

National News

Witches condemn Bible for causing 'eco-rape'

According to the Oct. 17 issue of the London *Sunday Telegraph*, a gathering on "Women and Spirituality" brought together 700 women in Mankato, Minnesota, for "a celebration of feminist pantheism, earth worship and witchcraft." For most of the participants, said the paper, the Bible—especially the Genesis injunction to "replenish the Earth and subdue it"—is "the black book of eco-rape, the religious force behind environmental degradation." Sessions included "The Breast of God: Re-Imaging the Trinity," and "Dancing the Sacred Circle."

The *Telegraph* reported: "Drawing on the writings of British pagan revivalists from the 1920s and 1930s, American feminists have turned to Wicca—witchcraft—with a passion. They claim that it was the Old Religion of Europe, pre-dating Christianity, and that it survived in rural areas until very recently." They claim that witches were "healers," but were "singled out for assassination by the church" because they "threatened the male power structure." Witches are now thought of in such circles as "feminist heroines," nine million of whom were "supposedly slaughtered by men in the 'holocaust' of the Middle Ages."

Chicago teachers union endorses rotten contract

The Chicago Teachers Union on Oct. 14 overwhelmingly endorsed a tentative two-year contract, despite the fact that it sells the teachers down the river. According to the Oct. 15 *Chicago Tribune*, the contract, which must still be ratified by the school board and the union's 31,000 members and then pass the legislature, has the following provisions: a salary freeze; a 1.5% teacher contribution to health care premiums; an extra week of work for full pay and increased school control by principals, who would have the ability to choose key staff. The worst aspect of the contract is that it would

allow school officials to borrow \$110 million from teacher pension funds over two years, "a move many teachers have fought mightily," according to the *Tribune*.

Moreover, under the new pact, teachers who are displaced from positions in their field of expertise as a result of curriculum changes, such as those arising from "outcome-based education" brainwashing programs, would be reclassified as "reserve teachers" and have two years to find work in the system or lose their jobs.

Clinton going whole hog with 'education reform'

In addition to the Goals 2000 Educate America Act, which the Clinton administration introduced in April 1993, in the past several weeks, President Clinton sent Congress two critical pieces of proposed "school reform" legislation, according to the Department of Education's October 1993 *Community Update* newsletter. The "Improving America's Schools Act of 1993," to reauthorize the \$10 billion Elementary and Secondary Education Act, would redirect shrinking federal funds into poorer districts that agree to create "conditions that foster high-performance teaching and learning. . . . The proposal also promotes increases [sic] flexibility for school innovation, couples [sic] with strong or [sic] accountability."

The "School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1993" "aims to establish a national framework in which states create comprehensive systems to prepare students for the world of work."

According to the same newsletter, however, a report on the progress toward meeting the six goals for American students between June 1990 and the present found among other things that the high school completion rate, which increased steadily during the 1980s, has leveled off; at no stage from kindergarten to grade 12 do a majority of students perform at levels necessary for success in later life; and more than half of American adults can only meet the lowest levels of proficiency in reading and writing.

Mary Sue Terry dropping fast in polls

The *Richmond Times-Dispatch* for Oct. 17 reports that former Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry has dropped 17 points behind Republican George Allen in the race for governor. A statewide poll by the newspaper and a TV station showed 50% for Allen, 33% for Terry and 17% "undecided or supporting neither candidate." No mention was made in the poll or the press of the independent campaign of Lyndon LaRouche associate Nancy Spannaus, although Spannaus's demand that Terry "Come Clean" on the corrupt and illegal prosecution of LaRouche and his associates in Virginia has thoroughly discredited Terry.

The state print and electronic media have systematically blacked Spannaus's campaign out and she has been barred from all but one debate because Terry refuses to share the podium with Spannaus.

Spannaus did appear at the debate sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but Terry forced the NAACP to change the format in order to avoid appearing with her opponent. One of the more notable features of the poll is that it reports only 55% of black voters polled favoring Terry, with 10% for Allen, and the remaining 35% said to be "undecided."

Children 'prescribed' contraceptives in Roanoke

Students as young as 11 years old now have access to birth control in at least two schools in Roanoke, Virginia according to the Oct. 8 *Roanoke Times and World News*. Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mary Sue Terry has expressed public support for this policy. The *Roanoke Times* described how parents were misled to believe that "their children would gain access to cough medicine, physical exams, and family planning education." Principal Elizabeth Lee at Pat-

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rick Henry High School said she did not realize herself that students would be able to get birth control devices.

When the Roanoke Adolescent Health Partnership set up the "health centers" at Patrick Henry Ruffner Middle School, which teaches children 11-14, parents were told that contraception would *not* be handed out at the schools. But, said the paper, "prescriptions for birth control pills and other contraceptives will be." The forms the parents signed simply listed "limited prescription and dispensing of medication" and "pregnancy prevention education," without specifying that prescriptions for contraceptives would be given out.

Roanoke's Health Department currently distributes contraceptives to any teenager, without parental consent.

Virginia paper smears LaRouche ad signers

The Leesburg, Virginia weekly *Loudoun Times Mirror* ran a smear against international signers of a Sept. 23 half-page advertisement in the *Washington Post* appealing to President Clinton to free political prisoner Lyndon LaRouche. The same ad appeared in the Oct. 13 *New York Times*.

The Loudoun newspaper, which acts as an mouthpiece for the "Get LaRouche" task force, has waged a 10-year-long effort to maintain an atmosphere of fear against LaRouche, who lived in Leesburg until his frameup and imprisonment five years ago.

Headlined "LaRouche Organizations May Have 'Hoodwinked' Germans," the article cites a so-called cult expert from "Aktion für Geistige und Psychische Freiheit (Action for Spiritual and Psychic Freedom) in Bonn [which] keep tabs on the activities of cults in Germany. Ingo Heinemann who heads AGPF, concludes that the legislators listed in the *Washington Post* advertisement were unaware of the facts in the LaRouche case."

Reflecting the intense pressure being put on signers, the article continued: "The signatories drew scathing criticism from the German press, said Heinemann. 'It [the fact that they signed] caused a commotion over here,' said Heinemann.

"*Der Spiegel*, the country's largest weekly news magazine, wrote under the headline, 'Petition for a Fraud' that 'Thirteen German politicians should be doing some explaining after appearing in an advertisement in the *Washington Post*.'"

In March 1986, the *Loudoun Times Mirror* went to considerable expense to publicize the international slander campaign linking LaRouche to the Feb. 28, 1986 assassination of Sweden's Prime Minister Olof Palme. It has since come to light that that campaign was dictated by the East German secret police.

Book tells true story: 'How we got to the Moon'

The publishers of the science quarterly *21st Century Science & Technology* have announced the publication of a new book, *How We Got to the Moon: The Story of the German Space Pioneers*, expected to be released in late November. The book relates the five-decade-long fight for space exploration waged by the German space pioneers that culminated in the 1969 landing of the first men on the Moon.

During the 1920s the Germans fought against a scientific establishment which was out to prove space exploration was impossible. During the 1930s and 1940s they persevered in their research and experimentation despite the Nazi regime. Upon coming to America after the war, they immediately came under attack by the intelligence agencies of the Soviet Union, U.S.-based Soviet sympathizers, the academic community, United Nations globalists, and the Jewish "left." They had to wait 15 years for a civilian space exploration program to be established, but they were more than ready for the Space Age when it began in 1957.

The book describes and illustrates the concepts for the extensive exploration and colonization of space of Wernher von Braun, Hermann Oberth, and Krafft Ehrlicke, whose ideas came under renewed attack from the Soviets and their co-thinkers in the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Office of Special Investigations, which attacked these pioneers as "Nazis."

● **HOUSTON JUDGE** Jim Barr ordered a woman convicted of child abandonment to be implanted with Norplant, to render her temporarily infertile. The woman had served six months of a one-year sentence, and when the judge could not make Norplant a condition of her probation, he got her to "agree" to the implant.

● **LEWIS DU PONT SMITH**, an associate of Lyndon LaRouche and heir to the Du Pont chemicals fortune, gave an hour-long strategic briefing to the annual conference of the International Brotherhood of Du Pont Workers in Niagara Falls, New York. He received a standing ovation afterward, and the vice president of the Martinsville, Virginia local presented him with a T-shirt blazoned "Scab Busters," in support of Virginia's striking coal miners.

● **REV. JAMES BEVEL**, who ran for vice president in the 1992 campaign of Lyndon LaRouche, received an award on Oct. 15 from the Illinois-based Harold Washington Party. The award named Reverend Bevel as the most outstanding African-American to contribute to the independent political movement in the United States.

● **NOBODY HERE**, but us chickens: Food & Water, the misnamed anti-nuclear group announced it was holding a protest demonstration on Sept. 25 outside a supermarket that was carrying irradiated chicken, but could not muster any troops. The group later tried to claim they had "called it off."

● **STEVEN GOLD**, of the Center for the Study of the States, has produced a report which says that states' expectations for huge revenue increases from legalized gambling are "wildly inflated" and says that the total revenues to the states from lotteries, gambling, and horse and dog racing, are "small change" compared to income and sales tax revenues, and can't "solve a serious fiscal problem."