

called him a "charming and impressive person," as well as Eastern Establishment sovietologist George F. Kennan, who commented that Yeltsin is "not to be underestimated."

Who invited Yeltsin

The main sponsor which arranged the Yeltsin tour was the **Esalen Institute's** Soviet-American Exchange Program. Esalen regularly organizes seminars on the psychology of U.S.-Soviet relations, and Esalen leaders frequently travel to the Soviet Union for discussions on parapsychology, spirituality, and the like.

Esalen was founded in 1962 in Big Sur, California by the late Aldous Huxley, a key figure in the creation of the drug counterculture. (Appeasement of dictators was old hat to the author of *Brave New World*: Huxley in 1937 cofounded with Bertrand Russell the Peace Pledge Union, which campaigned for peace with Adolf Hitler.) His Esalen Institute became a mecca for hundreds of Americans to engage in weekends of T-Groups and Training Groups; for Zen, Hindu, and Buddhist transcendental meditation; and for "out of body" experiences through simulated and actual hallucinogenic drugs.

Besides Esalen, **Norwest Bank**, which was scheduled to introduce Boris Yeltsin to the chief executive officers of leading Midwest corporations, seems to have special qualifications for the job. In 1985, Norwest was accused by a Montana farmer of abetting drug trafficking. In that case, Dick Kurth, his wife Judith, and his grown son and daughter, were convicted of marijuana cultivation. Kurth, named Montana Farmer of the Year in 1985, got into dope-growing in desperation; the farm that had been in his wife's family for four generations, was going bankrupt.

At the time of his arrest in 1988, Kurth revealed that an officer at the Fort Benton, Montana branch of Norwest had suggested that cultivation of marijuana might solve his financial problems. At the same time that the bank canceled all his lines of credit, Kurth reported, Norwest employees advised him on how to deposit the dope money so as to go undetected by federal regulations designed to spot drug-money laundering. The bank denied his accusation and was not investigated. Kurth was sentenced to 20 years in prison; he has just been denied parole. Norwest Bank is now trying to take his farm in a bankruptcy proceeding.

Bush called 'personally responsible' for LaRouche

During the week of Sept. 11-15, Lyndon LaRouche, a former U.S. presidential candidate and current candidate for the U.S. Congress, was subjected to gross mistreatment in the course of a surgical procedure conducted at the Rochester Federal Medical Facility in Minnesota. Mr. LaRouche is a prisoner at Rochester Federal Prison, while his conviction last year of various charges, in a politically motivated trial, is under appeal. While on a severely restricted diet and under strong medication in preparation for the surgery, LaRouche, who is 67 years old, was nonetheless forced to work eight-hour shifts in his prison job before and after the procedure.

EIR contributing editor Warren Hamerman issued the following comments on this situation on Sept. 16 from Rochester:

"The mistreatment of Lyndon LaRouche, in the context of previous assignments to heavy labor, reflects an intent of someone in the prison system to kill him in the obvious way.

"If political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche is forced to die in the prison system, the world and history will read

this as President George Bush's personal intent. Whether that is true or not, the world will see it so, and fairly. If Lyndon LaRouche dies in prison, only Bush could be blamed, and fairly so.

"The work assignment of LaRouche requires an estimated intake of 3,000 calories per day in the estimation of LaRouche himself—an expert in industrial engineering practice with over 20 years' experience.

"The surgical procedure which LaRouche underwent is traumatic. In the evaluation of his personal physician: 'Under this condition in West Germany, you are advised by your physician that you have to rest for the time the laxative is affecting you, usually two days before the procedure, and at least one day after the treatment. To my great astonishment, I learned that Mr. LaRouche had to work during a treatment with a supposedly strong laxative, and was called for duty less than 12 hours after his treatment. I feel obliged to raise my utmost concern about this procedure, and I want to assure you that this is not *lege artis* medical treatment you apply to an elderly patient in Germany.'

"Just as Lyndon LaRouche was targeted, railroaded, and imprisoned for his politics, so too he is now being mistreated in prison for the same reason. George Bush, based on his personal knowledge and complicity, in events central to LaRouche's imprisonment, shall be held individually accountable for LaRouche's fate.

"Further precise bulletins on political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche's situation shall be released as required."