

National News

Cut the budget by eliminating people

The Population Reference Bureau released a report on Sept. 8 recommending that efforts to prevent premature death be eliminated because of the cost to the taxpayer of people staying alive. The report is titled *Death and Taxes: The Public Policy Impact of Living Longer*.

The Bureau is one of a nexus of "population" organizations spawned by the Harriman family's eugenics lobby, a movement which had to be refurbished after World War II because Hitler had given the race science that the Harriman lobby was espousing a bad name.

The report, which is based on studies presented to the 1983 annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, was reportedly prepared almost exclusively by officials of the government and government-funded programs, including Barbara Boyle Torrey and Douglas Norwood, officials of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who claim to be speaking only for themselves.

"If all the U.S. citizens who died prematurely in 1978 from cancer, heart disease, accidents, and homicides had been able to live to their full life expectancy," the report says, "the federal government would have suffered a net loss of \$15 billion because old-age benefits paid would have outweighed taxes received."

The report goes on to warn: "Today, the federal government is spending 27% of its yearly budget on people 65 and over. This proportion could grow to an estimated 50% of the federal budget by 2025."

The Population Bureau contends there is a trade-off between research on diseases such as heart disease and cancer, and "successful efforts to increase lifespan" by "slowing the aging process," and recommends a shift in priority from research on diseases to research to "reverse or halt the physiological decline of aging." The report reveals the sham of its argument, however, by acknowledging that the research areas which it recommends funding—unlike heart and

cancer research—will not yield significant results for at least 25 years.

The report concludes that "improving the quality of life is a more humane goal than extending the life of people who have already begun a significant physiological deterioration."

Why lynch Marion Barry now?

That the mayor of Washington, D.C., Marion Barry, is up to his neck in dirt has suddenly become front-page national news. He is being investigated for perjury on the basis of his denial to a Federal grand jury that he obtained cocaine from Karen Johnson, a city employee whose apartment the mayor was reported to frequent prior to her being convicted on conspiracy to sell cocaine charges.

Barry's involvement in smut isn't a very new story. Representatives of Lyndon LaRouche held a Washington, D.C. press conference six years ago this month documenting that Barry was not fit to hold political office because he was then siphoning off money from a "poverty pimp" organization in which he was involved, Pride Incorporated, and laundering it into drug-running operations. Fourteen reporters, including two from the Washington Post and representatives from NBC-TV, attended the press conference; not a word of the exposé saw print, however, until after Barry became mayor.

Later, at the initiation of the *Washington Post*, some of the information gradually came out. Barry's wife at the time, Mary Treadwell, was later convicted of some of these charges. Barry was exonerated.

"I'm convinced they didn't break the story when we gave it to them because they planned to use it to hold Barry hostage to the colonial policies of the *Washington Post*," said Stuart Rosenblatt yesterday, reflecting on the press conference he and Susan Pennington Director held in 1978, when Barry, then a city councilman at large was running for the Democratic nomination for mayor.

"It was so obvious that they had him on a leash," Rosenblatt continued. "The *Post*

has supported Barry; yet every time he got out of line—even showed the potential of getting out of line—suddenly another Mary Treadwell scandal would be heated up and Barry's name would come up again."

Why Barry now? Just because you've worked as a Ford Foundation poverty pimp most all of your life doesn't mean you can't be gotten.

Carter 'rebuilds' New York slums

Former President Jimmy Carter, clad in workclothes and wielding a hammer, toiled with 40 other Georgia volunteers on Sept. 3 to renovate a dilapidated tenement in New York's drug-infested Lower East Side.

While Carter spent Labor Day using his carpentry skills, his former vice president, Walter Mondale marched in the city's Labor Day Parade on Fifth Avenue.

"I'm not running for anything; I believe in this project," Carter said amid the buzz of power tools.

In 1976, Carter had visited New York's devastated South Bronx area, pledging that if elected President, he would see to it that the area was rebuilt. It's doubtful that his Lower East Side activities is what the residents had in mind.

The choice: the SDI or unilateral disarmament

In speeches before the American Legion convention the first week in September, Walter Mondale made his outrageous proposal that the United States agree to unilaterally disarm, and President Reagan argued that the United States has the "moral obligation" to develop defensive weaponry. The organization—soon to vote, and expected to vote favorably, on a resolution supporting Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative—was extremely receptive to the President's speech. Mondale campaign aides billed Fritz's decision to go before the group with

his proposal as a "display of political courage."

It was the first time the President has spoken out for beam weapons in a major speech since he announced the program March 23 of last year and it began to be blasted by the Soviets and U.S. press outlets as a provocation to the Soviet government.

"We must pursue vigorous research on defensive technologies that can permit us to intercept strategic ballistic missiles—fired deliberately or accidentally—before they reach our soil or that of our allies," the President said in his Sept. 4 speech. "Some call this Star Wars; I call it prudent policy and common sense."

Mondale's comments were greeted with a marked lack of enthusiasm from an audience which consisted of less than half of the Legionnaires who had attended Reagan's address the day before. Applause was so sparse that at one point Mondale interrupted himself to say: "If you want to applaud, let it rip. I'll be quiet," but this appeal elicited only twitters. .

Skousen, I.F. Stone in attacks on Plato

Left and right joined hands in opposition to the fundamental underpinnings of the American political and economic system the first week in September—by attacking Plato. On Aug. 30, "right-wing conservative" Mormon leader Cleon Skousen told an American Legion audience that Plato was behind the evils of Nazism and Communism. Less than a week later, on Sept. 4, leftist scribbler I.F. Stone, who told a Princeton audience three years ago that "Socrates got what he deserved," told a caller that he had expanded his diatribe to a broader campaign against Plato and St. Augustine.

Skousen, the author of "The Naked Capitalist" and spokesman for the Freeman Institute at the Salt Lake City Legionnaires convention, told the commission on "Americanism" that he had been puzzled for a long time about why the Founding Fathers had

"rejected" Plato (a statement Skousen would be hard put to document). After conducting his own study of Plato's works, the darling of the "free enterprise" crowd continued, he concluded that Plato's theories were "the fount of communism, fascism, totalitarianism, and Marxism."

I.F. Stone explained it this way: "St. Augustine is the founder of the Inquisition, but the idea, which is the foundation for the Inquisition, first appears in Plato's Laws. It was Augustine's distortion to bring the Inquisition of Plato's Laws into Christianity. . . . It is this tradition, which invented the notion of 'hierarchy,' that created the moral monsters who sacrifice the present for the future."

I'm partially an Aristotelean," Stone went on. "Aristotle, you see, wasn't simply a student of Plato; he was writing *against* Plato. . . . I don't believe in the Trinity. Jesus never calls himself the 'Son of God'; The problem is that Judaism and Christianity, which are influenced by neo-Platonism, distorted all this."

Court: Michigan must put LaRouche on ballot

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on Aug. 31 issued an order preventing the State of Michigan from printing its Nov. 6 general election ballot unless it includes the names of independent Democrats Lyndon H. LaRouche and Billy M. Davis, running for president and vice president, respectively.

Last spring, Michigan Democratic Party executive director Jeff Ely and Party attorney Tom Downs, obviously under orders from Democratic National Committee head Charles Manatt, teamed up to challenge the petition signatures of 13 LaRouche Democrats and keep them off the Aug. 7 primary ballot.

The Sixth Circuit order, commented Edward Spannaus of the LaRouche legal staff, "undercuts the Michigan Democratic Party's plans to force upon the voters of the state a platform of gay rights, nuclear freeze, and deindustrialization—with no alternative."

Briefly

● **A SCHILLER** Institute leader from West Germany, Angelika Raimondi, was featured on the front-page of Chicago's Aug. 18 *Weekend Booster*, discussing her statement "that the Russians are ready and Armageddon could come in the next few months." "She says she can easily understand," the article reports, "how others might dismiss her concerns as either media hype or a hyperactive imagination. But they've obviously never spent their college years in Berlin, 'where you learn what it's like to really feel surrounded,' Raimondi added. You're not paranoid every time you think someone's out to get you, she noted. Sometimes, Raimondi said, they really are."

● **TIMOTHY RUSSELT**, one of Gov. Cuomo's top aides who previously worked for Sen. Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), has been made vice-president of NBC News. Moynihan is the property of Averell Harriman, chief Moscow hand of the Eastern Establishment. Russert joins NBC just as it is about to begin news broadcasting from Moscow. While working for Moynihan, Russert was involved in a slander operation to defame candidates fielded by the LaRouche wing of the Democratic Party.

● **GEORGIA** Democrat Robert Watson, backed by the National Democratic Policy Committee, polled 33% of the vote on Sept. 4 in a run-off Democratic primary for Georgia's 6th district congressional seat. Watson had placed second in a four-way race for the seat on Aug. 15.

● **NDPC** chairman Warren Hamerman has addressed a telegram to U.S. Defense Secretary Weinberger urging him to overturn the "apparently bureaucratic decision" of his staff not to send a speaker to the Second International Conference of the Schiller Institute in West Germany on Sept. 22-23. No representative would hardly signify to Europeans a U.S. desire to defend the continent.