

# National News

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## Anti-Satanism bill goes to Illinois governor

Two bills targeting Satanic crimes passed the Illinois State Senate unanimously on June 19, and have been sent to the desk of Gov. Jim Thompson for his signature.

A third measure, making inducement to commit suicide a Class 2 felony, is expected to pass within the next several days with some modification.

One bill amends the Criminal Code to create a Class 2 felony for ritual mutilation, consisting of mutilation, torture, or dismemberment of another person as part of a ritual, and carries a penalty of up to seven years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

The second bill mandates stiffer penalties for persons convicted of torturing people or animals, stealing human corpses, kidnapping, or desecrating property as part of a ceremony or ritual.

All three bills were introduced into the House by Rep. Robert Regan of Crete, Ill., and had passed there unanimously. Over 1,000 petition signatures demanding such laws were collected by the National Democratic Policy Committee, representing the LaRouche wing of the Democratic Party, and presented to Representative Regan.

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## Detroit News blasts Bush clean air proposal

The *Detroit News* denounced George Bush's so-called clean air proposals for being a costly fraud, in its June 14 editorial.

"President Bush wants to assault the ghosts of acid rain and ozone. . . . It is worth remembering . . . that a 1985 EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] report on the condition of 1,619 lakes in four regions east of the Mississippi found that only 4% of the lakes in the Northeast, 2% in the upper Midwest, and 0.0% in Appalachia were acidified, and none to the extent to snuff out aquatic life. The highest acid levels were found where they were not supposed to be,

in southern Georgia and northern Florida.

"On the ozone front, cities like Detroit that are listed as violators are in compliance 99% of the time. These facts, which show the twin problems to be overstated, did not sway Mr. Bush."

The editorial concludes, "We hope the environmental zealots in Congress won't try to shove scrubbers down our stacks. . . . Since so much that Michigan holds dear is at risk in this debate, the state needs a tough-minded defense from its delegation in Washington."

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## N.Y. Times book review hits LaRouche Platonism

The *New York Times* book review section reviewed the diatribe by Dope Lobby scribbler Dennis King, *Lyndon LaRouche and the New American Fascism*, on June 18. Most revealing is the *Times's* rage at LaRouche's insistence on reason, coherence, and rationality in the Platonic tradition.

The *Times* devoted a full page to King's slander of LaRouche. "To the orderly mind of the conspiracy theorist there is no such thing as randomness. Every coincidence, every accident is meaningful. History is a war between good and evil in which everything unfolds according to plan. . . . In the world according to LaRouche, history is a war between the Platonists (the good guys) and the evil Aristotelians. . . . Platonists believe in standards, and absolute truth that can be divined by philosopher kings. . . .

"True Platonists, he says, believe that industrialization, technology, and classical music should be used to bring wealth and enlightenment to the citizens of the world. The Aristotelians are trying to stop them by using not only sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll but also environmentalism and quantum theory."

Is the *Times* attempting to give credence to LaRouche's assertion that he is the new Socrates? The Athenian philosopher, after all, was killed by the Democratic Party of Athens, for espousing just the views that the *Times* describes.

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## Spannaus defends Virginia coal miners

U.S. Senate candidate Nancy Spannaus issued a statement from Leesburg, Virginia on June 15, decrying the use of the same police state tactics by the Virginia state government against the coal miners union, as were used against the LaRouche political movement.

"If anyone thought that the Commonwealth of Virginia was making an exception, when it used police-state tactics against Lyndon LaRouche and his political associates, they should know better by now. Look at the way in which Governor Baliles, his Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, and their judges and prosecutors are treating striking miners in southwest Virginia.

"First, the commonwealth has limited picketing by the miners, and then sought to impose exorbitant fines to penalize the miners when they manned the picket lines. Mineworker leaders have correctly pointed out that this is a direct challenge to the right to strike.

"Second, the commonwealth's judges have imposed such fines for picketing, that . . . [they] would amount to an 'economic death sentence' for the union.

"Third, the state police have abused and terrorized strikers and their families. . . . Among the abuses known is that the state police are patrolling with rifles, despite the fact that the picketers are unarmed; that they have dragged strikers and their families by the ears and in other painful ways to be arrested; and that they have handcuffed strikers to a metal fence in the midst of a thunderstorm, when they could have been electrocuted.

"Where is the concern for economic justice in Richmond, when it comes to the miners? This impoverished workforce has been driven to strike by Pittston Coal Group, a company that is 'diversifying' into the admittedly extremely profitable diamond and gold trade, but does not want to assure the health care of its coal workers or retirees. When asked to mediate on behalf of the workforce, however, the Governor and his

Attorney General simply dig into their emergency coffers, and send more police."

Spannaus urged all Virginians "to let Baliles and Mary Sue Terry know that they don't want their state to be known as the center for fascism in the U.S."

## New Right hits U.S., Soviet trade ties

A number of populist conservatives assembled in Washington, D.C. on June 20 to attack the Bush administration accommodation to the Soviets. Former National Security Council analyst John Lenczowski, Howard Phillips, Paul Weyrich, and others endorsed a proposal of the Taxpayers Against Subsidizing the Soviets (TASS), which demands that the U.S. refuse Most Favored Nation (MFN) status to the Soviet union, an issue which is currently being debated in Congress.

Martin Colman, leader of the coalition, pointed out that MFN is simply the green light for the major money center banks to do to the entire economy "what they did to the S&Ls, force us to invest in bad debt." He pointed out that "the current debt owed by the Soviet Union to the U.S., if defaulted on, would bankrupt the FDIC. The Soviets are lent money on terms which are unavailable to any U.S. citizen, or to any other sovereign borrower, and MFN will make this disparity much worse."

Weyrich described the populist's strategy, "We intend to make this issue understandable to the American taxpayer in dollars and cents. . . . What it is going to cost them to finance the Soviets on these terms."

Lenczowski pointed out that Gorbachov is passing laws which strengthen the hand of the state and the party to an unprecedented degree, and which legally define the U.S.S.R. as a nation under martial law. He expressed extreme concern that the Bush administration is feeding the illusions of peace in the U.S. and Europe with irresponsible statements, and described Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Adm. William Crowe's notorious "they're not my enemy" remark as "professional malpractice." He also in-

dicated that the tough talk from Robert Gates will probably be non-existent in the near future, if the administration continues on the present course.

## Pennsylvania to debate anti-Satanism bill

Pennsylvania State Rep. Joseph A. Lashinger (R-Montgomery Co.) introduced an anti-Satanism bill on June 14 which amends the Child Protective Services Law to prohibit "the ritualistic physical or psychological abuse of a child, when undertaken as a part of a ceremony, rite, initiation, observance, performance or practices."

The bill, H.R. 1693, is co-sponsored by 30 Republicans and 24 Democrats and has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

Representative Lashinger said that his bill is "a direct result of increasing concern regarding Satanic cult movements throughout the state. . . . The abuse of our children within Satanic cults is a growing problem in Pennsylvania and is the reason why I have introduced legislation. . . . My proposal isn't an attempt to restrict anyone's right to practice their religious beliefs. Rather, it is an effort to protect our children against those who exploit their First Amendment rights by involving unwilling participants in cult rituals and justifying it through religion. We must stop the ritualistic abuse of our children. We can no longer allow cult members to hide behind the protection of the First Amendment when they harm our kids."

Lashinger explained that Satanic cults often use brainwashing techniques that are used on prisoners of war to attract young and vulnerable victims. He also said that a cult may even kidnap a child to perform the ritual.

The legislation, if passed, will remove the shield that protects Satanic cults from severe penalty when they abuse a child in a ritualistic ceremony. The bill provides for a punishment of 5 to 15 years in prison for first offenders and life imprisonment for any subsequent convictions.

## Briefly

● **AIDS TESTING** and mandatory tracing of people who had sex or shared needles with those infected, a proposal of New York City Health Commissioner Stephen Joseph, has been at least temporarily derailed after a group of so-called AIDS experts met with Mayor Ed Koch on June 17.

● **'A MATTER of Imperfect Pitch,'** is the title of a two-page spread in the June 26 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, on the drive sponsored by the Schiller Institute, "one of the organizations headed by conservative politician Lyndon LaRouche," to lower musical pitch to A = 432 Hertz.

● **MARY JO KOPECHNE'S** parents broke 20 years of silence on their daughter's death in Ted Kennedy's car, in an interview with the *Ladies Home Journal* to be published in July. "I think there was a big coverup and everyone was paid off," Gwen Kopechne said. Joseph Kopechne added bitterly that Mary Jo's death was not in vain, "It kept the Senator from becoming President."

● **ELTON SCHADE**, a top Teamster leader in Detroit, was found dead in an alley behind union headquarters June 14. The Wayne County Medical Examiner ruled the death a suicide—although Schade was shot three times, including in the back of the head.

● **ARTHUR RUDOLPH**, who built the Saturn V Moon rocket, is still being denied a visa to come to Huntsville for the 20th anniversary celebration of the first manned lunar landing. Hounded out of the U.S. in 1983, the West German government found no evidence of criminal wrongdoing in Rudolph's past.

● **KURT WALDHEIM**, President of Austria, was again denied permission to visit the United States. The U.S. refused an Austrian request to lift the ban on a visit, a State Department official said June 16.