

National News

The ugly truth about 'A World of Difference'

EIR has discovered that the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) school curriculum called "A World of Difference" includes a scurrilous attack on Lyndon LaRouche. The attack, taken from "Extremist Groups in the United States: A Curriculum Guide" and written by the ADL in 1988 when LaRouche was running for President, is being used in the Los Angeles school system.

Not only does the curriculum use taxpayers' money, but its development was funded by convicted racketeer and junk bond king Michael Milken. Moreover, the ADL, whose tax-exempt status prohibits it from engaging in political activity, has already been caught by the Federal Election Commission illegally interfering with LaRouche's presidential efforts.

The hate-filled tract lumps LaRouche together with the Ku Klux Klan, Nazis, Aryan Nation, and so forth, but can only say of LaRouche's movement that it exploits "general public concern over such issues as nuclear energy and drug abuse in order to attract people to LaRouche's extremist beliefs."

In March 1993, the Milken Family Foundation flew educators from 20 states to California to receive "National Educator Awards" at the Century Plaza Hotel, the scene of what became infamous as his "Predator's Balls," where Michael Milken used to arrange corporate raids. Payments of \$25,000 apiece to 120 teachers from Milken's war chest were arranged by North Dakota's state superintendent of instruction Wayne Sanstead.

Milken dirty money also sponsors the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, exposed in EIR's Feb. 5 *Feature*, p. 26.

AFL-CIO, Bradley demand help for Bosnia

Sen. Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) added his name to a letter to President Clinton on Aug. 5, calling on him to act immediately to stop

Serbian aggression and reassert American leadership. The message was sent on the letterhead of AFL-CIO head Lane Kirkland and signed as well by former national security advisers Frank Carlucci (Bush) and Zbigniew Brzezinski (Carter). The text was made available to two of Bradley's constituents, activists in the Schiller Institute mobilization to save Bosnia.

The letter, dated July 27, reads in part:

"We write to you because we believe that American interests—both moral and geopolitical—are involved in what is happening in Bosnia. The approaching fall of Sarajevo—passively observed by America and Europe—represents a direct assault on the very principles on which the post-Cold War international community should be based. Our inability—or, rather Europe's and our own unwillingness—to contest the growing ethnic hatred and violence augur badly for the future stability of the world. . . .

"The next few days will provide you with perhaps the last chance to regain in the Bosnian tragedy the moral high ground and to reassert effective American leadership. Some weeks ago you occupied that high ground—and the Bosnian Serb aggressors flinched. We urge you, therefore . . . to issue a public warning that U.S. air power will be used, massively if necessary, against the forces assaulting Sarajevo and that the U.S. will energetically exercise all its leverage in the U.N. to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia—if the assault of Sarajevo is not immediately suspended in keeping with the pertinent U.N. resolutions."

Costner dangles casinos before S. Dakota voters

South Dakota voters will decide in a special Sept. 14 referendum on a law that would establish Las Vegas-style casinos in the state. During its 1993 session, the state legislature raised the legal limit on casino betting from \$5 to \$100, but a petition campaign succeeded in forcing the special referendum. Hollywood heart-throb Kevin Costner, who made the film "Dances with Wolves" in South Dakota, bought the Mid-

night Star casino in Deadwood, where he and his brother Dan Costner now propose to build a giant gambling resort; they are only waiting for the voters' approval of the referendum to proceed with construction.

Increased employment in the state from the Deadwood project (no one is saying which other interests are involved beside the Costner brothers) allegedly prompted the legislature to pass the measure. The law also would increase by ten times the number of gambling devices allowed in each "joint," and would permit greatly increased gambling operations on the state's Indian reservations. Earlier efforts to establish casinos on reservations met with strong tribal resistance.

Will Bush testify in Atlanta BNL case?

In an interview with the Aug. 10 Milan, Italy daily *Corriere della Sera*, Robert M. Simels, lawyer for former Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (BNL) Atlanta manager Christopher Drogoul, said: "We want George Bush to show up in court and tell what he knows." "Simels," wrote correspondent Claudio Lindner, "is working night and day with four advisers to prepare the material that in the autumn will blow up the Iraqgate, involving top representatives of the Bush administration, as well as Italian politicians and BNL managers."

"Bush," said Simels, "should talk about the policy followed by the Commodity Credit Corp., and explain some operations run through the USDA [Department of Agriculture], which had nothing to do with agriculture." Simels is also seeking information about the content of discussions Bush had with Italy's then-Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, after which the line came out that Atlanta branch manager Drogoul was acting alone. Drogoul maintains that he was acting on behalf of the government when he extended loans to Iraq under the CCC program.

Corriere continued, "Simels is ready to call 50 additional witnesses, among them, Bush, James Baker, Lawrence Eagleburger, and Henry Kissinger. All the main clients of

Kissinger Associates, Simels recalls, from General Motors to Hewlett Packard, from ITT to Continental Grain, made deals with Baghdad with financings through the Atlanta BNL office. Pure coincidence?"

Clinton issues anti-crime plan

President Clinton announced a \$5 billion anti-crime package at a White House press conference on Aug. 11. Among the features of the plan, not yet in legislative form, are: \$3.4 billion in federal funds to hire 69,000 additional local police officers; a scholarship program to train an additional 30,000 new law enforcement professionals; passage of the Brady Bill creating five-day waiting period for handgun purchases; restrictions on *habeas corpus* in capital cases; and boot camps for juvenile offenders.

Meantime, Vice President Al Gore has revived the 1970s' proposals for a national police force, uniting all federal agencies under the direction of the Attorney General, including the Secret Service, FBI, ATF, DEA, Customs, IRS, and Postal Service enforcement functions under one roof. Twenty years ago, similar proposals were made under the guise of establishing the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, but met strong opposition from local police agencies. Attorney General Janet Reno is said not to favor the program, which will be fully unveiled on Sept. 7.

High TB rates plague Houston workers

State and city health experts in Austin and Houston are debating the meaning of a finding that one-third of the workers at a City of Houston solid waste facility have tested positive for tuberculosis. After a secretary at the facility developed what appeared to be TB, all 313 employees at the facility were tested, and 106 showed positive results, which indicates that they carry the tuberculosis organism. Aside from the one secretary, no others have active TB, the only

means by which it could be transmitted from person to person.

According to the *Houston Chronicle*, John Bybee, an expert at the state's tuberculosis control division, is reporting that "finding an infection rate that high is rare. 'There is probably infection taking place among the work group, but it could be other things as well,' Bybee said." Bybee said an infection rate of 5% at a work site would be considered normal.

TB is growing at a rapid rate in Houston, especially in relation to AIDS, for which it is frequently a marker, and among an increasing number of Asian and Central American immigrants. The number of cases in Houston grew from 609 in 1991 to 758 in 1992, a nearly 25% increase. The number of children diagnosed with TB more than doubled in the same time period, rising from 32 to 71.

Law may direct Corps to report on flood control

The U.S. Congress is considering legislation to direct the Army Corps of Engineers to prepare an in-depth report on how to "improve flood protection on the Upper Mississippi River and its tributaries to protect public health, maintain commerce and reduce economic losses." The bill was introduced in early August by two Illinois Democrats, Richard J. Durbin, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture and Rural Development, and Lane Evans, as well as 12 other members of the House of Representatives.

According to a summary of the bill, the Army Corps would: "Identify critical water and sewer, transportation, and other essential public facilities which currently do not have adequate flood protection; identify high-priority industrial, petrochemical, hazardous waste and other facilities which require additional flood protection. . . . Evaluate the cost-effectiveness of alternative flood control measures such as the preservation and restoration of wetlands; . . . Recommend flood control improvements, changes in federal cost-sharing, and other measures to reduce economic losses [and] damage to critical public facilities."

Briefly

● **REV. JAMES BEVEL**, who ran for vice president on the same ticket as Lyndon LaRouche in 1992, announced his endorsement of Nancy Spannaus's campaign as independent candidate for governor of Virginia at a press conference in Lynchburg on Aug. 16. Bevel, who worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, urged the press to investigate so-called outcome-based education.

● **EIR ANNOUNCED** on Aug. 9 that it is printing a second edition of its best-selling book *Travesty: A True Crime Story*, exposing the anti-LaRouche "Kidnappers, Inc." behind the attempt to kidnap and "de-program" LaRouche associate Lewis du Pont Smith. The first edition appeared before king kidnapper, Galen Kelly, was convicted in another case.

● **THE STATE DEPT.** has formally confirmed that the First Secretary of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv sent a sharply worded letter on Aug. 10 to Israeli Justice Minister Michael Harish warning against a new indictment of John Demjanjuk on new war crimes charges. Although the letter was described as "unauthorized," the officials confirmed that "the issues raised have been subjects of informal discussion between our governments for some time."

● **JOHN SHALIKASHVILI**, a four-star Army general and head of the U.S. European Command, was named by President Clinton on Aug. 10 to replace Gen. Colin Powell as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Shalikashvili also is the current military commander of NATO.

● **ROCKS AND VANDALISM** have plagued organizers in New Jersey who distributed *EIR's* book *The Ugly Truth about the ADL* in the Teaneck neighborhood of ADL National Chairman Abraham Foxman. The window of an office used by the organizers was smashed and the tires of another individual's car were slashed. The Anti-Defamation League, however, has remained silent about these "hate crimes."