

National News

Mary Sue Terry resigns to run for Va. governor

Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry resigned Jan. 27 in order to run for the Democratic nomination for governor this year. Her leading opponent for the nomination, LaRouche Democrat Nancy Spannaus, whom *EIR* interviewed last week, issued a statement on Jan. 28: "Terry is the modern day equivalent of Ilse Koch, the wife of a Nazi concentration camp guard who collected the skins of murdered prisoners and made them into lampshades. Terry's pride is in her efficiency in killing death row prisoners, even those with substantial claims to innocence. . . . A creature who embraces such bestiality, embraces all forms of corruption, and turns its back on justice in all areas. This explains her attitude toward federal pensioners, and workers who strike for their rights, or might lose their jobs due to environmental lunacy."

"Terry's corruption in the LaRouche case also stands out. We see her working with the 'Gordon Liddy of Loudoun County,' Don Moore, against LaRouche . . . [and] permitting, if not encouraging, perjury on the part of her assistant John Russell, on Moore's behalf. And perhaps most outrageous, we see her sending her political enemies in the LaRouche movement to prison for outrageous sentences—including Michael Billington, for 77 years. Once again, the sadism of an Ilse Koch."

ABC pushes animal rights; CBS exposes fraud

The Jan. 22 broadcast of ABC News's 20/20 program featured a lying account from an animal rights group depicting a hunt for pilot whales in the Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic as anti-animal and endangering the pilot whale species. For centuries, the 47,000 inhabitants of the Faroe Islands have used pilot whales for food. "This is a shameful example of the media being taken in by propaganda from an opportunistic animal rights group," Kathleen Marquardt, chairman of Putting People First told the press.

The group in question is the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), a private animal rights group in Washington, D.C. that wants a U.S. boycott of Faroese fish and other imports.

EIA had doctored videos of Faroe whaling, such as adding blood-looking dye to the water and falsifying whale screams—duplicity that had been exposed by the Icelandic filmmaker Magnus Gudmundsson. Putting People First presented ABC with evidence of EIA's fakery before the broadcast, to no avail.

On Jan. 24, the CBS News broadcast "60 Minutes" ran an exposé on animal rights movement terrorism. The segment was about Dr. Michael Carey, a researcher at Louisiana State University whose painless research with cats to develop ways to heal head injuries was shut down by an animal rights smear campaign.

Anchor Mike Wallace exposed Neal Barnard of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA) as a quack, and animal rights activists were denounced on the program as anti-science "zealots" who had issued death threats to Carey's wife. Some material for the exposé was supplied by Putting People First, which is urging people to flood CBS with support letters.

FBI agent aims to stop Peltier retrial

FBI agent for North Dakota and Minnesota Nicholas O'Hara is at the center of controversy concerning a retrial for Indian leader Leonard Peltier. The Minneapolis press has had extensive coverage of the Peltier case in the last month, because O'Hara led a controversial demonstration at the Minneapolis City Council of 60 FBI agents and sheriffs opposing a motion for a new trial for Peltier who is serving two consecutive life sentences for the shooting deaths of two FBI agents at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in 1975. This is not O'Hara's first brush with controversy: He is known to have been involved in the coverup of an Omaha, Nebraska-based national pedophile ring associated with the scandal around the Franklin Credit Union.

The evidence for a new trial is compelling and the FBI has been charged over the years with fabricating the evidence against

Peltier and provoking a shootout at the reservation. His lawyer, William Kunstler, denounced O'Hara's demonstration as unprecedented and amounting to intimidation. O'Hara replied in a newspaper commentary and has launched an unusual public relations effort, including interviews and coordinating lobbying and letter-writing.

Clinton holds firm on 'gays' in the military

President Bill Clinton reiterated his intention on Jan. 25 to issue an Executive Order permitting homosexuals to serve in the military according to press reports.

Earlier, according to National Public Radio, the Joint Chiefs of Staff met with Secretary of Defense Les Aspin to voice their objections, and the Jan. 21 issue of the *New York Times* reported that Clinton planned to direct Aspin to prepare an executive order that would lift the ban on homosexuals in the military sometime in the next few months.

In the meantime, the military will be directed less formally to stop asking recruits about their sexual orientation and discharging people from the armed services when they are found to be homosexuals. These would be two of the points in the executive order, once it were in practice.

Pedophile police chief gets CAN's support

Robert Wadman, the Omaha, Nebraska police chief who was nationally exposed as a key conspirator in the Omaha, Nebraska pedophile ring in the *The Franklin Coverup* by attorney John W. DeCamp, is now under renewed scrutiny in his current job as police chief of Wilmington, North Carolina. Wadman left Omaha under a cloud from the scandal and was police chief of Aurora, Illinois when the book exposing him was published. Now he is again denying the child molestation charges, which, the *Wilmington Morning Star* reports, a "growing faction" in the Wilmington Police Department believes may be true. The paper reports "internal discontent" in the department.

Briefly

Unlike in the past, Wadman is now publicly blaming his troubles on Lyndon LaRouche's movement and saying that everyone who accuses him is part of the LaRouche movement, which widely publicized efforts of investigators to uncover the truth about the ring. The *Morning Star* quotes extensively in Wadman's defense from the Cult Awareness Network's Cynthia Kissner, who, according to the *Star*, claims that "LaRouche followers typically search for satanic rings, drug running among prominent citizens and business conspiracies among Jews . . . [to drum] up more support." Kissner gets particularly exercised about churches which might work with LaRouche.

Interestingly, the *Star's* coverage includes the fact that the Wilmington City Council hired Wadman in 1991, in spite of the charges, after receiving correspondence from the Department of Justice.

Richmond paper blasts ADL 'thoughtcrime' laws

In an editorial, "Thoughtcrime," the Jan. 20 issue of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* declared that the "hate crime" laws, which have been promoted nationally by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith, should be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a challenge to the Wisconsin law, which exists in some form in about 30 states. The law enhances the penalties and sentences for existing crimes that are committed out of "hate."

"Opinions do not leave fingerprints. A judge or jury frequently would have to rely, not even on hearsay, but on 'hearthought'—testimony by someone else who professed to know what was going through the defendant's mind during a crime, often on the basis of disparaging general remarks made in the past. . . . The law already punishes assault, because laws exist to punish those who violate the rights of others. . . . The right to hold opinions, no matter how repugnant they may be, is a fundamental . . . human right. A community should be able to express outrage at despicable attacks—and defend the citizens from them—without trampling" over the Constitution.

LaRouche attorneys cite prosecutor's dishonesty

Ramsey Clark and Odin Anderson, attorneys for political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche, filed papers in mid-January with the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, strongly challenging prosecutor Kent Robinson's attempts to censor new evidence of LaRouche's innocence obtained from the federal government investigation of "Kidnappers, Inc." case and other sources.

Clark and Anderson argue that the government first exploited its systematic non-production of exculpatory evidence to obtain convictions of the LaRouche defendants four years ago, then it fought tooth and nail to prevent evidentiary hearings on the 2255 motion to set aside LaRouche's conviction, and now they want to take further advantage by sanitizing the appeals record of vital facts which forces the defendants to fight in a piecemeal fashion.

The papers state that "it is the government which has been dishonest and has flagrantly violated its constitutional obligations during the entire course of this criminal prosecution. The government attorney litigating this motion and appeal was the trial prosecutor who knowingly failed to produce *Brady* material and denied government agents were involved in any 'politically motivated' assault against the appellants. . . . The spontaneous and unguarded remarks" of former Loudoun Sheriff's Lt. Donald Moore, a principal in the federal-state effort to jail LaRouche and former defendant in a kidnapping-deprogramming trial, "who was not aware that his conversations were being recorded by the government, shred the fabric of misrepresentations woven by Mr. Robinson and his co-prosecutors. Mr. Robinson's self-serving desire to keep the new and relevant evidence, derived from the government's own wiretaps and consensual monitorings, out of this appeal is not a legally valid reason to oppose judicial notice in this case. The frank statements by Donald Moore revealing illegal and improper activities directed against the appellants during the time period relevant to this case . . . powerfully support the appellants' arguments advanced in this appeal."

● THOMAS PICKERING has been tapped by President Clinton to become the U.S. ambassador to Russia. Pickering, a Republican, was ambassador to the U.N. during the Gulf war and is presently ambassador to India. His predecessor in Moscow was Democrat Robert Strauss.

● THE NEW YORK Times editorialized that Jack ("Dr. Death") Kevorkian fills a gap in patient care, that can only be "solved" by the wider use of suicide, on Jan. 25. "Legislators, the courts, and ethicists have already supported Americans' right to make that decision. Tragically, that right—and the information to supplement it—is still very far from the bedside."

● THE CIA came under attack by a gunman outside the Langley, Virginia headquarters on Jan. 25. The unidentified man opened rifle fire during the morning rush hour traffic, killing two CIA employees and wounding three. He was not apprehended and, despite many witnesses, descriptions are sketchy at best.

● GOV. LOWELL WEICKER of Connecticut signed an agreement with the Pequot Indians to allow video slot machines on their reservation. The Pequot Indian side of the deal will be to pay \$100 million a year to the state or 25% of the casino's annual gross, whichever is greater.

● WILLIAM REILLY, outgoing Environmental Protection Agency administrator, ordered the U.S. to phase out methyl bromide, a widely used pesticide and fumigant, by the year 2000 because it allegedly contributes "between 5 and 10% of ozone depletion." There is no immediately available alternative for most of the uses of methyl bromide. There is also no evidence of ozone depletion.

● THE U.S. CONFERENCE of Mayors has redistributed to the Clinton administration its compendium of over 7,000 public works projects that are all designed and approved, but which lack funding. The projects are estimated to require \$27 billion, and will create 400,000 jobs.