. His first intelligence boss, back when Henry was a Pfc. jeep driver in Oberammergau, says, ‘I invented Kissinger.’... A golem is a thing, a hunk of mud squeezed into the shape of something semi-human... made to walk and run errands ...

“But the important thing is not the disgusting thing which Kissinger is personally. The most disgusting thing is what he had done to our own and other nations...” including the set up of the political murder of Pakistan’s President Bhutto, and the genocide carried out by the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia.

LaRouche’s second statement, “Kissinger, the Politics of Faggotry,” makes clear what motivates Kissinger. “Henry A. Kissinger is no ordinary, common, garden variety of homosexual. His heathen sexual inclinations are merely an integral part of a larger evil...”

“Psychologically, Henry is of a distinct species... the species some psycho-pathologists prefer to describe as an extreme anal variety of sado-masochistic personality, of the same pathological type as organized crime’s Roy Cohn...”

“Most citizens have noticed about Kissinger, that he explodes into irrational rages very easily. He exhibits a distinct unmanly testiness... As long as he believes he is being admired, or admired for reasons of fear, Kissinger can be almost generous, more or less ‘seductive’ in the way some confidence men often are with prospective ‘suckers.’ ‘Cross Kissinger,’ rip away his narcissistic, anal self-delusions, and his impulses turn instantly homocidal—as Pakistan’s Bhutto recalled vividly before he died by Kissinger’s decree.

“To understand the kind of faggot Henry Kissinger is, ... think back to the Emperor Nero and his court. Think of Studio 54, then of Nero’s court, and then of Studio 54 again. Think of Roy Cohn’s parties... Think of Nero, and then of Kissinger, and then of Nero and then of Roy M. Cohn. That is the kind of faggot Henry Kissinger is.

“That is the kind of faggotry that destroyed Rome. Will you permit it also to destroy the United States?”

AEI forum gathers Ford administration types

The World Forum of the American Enterprise Institute was scheduled to be held Aug. 13-15 at former President Jerry Ford’s residence in Vail, Colorado. Among the speakers and attendees are Henry Kissinger, former GOP chairman Bill Brock, former Fed Chairman Arthur Burns, former vice-presidential candid...
Commentary magazine endorses eugenics book

In its August 1982 issue, Commentary, the magazine of the “American Jewish Committee” published a review which fully endorsed The Underclass. Ken Auletta’s recently published analysis of American urban problems from the standpoint of eugenic race science.

According to Auletta, “crime, disease, alcoholism, schizophrenia, and other mental illnesses” are all largely determined by human “genetic inheritance,” as are “anti-social behavior, dyslexia, manic depression, low IQs, temperament, stuttering, and shyness. . . . It is both a hopeful and a depressing signal that the study of human genetics has come out of the closet. Hopeful because it provides a fuller portrait of the truth. Depressing because it will no doubt prove that more citizens than we care to admit are beyond the reach of science."

In the past, such “eugenic” theories of sociology have been used by the Harrimans in the United States and the Nazis in Germany as a justification for mass extermination and sterilization campaigns against the poor and racial minorities, as well as an excuse not to implement needed reforms in sanitation and public health. In recent years, Commentary has been used as a forum for the closely related Social Darwinist ideas of Harriman protégé Daniel Patrick Moynihan and his associate Edward Banfield, both advocates of a policy of “benign neglect” against the nation’s poor.

Commentary is supported financially by the DeBeers diamond mining interests of South Africa. While it claims to speak for a segment of the Jewish community, it has refused to publish any of the evidence of the role of the Harriman-funded eugenics movement in assisting in the extermination of the Jews.

U.S. court rules for WPSS project


While the Federal Court ruled the I-394 was an unconstitutional impairment of contract between a federal agency, Bonneville Power Administration, and WPSS, the court left I-394 in effect pending appeal. A bond sale for $680 million just before I-394 took effect will ensure construction will proceed on Unit 2, which is 95 percent complete, and Unit 3 which is 56 percent complete. Three other plants have been deferred or cancelled in the past 15 months.

Briefly

• THE AFL-CIO Executive Council gave unqualified support to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon at its quarterly meeting. Federation president Lane Kirkland admitted to an EIR correspondent that he had found U.S. Mideast policy “confusing” since the dismissal of former Secretary of State Haig, for whom he had only praise. Kirkland mentioned meeting with former Kissinger aide Lawrence Eagleburger.

• PIERRE SALINGER, an executive with ABC-TV, met recently with Henry Kissinger and Roy Cohn on the West Coast. ABC has recently run two programs portraying the Republic of Mexico as on the verge of Iran-style chaos.

• ANDREW GREELEY, author of the “fictionalized” attacks on the late John Cardinal Cody in The Cardinal Sins, and source of the material for the subsequent Chicago Sun-Times slanderous “investigation” of Cody, is being sued for $3 million for libel by journalist James Winters. Greeley claimed that Winters had actually “stolen” his material, which included a taped diary saying, “getting Joe Bernard [Cody’s replacement] into the College [of Cardinals] is getting our conspiracy in . . . .

• RICHARD COHEN, EIR’s Washington Bureau Chief, briefed an audience of 30 diplomats, EIR subscribers and media representatives on the EIR’s “Kissinger file” on Aug. 5 in Washington, D.C. Cohen presented evidence of the former Secretary’s role in the overthrow and judicial murder of President Ali Bhutto of Pakistan, the kidnap-murder of Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro, his geopolitical manipulations of the Mideast and the “China card,” and his self-confessed role as an agent of the British Foreign Office, and then brought the audience up to date on new information pertaining to Kissinger’s membership in the secretive Monte Carlo Lodge.