

# National News

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## LaRouche warns of war in Middle East

Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche warned that a new war may erupt in the Middle East, in an appearance on the Cliff Kelly radio talk show in Chicago on Jan. 31. "We're headed for a war. And the danger is, that possibly, the first nuclear weapon fired by a non-major power, will come either from Pakistan or Israel," he said.

LaRouche said that Israel, in terms of quality, has a limited "but a very effective" nuclear delivery system.

Asked if he thought that Israel would launch the first nuclear weapon, LaRouche warned: "If you understand the Israeli gang that is in power now, as oppose to some others. This gang will shoot. If Ariel Sharon were to come to power, then he would kill.

"We're on the edge, of what was called back in the 1970s, when Kissinger was in power, formally, 'the breakaway ally syndrome.' A breakdown of these negotiations, desperation, and Israel goes to preemptive war. It's moving rapidly in that direction. Or, the other thing some people would like, is a nuclear exchange between India and Pakistan. And some people are working to bring that about. If we look at the map, the Balkans is inflamed. If a war breaks out with Bosnia, then you will have a permanent war in the Balkans—the worst one ever in the Balkans, at least in the past 700 years. The Transcaucasus is inflamed. Nobody is helping the Armenians. The Armenians are just being killed."

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## Nursing homes refuse CPR to elderly poor

Five county-owned nursing homes in New Hampshire have a policy of denying admittance to any patient who refuses to sign a "no code" or do-not-resuscitate (DNR) agreement. It appears that the county commissioners responsible for funding the homes and the homes' directors instituted the policies, which basically mean that staff in a no-code home will not attempt even

basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for a patient in cardiac arrest.

The no-code policies are in effect in nursing homes in Carroll, Coos, Sullivan (which has a no-resuscitation and no-ventilation policy), Cheshire, and Rockingham counties. The state Department of Public Health says 99.9% of patients in the 10 county-owned nursing homes are on Medicaid, leaving the poorest of the frail elderly no other option for care.

The Jan. 22 *Manchester Union Leader* broke the no-code scandal after county officials questioned why an administrator of the Carroll County-owned Mountain View Nursing Home requested funds for emergency resuscitation carts when the home has a DNR policy. They were told the staff or visitors might need resuscitation.

County-owned nursing homes and hospitals admit they have had "unwritten" or "unspoken" policies of not resuscitating patients—without patient consent. Besides the homes with a no-code policy, four others will not resuscitate residents unless they expressly ask for it.

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## Most poor are white, says Urban League head

Urban League President John Jacob said in his Jan. 21 "State of Black America" address, "This recession is helping to uncover America's dirty little secret: that the victims of poverty, unemployment, and hardship are predominantly white. White people are most of the unemployed, most of the poor, most of the welfare recipients, most of the food stamp recipients.

"Over the past decade or so, Americans bought the myths of the right wing, that people are poor, are jobless, because of personal failings; that poverty and joblessness are black problems; that government can't help solve society's problems.

"They bought those myths that turned the poor into the so-called underclass, dehumanized into something different and less worthy than the rest of us.

"But in 1992, you have former executives on unemployment lines; former white collar workers on soup lines; former factory workers on welfare lines."

Jacob warned, "This recession won't be

fixed by smoke and mirrors or by political grandstanding. . . . It will be fixed by directly addressing the long-term structural problems in our economy that make us less competitive and waste our human resources. That means heavy investment in job-creating infrastructure programs. It means heavily targeted investments in educating our children, training our work force, and retraining our people for a high-tech world."

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## Sanctions also hurting the U.S., says Iraq

Iraqi Minister of Trade Mohammed Mehdi Saleh told reporters in Baghdad Jan. 31 that the international trade sanctions against his nation are also hurting the U.S. economy. "The sanctions work both ways," Saleh said. "They are biting not only Iraq but also the West. They have forced General Motors, for example, to lay off workers and lose business."

Saleh referred to a \$500 million deal concluded in 1989 under which GM would have set up a plant in Iraq to assemble 90,000 vehicles a year. The deal is now blocked.

Saleh also said the United States was losing an annual \$1.1 billion on blocked rice sales to Iraq. Before the embargo, Iraq had been the largest purchaser of U.S. rice, purchasing almost a quarter of all rice exported from the United States.

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## Ohio homeless coalition seeks foreign aid

A coalition based in Columbus, Ohio, which represents over 400,000 homeless people in a five state area, has applied for financial aid from 21 foreign countries. Several advocates for the homeless from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin said they have lost all hope that President Bush and the Bush administration would respond to their needs.

"We're frustrated and angry about the fact that our government can sit down with the Soviet Union and talk about an aid pack-

age for their hungry people, but cannot help the hungry in our country," said Jim Cain, associate director for the Ohio Coalition for the Homeless.

Ohio Gov. John Voinovich, whose welfare cuts last year will leave close to 80,000 people without aid in April of this year, is also a target of homeless advocates' outrage. The number of homeless is already pushing 150,000 in Ohio.

## Ad exposes Kiss. Assoc. crimes against Croatia

A full-page advertisement in the Jan. 25 *Washington Times* exposed Lawrence Eagleburger and other partners in Kissinger Associates, Inc. in corrupt, genocidal acts against Croatia. The ad, sponsored by former U.S. Ambassador to Romania David Funderburk and Howard Phillips' Conservative Caucus, called for the United States to recognize Croatia.

"Thousands of innocent Croatians have been killed . . . in part, because the Yugoslav communist army has been given the green light for aggression by . . . [the] deputy secretary of state, Lawrence Eagleburger.

"In one of the greatest scandals of the modern political era, President Bush has placed in charge of U.S. policy for Croatia, a man who, for years (as President of Kissinger Associates), was in the pay of agencies of the Yugoslav communist government. . . . The effort to halt . . . German recognition . . . was begun on Dec. 2 by Lord Carrington . . . also an adviser to Kissinger Associates. . . . The man blocking recognition of Croatia, Lawrence Eagleburger, and his colleague, Brent Scowcroft . . . 'made from \$500,000 to \$1 million annually' as employees of Kissinger Associates 'dispensing advice and counsel to other governments—often communist—and wiring business deals.' "

The ad exposes official military and financial aid from the U.S. government, World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund in support of Yugoslav-Serbian oppression.

At the top of the page is a cartoon depicting a sinister Scowcroft and Eagleburger counseling the wide-eyed George Bush,

while a bloody knife is plunged into Croatia and a man leans out of a "Yugo" automobile and stuffs money into Eagleburger's pocket.

## Judge Bryan denies LaRouche recusal motion

Judge Albert Bryan, Jr., in a tersely worded order on Jan. 28, denied the motion to recuse himself from considering Lyndon LaRouche's motion to vacate his sentence. Bryan also ordered the government to respond to LaRouche's motion within 30 days.

On Jan. 22, LaRouche, two of his co-defendants, and his attorneys, including former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and Odin P. Anderson, filed a 2255 motion seeking to vacate his sentence because his conviction and detention were unlawful. Based on massive amounts of newly obtained evidence, the motion charged that "the prosecution conducted and participated in a conspiracy and concerted action with others to illegally and wrongfully convict him and his associates by engaging in outrageous misconduct, including financial warfare."

The motion charged that Bryan had made significant legal decisions approving the government's bad-faith, forced bankruptcy of companies run by associates of LaRouche, in the summer of 1987, over a year before LaRouche's Alexandria trial. The bankruptcy actions halted all loan repayments, yet LaRouche was charged with mail fraud because loans were then not repaid.

The motion also argued that Bryan's history as a member of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and his Classified Information Procedures Act rulings at trial mean that he cannot fairly judge the claims raised pertaining to Executive Order 12333, under which the investigation of LaRouche was authorized.

In his order, Bryan stated that the affidavit of bias which accompanied the recusal motion "sets forth no facts which indicate a personal, as opposed to judicial, bias. . . . The court's comments at sentencing are comments in response to issues raised by defendants at that time . . . these issues . . . [are] not sufficient reason for disqualification."

## Briefly

● **ORAL ARGUMENTS** on Rochelle Ascher's petition for appeal were scheduled by the Virginia Supreme Court for Feb. 14. The court will then decide whether to grant her an appeal. Ascher, an associate of Lyndon LaRouche, was convicted of "securities fraud."

● **NEGOTIATIONS** for the North American Free Trade Agreement will be concluded by the end of February and presented secretly to U.S. senators, Carlos Ramírez reported in the Jan. 29 Mexican daily *El Financiero*. Only if the reaction is sufficiently favorable will it be officially submitted to the Senate.

● **'WHAT SEEMS MOST** of all like a conspiracy is that every theory about what happened to [President John F.] Kennedy is dismissed as a 'conspiracy theory,' " wrote London *Daily Telegraph* writer Robin Lee, in a Jan. 29 commentary. "A good many of Stone's theories . . . strike me as far more plausible than the 'facts' supplied in the Warren Commission's report."

● **'ACCORDING** to congressional officials, the White House had considered March 15 as the deadline" to approve his "economic recovery" package, the Jan. 30 *Washington Post* reported, but George Bush told Congress that they have till March 20 "to avoid allusions to the Ides of March, the date in 44 B.C. when conspirators led by Marcus Junius Brutus assassinated Gaius Julius Caesar."

● **FRED GOLDBERG, JR.**, currently IRS commissioner, has been named by President Bush to become assistant treasury secretary for tax policy. Goldberg has alternated between professional work assisting in the leveraged-buyout looting of U.S. industry, and running the federal enforcement that has favored such looting.

● **HOUSTON** Post gossip columnist Betsy Parish on Jan. 27 fueled speculation that the GOP is backing Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas, setting Democrats up for a fall in November.