

National News

Citizen protest asks end to Nambla meetings

About 60 people gathered at a San Francisco public library to protest the use of the facilities by the North American Man-Boy Love Association, the Jan. 17 *Los Angeles Times* reported. Nambla encourages homosexual relationships between "consenting" partners no matter how young the boy.

The protest arose after television news broadcasts exposed the fact that Nambla has used the Potrero Hill branch library for regular meetings for at least the last two years.

San Francisco Police Inspector Tom Eisenman disclosed that about a dozen Nambla associates have been arrested on child-molesting charges in the past five years, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. But, he said, "We can't really attack the organization Nambla because the organization isn't molesting children, it's the individuals."

CIA incompetence scored by specialist

Robert Gates and the CIA's "Sovietologists" were criticized Jan. 9 by specialist Paul Goble who had been a special adviser on Soviet nationality problems and a former State Department desk officer for the three Baltic republics.

Goble, who knows 11 of the 15 languages of the former Soviet republics and has served the U.S. intelligence community since 1979, told the Helsinki Commission of the U.S. Congress that the U.S. should have recognized individual republics of the former Soviet Union much earlier. The U.S. intelligence community is making a mistake in not setting up separate operations in the individual republics now, particularly in Central Asia, which, claimed Goble, could be influenced by Islamic fundamentalism in the future.

Goble also criticized decision-making in the Bush administration for being "very centralized." He left the State Department when Gates became head of the CIA on the

grounds that policy had become centralized in the hands of Secretary of State James Baker and that Baker was not open to policy changes which would take into account the crumbling of the Soviet empire.

The day after Goble's testimony, *Krasnaya Zvezda*, the newspaper of the (former) Red Army, picked up on Goble's theme, noting that for the CIA, the days of "unhurriedly cut[ting] out articles from *Pravda*" and determining Soviet policy "on the basis of important 'signals' like who was awarded a simple handshake from our leader," are over.

Krasnaya Zvezda echoed Goble's charge that Robert Gates's CIA is unprepared for the momentous changes which have come about in the former U.S.S.R. "In the past, few people were attracted to the study of the Georgian, Uzbek, Belarussian, and other 'Eurasian' languages. And, as CIA Chief R. Gates admits, they did not trouble to introduce agents locally—they made do with Moscow, which was the head for everything."

LaRouche Dems file Missouri slate

Four Democrats supporting the policies of Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche filed for U.S. House and Senate primary races in Missouri on Jan. 14. Opposing House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt in the Aug. 4 primary, and winning the number-one spot on the ballot, is Leif Johnson.

Nicholas Clement is seeking the seat held by Sen. Kit Bond (R). In 1990, Clement captured 20% against Gephardt in the primary.

Tony DeFranco is challenging incumbent Rep. Harold Volkmer (D) in the 9th CD, which includes the Wentzville plant, the newest and second largest General Motors plant in the U.S. Reportedly, 450-700 indefinite layoffs have been unofficially announced there because of "slow work."

Susan Johnson is opposing Joan Horn in the 2nd CD. George Bush's cousin Bert Walker III is seeking the seat on the Republican side.

The Jan. 17 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

quoted Missouri state Democratic Party chairman Eugene Bushmann who said he "was concerned about the dramatic upswing in the number of LaRouche followers who are filing for office." Bushmann "said he did not want to see a replay of the party disarray that erupted in 1986 in Illinois when LaRouche candidates filed as candidates for every statewide office—and two of them won primaries."

Leif Johnson was quoted replying that LaRouche's views are "necessary to save the nation from economic disaster." The *Post* relays those views as "having the President declare a national emergency, take over the Federal Reserve System, and set up a government-owned national bank."

Habeas actions violate states' rights, says Court

A sharply worded and very unusual decision from the U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 13 warned a panel of judges on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals that they should not delay the execution of a prisoner who had submitted several *habeas corpus* petitions to different courts in the State of Washington.

The State of Washington submitted a writ of *mandamus* request to the Supreme Court, demanding that the circuit panel expedite a ruling on the appeal of a district court's denial of the second *habeas* petition filed by the defendant Charles Campbell, in order to justify his early execution. The panel stated that they were waiting for the outcome of a separate restraining motion filed by the defendant in the Washington State Supreme Court, in order to treat all the elements of his appeal together, and not rule "piecemeal."

The Supreme Court majority denied the request for the writ, but warned the panel that they must expedite their decision. "None of the reasons offered in the response dispels our concern that the State of Washington has sustained severe prejudice by the two-and-a-half year stay of execution. The stay has prevented Washington from exercising its sovereign power to enforce the criminal law, an interest we found of great weight in *McCleskey* when discussing the importance of finality in the context of fed-

eral *habeas corpus* proceedings.”

Justices John Paul Stevens and Harry Blackmun dissented. They wrote: “The Court is notably silent about the fact that the Washington Supreme Court considered the claims Campbell raised in his third personal restraint petition to be substantial . . . [the Court’s] opinion today may be read as an open invitation to petitions for *mandamus* from every state in which a federal court has stayed an execution.”

AJC, ADL split on growth of anti-Semitism

A dispute has surfaced between the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B’nai B’rith over whether anti-Semitism is growing in the United States, the Jan. 7 *Washington Post* reported.

According to the article, the AJC has issued a report which indicates that anti-Semitism is on the decline in the United States. Hysterically responding to these findings, ADL national director Abraham Foxman accused the AJC of not looking at the rise of anti-Semitism on American university campuses.

Foxman cited the case of a City College of New York professor, Lionel Jeffries, as evidence of growing anti-Semitism. Jeffries has identified major Jewish-owned companies as involved in the growth and development of the slave trade.

FBI moves to control anti-gang operations

The increased role of the FBI in local law enforcement resulting from the decision to redeploy 300 FBI agents from counterintelligence to anti-gang work is surfacing in press reports about the project. Left unanswered is under what conditions some informal social grouping would be labeled an “enterprise,” in the terms of the FBI “enterprise theory,” and trigger federal intervention.

An AP wire story Jan. 18 quoted several beleaguered police detectives who are des-

perate for any help they can get in the battle against the street gangs, and each of them have obviously been sold on the idea that the FBI’s data-base and spying capabilities are made to order for the problem.

“We’ll take all the help we can get,” Lt. Mary Savage of the Sacramento Police Department told AP. She explained that “the FBI brings some important tools to the gang front, including broad powers to use wire-taps and seize drug dealers’ property, an ability to prosecute under federal laws on extortion, racketeering, and interstate crime, and longer prison terms for some crimes.

“The FBI also could investigate almost any gang crime under a law that makes it a federal offense to commit a crime using guns manufactured in other states,” Savage said. AP noted that there are no commercial gun manufacturers in California.

Sick poses questions for ‘October Surprise’ probe

Former National Security Council official Gary Sick presented four questions in a commentary in the Jan. 15 *New York Times* which, he wrote, could resolve allegations that the Reagan-Bush campaign conspired to delay the release of American hostages held in Iran until after the 1980 election.

Sick first asked: Where was William Casey? Half of Casey’s time during the 1980 campaign is completely unaccounted for, he noted. What were the Hashemi brothers, go-betweens for the Reagan-Bush campaign and Iran, doing? The FBI has released some of its files, but “more than half the documents were withheld and the others are so heavily edited it is impossible to tell who was speaking to whom or what was being discussed.”

Third: Who in the government authorized clandestine arms shipments to Iran? Arms shipments began after Reagan was inaugurated, and most shipments were arranged through Israel, Sick wrote. Finally, he asked, are the sources telling the truth? He urged that a congressional committee test their veracity under oath, and also interview people who have thus far refused to talk.

Briefly

● **PAT BUCHANAN** attacked a report by the Anti-Defamation League which charges him with anti-Semitism, on the NBC News program “Meet the Press” Jan. 12. “There’s no truth in” the report, Buchanan said, explaining that his support for John Demjanjuk, in jail in Israel after his trial for Nazi war crimes, is in the just cause of an innocent man.

● **VICE PRESIDENT Dan Quayle** stopped his motorcade in Ontario, California on Jan. 17 to remark that there is good economic news. According to ABC News, Quayle pointed to a “Now Hiring” sign at a Burger King fast food emporium. The job opening, according to ABC anchor Peter Jennings, was for a part-time worker at minimum wage with no benefits.

● **PRESIDENT BUSH’S** security was badly compromised in South Korea, the Jan. 14 *Washington Times* reported. A brochure which gave the names, hotel rooms, and phone numbers of the President’s entourage was given to anyone who walked up to the U.S. Information Service table in the lobby of the hotel where Bush was staying.

● **JEANE KIRKPATRICK**, the former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., praised Germany for recognizing Croatia and Slovenia in her syndicated column Jan. 13. It is “embarrassing” that the U.S. didn’t act to stop the “determined aggression of Serbian communists,” she said.

● **THE POST OFFICE** is investigating grocers who are fraudulently redeeming manufacturers’ coupons they purchase by the bag-full from charities, whose volunteers clip them to raise money, ABC News reported Jan. 15. ABC quoted a spokesman from B’nai B’rith, which reportedly has stopped the practice.

● **DONALD TRUMP** won a ruling from a Manhattan judge against Dope, Inc. financier Meshulam Riklis, from whom he has been trying to collect \$751,000 in unpaid rent, the Jan. 10 *New York Times* reported.