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Georgia court praises new suicide device

In a deadly new trend of acceding to paralyzed patients' suicide demands, a Fulton County, Georgia Superior Court has granted a 33-year-old former civil engineer, Larry McAfee, who has been a totally paralyzed since a motorcycle accident four years ago, the right to commit suicide using a special device which he can operate with his mouth to turn off his respirator. Judge Edward H. Johnson called McAfee a "hero" for designing the tool. McAfee intends to exercise his "right to die" in a friend's apartment sometime in the near future.

Fanella Rouse of the Society for the Right to Die said, "It sends chills up your spine to hear someone say their life is not acceptable," but, she insisted, it is every person's right to refuse medical treatment.

McAfee's case is not an isolated one. In early July, a Michigan court judge declared that a paralyzed young man's wish to commit suicide by having his respirator shut off was "purely a private and personal matter" between his physician and him. Two weeks later, in a private home, a physician cold-bloodedly killed the patient, David Rivlin, 38—who had been quadriplegic since a 1971 surfing accident and dependent on a respirator for three years—by sedating him and removing his respirator.

Rivlin had tried for years to live an independent existence outside of hospitals and nursing homes. The problem was that at the time, the Michigan Department of Social Services allowed less than \$300 a month for hiring an attendant for his home care. The attendants Rivlin hired for \$10 a day either stole his money, used his van, beat him up or abandoned him.

After three disastrous attempts at living independently, Rivlin was forced to return to a nursing home where he was given celebrity status—complete with TV, and national press interviews—once he announced he wanted to die. After that, the same Social Services Department paid the Oak Hill Care Center near Detroit \$230 a day to care for Rivlin before his death.

With no one opposing his suicide, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Hilda Gage saw no need to rule on it. Rivlin, she said, "has the right to refuse treatment."

Bush accelerates arms control talks

President George Bush will soon nominate R. James Woolsey to be the chief U.S. negotiator at the 23-nation Conventional Forces talks in Europe which resume the second week in September in Vienna, Austria, the *Washington Times* reported Sept. 5. The appointment is part of a Bush administration effort to put the conventional arms control talks with the Soviet Union on a fast track.

Woolsey is a Democrat who backed Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) in the 1988 presidential elections, and represented former U.S. State Department adviser Michael Ledeen during the initial phases of the Iran-Contra scandal. Woolsey is general counsel to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and is close to National Security Adviser and former Kissinger Associates employee Brent Scowcroft.

Church dissident caught in pedophile scandal

Rev. George Stallings, suspended from celebrating mass by Washington Archbishop James Hickey for creating an independent African-American Catholic congregation, while decrying alleged "racism" by the Catholic Church, has been caught in a pedophile scandal.

In an article on Stallings on Sept. 4 entitled "Ex-Altar Boy Says He Had Sex With Stallings," the *Washington Post* reports that Stallings has long been suspected by parishioners, before his creation of the so-called "Imani Temple," of pedophilia. These reports were sufficiently detailed that when Stallings requested transfer from Cardinal Hickey to a new parish, Hickey refused to

grant the request unless Stallings sought treatment at the Servants of the Paraclete hospital in the Jemez Mountains of New Mexico, a Church-owned facility that is known for treating pedophilia and other disorders.

One of the primary sources for the *Post's* story is a former altar boy, who claims that because of a seven-month period of abuse by Stallings, he has now become a homosexual and has left the Catholic Church.

Stallings, whose congregation appears to be a syncretic heresy of Christianity mixed with voodoo and other rites, entitled his Sunday sermon, after he learned of the *Post* exposé, "The Devil Is in Our Midst."

Operation Rescue being railroaded

Randall Terry, leader of the anti-abortion Operation Rescue organization, told the press in Los Angeles Aug. 31 that the anti-abortion demonstrators are being "railroaded."

On Aug. 29, U.S. District Judge A. Wallace Tashima found Operation Rescue and 12 of its activists in contempt of court injunctions which he had originally issued when they blocked entrances to abortion clinics in seven California cities. Tashima ordered the defendants to pay \$110,000 in attorney fees, primarily to the American Civil Liberties Union, and levied \$10,000 in fines against each of the individual defendants. He suspended the penalties, saying that the fines would be reimposed if the defendants again violated court orders.

Judge Tashima stated that for Operation Rescue to defend their actions on the basis that they saved lives and that they were the victims of police brutality, stripped the movement's acts of "any moral meaning."

"This judge is acting like a tyrant and an arch defender of baby killers," Terry stated. "We will not bow to that kind of tyranny."

Operation Rescue has stated its intention not to pay the \$110,000 fines, an action which could result in criminal prosecution punishable by prison sentences. Jeff White, Operation Rescue's Northern California

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representative, told the press, "I don't pay to promote child killing. It's like asking Martin Luther King to pay money to the Ku Klux Klan. I'm willing to lose it all. I'm willing to go to the point of the possibility of losing my life over this issue."

The attorney for Operation Rescue demonstrators, Cyrus Zal, predicted that the American Civil Liberties Union and Judge Tashima would ultimately be prosecuted for murder under the Nuremberg principles that were used to prosecute the Nazis. Zal said that Tashima's decision would be appealed, and predicted that there would be further blockades of abortion clinics.

Greenpeace is 'environmental KKK'

George Reiger, national conservation writer for *Field and Stream* magazine, charged that the eco-terrorist international organization Greenpeace is an "environmental Klu Klux Klan." "Just because they don't wear sheets doesn't mean they don't have a terrorist mentality," Reiger told the *Washington Post* Sept. 6.

Greenpeace's assaults on hunters, he said, are based on "simplistic thinking, in which the world is either black or green." Citing Greenpeace's role in stopping the Canadian seal hunts, Reiger said, "Now they've got hundreds of hunters on welfare up there—and the seal population is growing so fast it's threatening to wipe out the fisheries."

Some environmentalist groups are upset with Greenpeace's tactics, according to the *Post*. "We're constantly bringing suits to get polluters to comply with the law," said Sierra Club Chairman Michael McCluskey. "You can't then go off and decide which laws you aren't going to obey."

Greenpeace, a "green giant" with a fleet of ships and sophisticated communications capabilities, is now the largest, fastest growing environmental organization in the world, the *Post* reports. "On July 10, 1985, just a few minutes before midnight, two underwater explosions ripped open the hull of

the first Rainbow Warrior, sinking it in New Zealand's Auckland harbor. . . . It would be unfair to accuse Greenpeace of welcoming the tragedy, but . . . Greenpeace parlayed the incident into massive publicity, remuneration and public support. At the time, Greenpeace had about 1.4 million members around the world and revenue of about \$24 million. Four years later, it has more than 3.3 million members worldwide, 33 offices in 20 countries and more than four times the revenue, an estimated \$100 million in 1989."

The *Post* reports Greenpeace's fleet of eight ocean-going ships, including the new Rainbow Warrior, are equipped with satellite communications equipment, and the group's offices can contact each other instantly through an electronic network called 'Greenlink.' "

Columnist echoes EIR strategic analysis

Former Reagan White House Communications director and newspaper columnist Patrick Buchanan, in a commentary entitled "The Bear Begins to Growl" on Aug. 30, echoed the latest analysis of the recently released *EIR Global Showdown* report which warns that the threat of war over Soviet aggression is growing increasingly serious.

"It is time to shake off the euphoria of recent months, to cool the chatter of a 'new era,' " Buchanan writes. "The Soviet rulers are serious men, and a glance at the map shows why Moscow may be engaged in something more than bluster and bluff. . . .

"The issue before the Central Committee is simple: Do we halt the drive for independence in the tiny Baltic states, or do we wait and struggle with 50 million people in the Ukraine? Gorbachov was not made Soviet leader to preside over the dissolution of the Soviet Empire; yet, in the Baltic republics, the talk of independence sounds as though it were a certainty. . . . The confrontation is coming. Some predict next year, some of us would be unsurprised if it came sooner—much sooner."

● **RICHARD NIXON** and former Treasury Secretary William E. Simon have delayed their trip to Communist China until after the first of the year, because of the political unrest there, *Pacific Business News* reported Sept. 5.

● **MORDECHAI LEVY**, the FBI-backed terrorist, has been denied bail at a court hearing on Aug. 30. "Everyone was surprised, since he has always been released but it looks like justice is taking her turn," said a New York Police Department source.

● **SOVIET JEWS'** entry into the U.S. would be restricted, according to draft legislation backed by World Jewish Congress head Edgar Bronfman. Bronfman is vigorously opposing bills passed by both houses of Congress which would make it easier for Soviet Jews and Soviet evangelical Christians to enter the U.S.

● **RUDOLPH GIULIANI** was boosted in his New York mayoral bid when the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said Aug. 30 that Simon Berger, the Auschwitz survivor arrested by the former U.S. Attorney's men and forced to sit in front of a blackboard reading "Arbeit macht Frei" ("Work Makes You Free," the slogan appearing outside the Auschwitz camp), was not the target of the slogan.

● **KURT SCHMOKE**, the Baltimore mayor who called for a "nation-wide debate" on legalizing drugs, was awarded \$100,000 from the Drug Policy Foundation for his achievement in the field of drug policy reform, at an Aug. 31 ceremony at the National Press Club.

● **A PLATTE RIVER** dam planned to provide water for 360,000 residents of Denver is being blocked by the Environmental Protection Agency and several eco-fascist groups.