

# National News

## Popular *EIR* talk show forced off the air

The host for a popular daily talk show featuring guests from *Executive Intelligence Review* was forced off the air by KBFK radio station in Sacramento, California Aug. 26. Morton Downey, Jr., whose "Executive Intelligence Reports" included daily interviews with *EIR* editors as the top-rated half-hour of his three-hour morning program, was pressured to resign after the political situation apparently became too hot for the station owners, the McClatchey chain.

A nationally known talk show host, Downey began the KBFK show featuring the *EIR* in May 1984, and it quickly became the leading talk show in the area, with a wide listenership in northern California, southern Oregon, and Nevada. Downey was dubbed "the most controversial talk show host in California" by the *Sacramento Union*.

About 95% of the calls now coming into the station reportedly support Downey and ask the station to put his show back on the air. At a recent demonstration in the capital city against pornography, about half of the picket signs read "Ban child pornography, not Mort Downey."

The ostensible reason for which Downey was forced to resign was a suspicious incident in which a Sacramento city councilman with political ties to Planned Parenthood (one of the organizations Downey had targeted on his show) accused Downey of making a racial slur on the air by using the term "Chinaman." Despite Downey's profuse apologies to the city councilman, and his assurances that the term was not meant as a racial slur, the station suspended him.

Among the recent guests that Downey featured were Contributing Editor Webster Tarpley reporting on the Soviet threat in Europe; Economics Editor David Goldman on the economy; Lyndon LaRouche's independent Democratic running-mate Billy Davis on the farm situation; Ibero-American Editors Dennis Small and Robyn Quijano on the Colombian dope lobby; and United States

Editor Kathy Klenetsky on "the sleaze factor" in the Democratic Party.

The McClatchey chain apparently came under pressure from advertisers who threatened to withdraw their ads from the newspaper unless Downey was fired. The McClatchey paper, the *Sacramento Bee*, noted on its front page that the station manager was in trouble, since stations depend on ratings and the station had lost its highest-rated show.

## Davis: 'look beyond your boundary fence'

Billy Davis, the vice-presidential candidate of Lyndon LaRouche and one of the initial founders of the American Agricultural Movement (AAM), addressed 450 farmers at a farm rally in Clarksfield, Minnesota, Aug. 29, challenging those present to "look beyond your own boundary fence. You've got to face that there is no solution to this crisis within the bounds of agriculture as such," Davis told the gathering of people who had largely been pulled together by the remains of the AAM network in the state. A key organizer of the event was Pat O'Reilly, another LaRouche Democrat who is running for the second district congressional seat in Mondale's home state.

Davis was one of 15 speakers at the event. People came with tractors decked out with American flags and slogans protesting the looting of agriculture. The event marked the seventh anniversary of the first AAM tractorcade, held in the same city in 1977. That first tractorcade led to similar rallies and tractorcades around the country and in Washington, D.C. As Davis explains with a laugh: "I think we really believed that all we had to do was to put on a clean pair of overalls, go to Washington and tell them what our problems were and somebody would fix it."

Davis explained that he had been touring the nation's cities as well as the rural areas, and had recently toured Europe, Latin America, and met with Africans as well. He

said that this had confirmed to him the fact that the food crisis is part of a general crisis of the productive economy as a whole. "Your business is the business of the whole country and a question of the survival of mankind," he told them. He warned the farmers not to adopt a "suicide mission" which would allow established powers to portray farmers as the enemy of the population and the cause of the problem.

"We are right now facing the prospect of food shortages within weeks or months. . . . There is a deliberate game-plan being readied by the same people who brought you the energy shock of 1973-74."

## Radiation could end deadly disease

The deadly parasitic disease trichinosis could become a historical curiosity, according to Richard Brake, a biophysicist at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Dr. Brake thinks that the disease, which is contracted from eating under-cooked infected pork, can be eradicated through a radiation-treatment process he has developed with Darwin Murrell of the USDA Animal Parasitology Institute.

"Irradiating raw foods is one of the safest processing methods available," according to Brake. "You don't ingest the radiation any more than you eat microwaves from microwave cooked food. . . . Irradiated raw food doesn't lose its original flavor, consistency, or nutritional value."

Large-scale disinfection of meat is necessary because parasite-infected animals often act normally and can go undetected in the meat-packing plant. Currently, the U.S.A. has one of the highest rates of human and swine trichinosis among industrialized nations, and for this reason, many countries will not even allow U.S. pork over their borders.

Radiation-sterilization could also be effective against pork and beef tapeworms and other meat-borne pests, as well as eliminating spoilage, which destroys a quarter of

America's harvested crops annually. This would, in turn, eliminate a major problem for food-relief efforts in both the advanced and developing countries.

## New clue in Alzheimer's Disease

Researchers at the Harvard Medical School in Boston have discovered a fundamental defect in people with Alzheimer's Disease, a condition in which early and rapid onset of senility occurs. The researchers found that brains of people dying of Alzheimer's Disease had little more than half the normal amounts of ribonucleic acid (RNA), which is involved in protein production and memory storage.

The disease, which causes serious confusion and forgetfulness in an estimated 2 million Americans, many of whom are now in nursing homes, is estimated by the National Institute on Aging to cost the nation \$25 billion a year.

Dr. Charles Marotta and Dr. Elizabeth Sajdel-Sulkowska found increased activity of an enzyme which breaks down ribonucleic acid in the brains of Alzheimer's Disease victims. In normal brains, a special protein blocks the action of this enzyme.

"It is impossible to predict the ramifications of this at this time," Marotta told UPI Aug. 23. "I think the first fallout from this kind of work will be to introduce other molecular biologists to this field of research. This will open up more avenues of research."

Research of this type is seen as potentially unlocking the mechanisms of aging of tissue in general and significantly enhancing the understanding of normal brain functions.

## Ohio paper: DNC line on Scott 'won't wash'

The following is the text of the lead editorial of the Aug. 18 *Springfield News-Sun*, titled,

"Democrat Dilemma: Party Faces Major Fence Mending Job."

"The one thing that political parties don't like to do is lose contact with the voters. That's why, under ordinary circumstances, political leaders make a practice of accepting the outcome of primary elections with whatever good grace they can muster, even when the endorsed candidates lose.

"In the case of Don Scott's seventh congressional win over Dennis Geehan earlier this year, however, the Democratic leadership just couldn't grin and bear the embarrassment. So, with the blessing and or urging of state party leaders, they've dumped Scott in favor of a write-in campaign for long-time Democrat loyalist Peggy Hanna.

"The decision was a mistake, at least in the sense that it can only make things easier for freshman Rep. Mike DeWine in his bid for a second term.

"The explanation that Democrats in the district didn't know who they were voting for when they voted for Don Scott won't wash. Scott never hid his alignment with the doomed-from-the-start candidacy of Lyndon LaRouche. And Geehan, with precious few exceptions, hewed to conventional Democratic principles and policies. He also had the party's full backing.

"Well before the primary, the party hierarchy sought to put miles between it and the LaRouche wing. There simply wasn't any doubt that in official eyes LaRouche and the devil were in league. Logic says that most Democratic voters were aware of how they were voting.

"They may not have been enamored of Scott and his platform—a return to the gold standard, a national 'emergency mobilization' for agriculture and industry, and immediate work on Star Wars defense. But common sense says they were either buying Scott and his program or rejecting Geehan and/or what the Democratic Party today stands for nationally.

"Either way, the Democratic leadership in this area should be taking stock of where it stands with the voters on national issues.

"Scott obviously is an itch who's not about to go away without a lot of scratching."

## Briefly

● **WAS SABOTAGE** at work in the crash of a B-1 bomber? Following the recent crash of the prototype of the B-1 bomber at Edwards Air Force Base in California, the U.S. Air Force announced Aug. 31 that "the start of cruise missile testing will be delayed by one year." The bomber was being tested as a delivery vehicle for low-altitude cruise missiles.

● **THE CHARGES** leveled at the Carter administration in *Hostage to Khomeini*, a book written by reporters for *EIR* in 1979, are "grotesque" according to the Soviet Union. The entire preface to a recently released Soviet book on the Iranian hostage crisis is devoted to refuting the charge that the Carter-Mondale administration collaborated with British intelligence in putting Khomeini into power.

● **YUPPIE** hero and ostensible Republican John Anderson Aug. 28 endorsed Mondale, saying the threat of "four more years of Ronald Reagan's foreign policy" has spurred him to campaign nationwide for Mondale. Anderson, who first met Mondale 10 years ago at SALT negotiator Gerard Smith's home, explained he was for the nuclear freeze. Anderson's endorsement was actively sought by Mondale, and brokered by the former head of Americans for Democratic Action, Joe Rauh.

● **GEORGE BUSH** charged in a speech on Aug. 26 that the Mondale-Ferraro duo is advocating a defense policy "with no backbone." "The Soviets have a 3-to-1 lead over us in land-based strategic missiles," said Bush, "But these people want to cancel the MX. The Soviets fly modern Backfire bombers. Our Air Force flies 30-year-old B-52s. But these people want to cancel the B-1 bomber. . . . They talk as if peace and weakness mean the same thing," he said. Bush made the speech to the Disabled Veterans convention held in Washington.