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Vatican clips the wings of Seattle archbishop

Raymond Hunthausen, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Seattle, will surrender control of several major areas of responsibility to auxiliary bishop Donald Wuerl, at the request of the Vatican, the *Seattle Times* reported on Sept. 4.

Hunthausen is a leading light of the "American heresy," another of whose proponents, Father Charles Curran, was recently barred by the Vatican from teaching theology at the Catholic University of America. The "American heresy" takes an ultra-liberal attitude on issues including sexual morality, military defense, and the central authority of the Pope.

Wuerl was appointed auxiliary bishop of Seattle in December 1985, after the Vatican completed a two-year investigation of Hunthausen, which concluded that he needed to "pay more attention" to Catholic teaching in several areas.

Many Catholics were particularly outraged when Archbishop Hunthausen gave over the Seattle Cathedral to homosexual activists.

Chicago woman sues airline in AIDS scare

American Airlines was sued for more than \$12 million on Sept. 2 by a Chicago woman, after an airline employee exposed to the AIDS virus allegedly bit her hand at the city's O'Hare Airport. The identity of neither party has been released.

According to a report in the *Chicago Sun-Times* on Sept. 3, the two quarreled when the woman arrived late for a flight to Denver on Feb. 10 and was told she could not board because she didn't have a boarding pass. The woman's suit alleges that the employee was rude and began walking away, and that she grabbed his waist and demanded to see his name tag.

"Then he turned around and without saying a word, he bit her on the ring and index finger," said Enrico Mirabelli, the woman's lawyer.

The employee took a blood test after the incident and tested positive for the HTLV/III antibody, indicating that he had been exposed to the virus.

Mirabelli added: "A day doesn't go by when my client doesn't worry about contracting AIDS. She is scared to death right now. . . . The AIDS-related lawsuit is going to be the lawsuit of the future. There's a lot we don't know. What we do know is if my client contracts AIDS, she will die."

California surfers riot against police

A Dionysian riot erupted in Huntington Beach, California on Aug. 31, during the "Pro Surfing Championship" contest there. The violence occurred when police officers responded to cries for help from several girls who were having their bathing suits ripped off by a crowd of males. The crowd turned on the police and chased them into a nearby lifeguard tower.

Rioters then trashed two police cars and a lifeguard truck, torching the police cars with safety flares, and broke into the police station and looted it. The policemen in the lifeguard tower evacuated when the crowd burst in beneath them, leaving only a lifeguard supervisor. When he fired a shot into the air, the mob finally dispersed.

A massive police deployment was required to clear the beach later, and 13 people were arrested.

Cuomo blows his stack at exposé of dope ties

New York Governor Mario Cuomo (D), showing signs of wear and tear from increasing exposés of his own and his family's corruption, gave vent to a profane outburst when asked by the *New York Post* to comment on

his son's business deals. "You tell Bill Stern [Cuomo's former campaign manager] to put it in goddamn writing. . . . Stern doesn't have the balls to do it," the governor was quoted by the *Post* on Sept. 2.

Cuomo was referring to Stern's relatively mild remark that son Andrew's law firm has some mighty curious clients—including some of the biggest narcotics interests in the state.

Andrew Cuomo is the attorney for, among others, William Zeckendorf and Donald Trump, real-estate developers who made hundreds of millions a year in state contracts. The two are long-time cronies of the Bronfman family of Canada and other drug-linked mafia interests. Andrew is also the attorney for the Israeli Bank Leumi, one of the dirtiest drug banks in the world.

Julian Bond defeated in Georgia primary race

In an upset victory Sept. 2, former Atlanta city councilman John Lewis beat State Sen. Julian Bond in a runoff election for the Democratic nomination to Congress. The vote was 51.8% to 48.2%.

The defeat of Bond, who was viewed as the "heir apparent" to fill the 5th C.D. seat vacated by Rep. Wyche Fowler, signifies the collapse of Jimmy Carter's liberal Democratic machine in Georgia. Carter associate Hamilton Jordan was defeated in his bid for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in the primary on Aug. 12.

Both Lewis and Bond are black civil-rights veterans; they were among the founders of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in the 1960s. Lewis was the longtime head of the Voter Education Project, which mobilized and registered thousands of southern blacks. Bond needed a Supreme Court order to take his state legislative seat in 1966, because of his anti-war statements.

One of the issues which is believed to have swung the voters behind Lewis was the "war on drugs." During the final weeks of the campaign, Lewis challenged Bond to join him in taking a urine test, to prove that

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he does not use drugs. Bond refused.

Andrew Rotstein, a LaRouche Democrat who ran in the Aug. 12 primary for the 5th C.D. seat, had made the drug issue a major focus of his campaign, focusing public attention on the problem and forcing other contenders to address it.

Police seize vehicles of drug violators

Police in Washington, D.C. have begun seizing the vehicles of people arrested on charges of possession of narcotics in the District, as part of a new crackdown on drugs, the *Washington Post* reported Sept. 2.

"If you come into the District and buy a nickel bag of marijuana, and we see you and stop you and you are the owner of that car, we are going to seize that vehicle," said Assistant Police Chief Isaac Fulwood, Jr., who called the new policy "a drastic shift" for the police department. "We have to make [drug dealing] unprofitable, and when you start to take people's cars, you're telling them you're turning the volume up and increasing the risks."

Under a 1970 federal statute, vehicles can be seized if there is probable cause that the vehicles were used to buy, sell, or exchange narcotics. Even if the suspect is found not guilty, he can only reclaim the car through a civil suit.

Elsewhere in the country, local authorities are turning the screw on the drug pushers. In Bergen County, New Jersey, police announced a plan to set up checkpoints on the New Jersey side of the George Washington Bridge, which crosses into New York City. The checkpoints will be to detect drivers under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Many towns in New Jersey in the area of the bridge report heavy sales of crack and cocaine which go back and forth to and from New York City.

The Drug Enforcement Administration has already given tentative approval for seizure of cars involved in drug buys.

The executive director of the New Jersey American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU),

Ed Martone, immediately criticized the program: "I don't know a trained officer or trained dog or anyone else who can spot a car and tell whether someone in the car is impaired by drugs or carrying drugs."

Scientists charge CDC sabotage of AIDS work

Scientists formerly employed with the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control have charged that the CDC, the federal government's top research facility for communicable diseases, has sabotaged the AIDS research program.

The *Baltimore Sun* on Aug. 31 published a story, originating in the *Miami Herald*, which mentioned "sabotage of experiments," "suppression of research," and "rebellion among AIDS experts." The article reports "an exodus" of scientists and researchers from the CDC, among them "experts who were instrumental in proving that transfusions spread AIDS, [and] that the AIDS virus causes the disease."

"I'm surprised at how little is coming out of that lab," said Dr. Cy Cabradilla, described as "a former high-level CDC expert." He added, "They were on to very important things that now seem trivial because it's too late" (emphasis added).

At the center of the controversy is Dr. James Curran, head of the CDC's AIDS program office in Atlanta. The *Herald* reports: "Scientists say Dr. Curran has temporarily blocked publication of research."

"Cultures have turned up missing or contaminated," according to a former CDC lab expert. And the scientific integrity of CDC studies has been challenged. "Few papers from the AIDS lab have true authorship," Dr. Cabradilla was quoted in the *Sun*.

"There is a big cloud over the whole program," according to CDC doctor Steven McDougal. The *Sun* added, "On Aug. 11, several researchers trooped into the office of Walter Dowdle, supervisor of AIDS efforts for the U.S. Public Health Service, to complain about deteriorated working conditions."

● JEWISH DEFENSE League national chairman Andy Green has claimed credit for tear gas bombings of the Metropolitan Opera House on Sept. 3, which caused minor injuries. The Opera House was featuring the Soviet Moiseyev Dance Company, and Green "speculated" that Soviet Jews from the JDL's Brighton Beach chapter may have been responsible.

● NEW YORK TIMES editors urged the *Jerusalem Post* to publish an article on Aug. 24, playing up death threats by terrorist Mordechai Levy against Lyndon H. LaRouche, sources report. The *Times* assured the *Jerusalem Post* that Levy's credentials—despite his known terrorist background—were impeccable.

● CYRUS VANCE, former secretary of state under Jimmy Carter, has been hired as legal counsel by *U.S. News and World Report* in its efforts to win the release of correspondent Nicholas Daniloff from a Soviet prison.

● A 'DRAMATIC SHIFT' has occurred in the attitude of Americans toward drugs, according to a poll published in the *New York Times* on Sept. 2. "Two-thirds of Americans would pay more taxes to jail drug sellers, and three-fourths of full-time workers would be willing to take a drug test." Sixty-three percent said movies and television glamorize drugs, with 11% specifying NBC-TV's "Miami Vice" as a show which did so. NBC-TV called that a "misperception."

● A GROUP CALLING itself the Stop AIDS Quarantine Committee will hold a torchlight protest march to the Los Angeles office of the National Democratic Policy Committee on Sept. 15. The NDPC supports the state's Proposition 64, a ballot referendum which calls for emergency public-health measures to stop AIDS. The Stop AIDS Committee is receiving support from the statewide "No On Proposition 64" coalition, including computerized voter lists and a 23-phone bank.