

National News

Kahane Chai terrorists under IRS, Justice probe

Kahane Chai, a successor to the terrorist Jewish Defense League to which Baruch Goldstein belonged before emigrating to Israel, is under investigation by the IRS, the Department of Justice, and the State Department, according to the *Los Angeles Times* of April 10. The daily said that the agencies have opened an investigation of the "fund-raising practices of the radical Jewish group Kahane Chai, which praised Hebron mass killer Baruch Goldstein as a 'true hero.' "

The probe also includes "at least four associated fundraising groups" based in New York State, where the state attorney general has also opened an investigation, based upon an exposé in *Jewish Week* that highlights "infractions" of New York tax laws.

The core of the federal inquiry is "whether a group said by the Israelis to promote terrorism can legally set itself up in the United States as a tax-exempt organization by claiming that the money it raises is used for charitable purposes abroad." The federal probe is looking to see if IRS laws and the Foreign Agents Registration Act have been violated.

Economics of scarcity taught to grade-schoolers

A group from the Center for Economic Education at the University of Kansas is promoting a curriculum guide in economics which would inculcate children in concepts such as scarcity of resources as early as kindergarten. The curriculum guide, recently published by the National Council on Economic Education, uses the techniques of outcome-based education (OBE) to define six "performance outcomes" that are to result from use of this teachers' guide aimed at children from kindergarten to grade 2. These outcomes include the usual vague terms: "informed citizens," "effective participants in the global economy," etc.

However, most deadly is the insidious malthusian content of the program. The words "technology" and "development" do not appear in the glossary of terms. Rather, everything is a "resource." A strange concept introduced is the "opportunity cost," which is defined as "the next best alternative that must be given up when a choice is made," which is the focus of several lessons combining scarcity ("resources") and "opportunity cost of a choice." The lesson guide advises: "As students report their decisions, write them on the chalkboard. When all groups have reported, explain that because the resources are *scarce*, each group will be able to make only one gift, so they will have to make a choice."

Children are also taught songs, including "O Scarcity," to the tune of "O Christmas Tree": "We really want a lot of stuff/ But sometimes there's just not enough/O scarcity! O scarcity!/We cannot have it all."

Defense of President enrages British press

In a short, snide item, the London *Financial Times* of April 7 covered the April 6 press conference by Lyndon LaRouche's presidential campaign committee releasing the exposé "Assault on the Presidency," which proves that Whitewatergate is a British-administered attack on the office of the U.S. presidency. "Bill Clinton can do with all the help he can get in defusing the Whitewater row," wrote the *Times* "Observer" column. "But even he might balk at his newest defense—Lyndon Larouche [sic], the political extremist and conspiracy merchant not long released from a Virginia jail after serving a term for tax fraud [sic]."

"Larouche, who took the short trip round the dark side of the moon from the far left to (mostly) far right, is planning another presidential run. His exploratory campaign organization goes by the wonderful title of The Committee to Reverse the Accelerating Global Economic and Strategic Collapse.

"Whitewater, according to the CRAGESC gospel, is of course all a plot by British Intelligence and others intent on destabilizing the U.S. presidency. Active

co-conspirators include Conrad Black and his media empire, Henry Kissinger and those responsible for the Hebron massacre."

The only coverage in the United States was from the *North Jersey Herald* in New Jersey, which, aside from some sarcasm and misstatements about LaRouche, accurately quoted him in the foreword: "No sane observer could honestly reject the proof we present here, that the author of 'Whitewater Affair' is a major component of the British foreign intelligence service."

Du Pont company bans Spannaus campaign

The union local representing workers at the Du Pont nylon factory in Martinsville, Virginia has filed a grievance with the National Labor Relations Board over the attempts by management to bar the campaign of candidate for the Democratic senatorial nomination Nancy Spannaus, a longtime associate of Lyndon LaRouche, from having contact with them.

The action stems from a series of incidents which began on the morning of March 24, when Spannaus supporters handed out a leaflet about a fundraiser that evening at the union hall; the leaflet attacked outcome-based education and the company's High Performance Work System, the wage-busting labor recycling system which management has rammed down the throats of the work force. HPWS is also opposed by the union.

The plant's managers came undone, and one even appeared on the factory's closed-circuit television network to denounce Spannaus. Later that day, the plant manager told a campaign representative that, because of the leaflet, Spannaus would not be allowed to even touch company property.

In addition to the union's grievance filing with the NLRB, the Spannaus campaign issued a statement, "Any Time . . . Any Place," in which she challenged "any and all corporate officials or other public representatives of the Du Pont Corp." to a debate on four issues: 1) the validity of HPWS; 2) Du Pont's embrace of the "free trade" slave-labor policy; 3) the posturing of Du Pont

corporate leaders as experts in education; and 4) Du Pont's posturing as environmental experts, including its role in promoting the ozone hoax.

Missouri voters nix riverboat gambling

In a stunning reversal of many states' headlong rush into the validation of the "gaming" industry, Missouri voters on April 5 defeated an amendment that would allow the state legislature to legalize "games of chance" on floating casinos.

The vote came after the state Supreme Court ruled that a 1992 law, passed originally by 62% of voters, was not enough to set aside the Missouri Constitution's ban on games of chance. However, the judges drew a distinction between "games of chance" and "games of skill," and has since sent the case back to a lower court for more hearings.

Six counties and 15 cities along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers also held local polls to decide whether to allow riverboats to dock along their riverbanks. More than 20 would-be riverboat operators, who have already invested more than \$140 million in the state, had mounted a multimillion-dollar ad blitz to woo voters. Several operators said they planned to go ahead with limited operations that would not include slot machines, which are classified among the "games of chance."

Emergency room drug cases in dramatic rise

A 9% rise in emergency room drug cases nationwide was reported by the federal government's Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) on April 11, according to the *Washington Post*. Some 232,800 emergency room admissions from January to June 1993 were reported, 18,200 more than during the same period in 1992. Heroin-related cases went up by 44%, accounting for more than half the total increase.

This report comes on top of a federally

sponsored study released in February, which found drug use increasing among teenagers in the last two years, and a Public Health Service report released in early April which showed that large numbers of Americans do not think that occasional use of cocaine, marijuana, and other illicit drugs is a great threat to health.

A recently released study by the University of Michigan has found a significant increase in drug use over the preceding two years, reversing a trend toward declining drug use. The school's Institute for Social Research reported that a quarter of all 12th-graders said they were smoking marijuana, compared with just one-fifth two years earlier. Many said they are using LSD and amphetamines, and inhaling glue.

Green demos flop against observatory

Nationwide demonstrations planned for April 5 by Earth First! and other ecological groups against the Mt. Graham International Observatory in Arizona drew few protesters and less hoped-for coverage. In Miami, the very small protest took place across the street from an equally small anti-fishing demonstration calling for a boycott of Venezuela, ostensibly because of dolphin killing. (The film showing dolphins being killed has been exposed as having been staged by the environmentalists.)

Earth First! has engaged in sabotage of equipment on Mt. Graham, most recently doing \$20,000 worth of damage in January. It was the third major sabotage of the project since 1985.

In a related development, an effort by the Apache Survival Coalition to have the observatory shut down on the claim that Mt. Graham is sacred Apache land, was rejected by a U.S. appeals court on April 8. The three-judge panel ruled that the coalition had failed to respond to the government's planning process for six years, and that the group's claim must be forfeited because of "inexcusable delay." Apache Survival Coalition is a tiny leftist grouplet funded by environmentalists.

Briefly

● **LAROCHE** supporter Kevin Morgus won a write-in bid for election to the Greater Albany School Board in Oregon on April 12. In an election in which only write-in candidates filed, Morgus won with 44% of the vote, making his attack on outcome-based education the focus of his campaign.

● **NUTTY** developments in the ozone fraud: The Natural Resources Defense Council has filed suit against the Environmental Protection Agency for failing to require labels on nuts and other agricultural products treated with methyl bromide, the most effective fumigant known to man. The NRDC spreads the falsehood that methyl bromide depletes atmospheric ozone.

● **A CATHOLIC** student at Carnegie Mellon University has been suspended after he removed a homosexual poster saying "Know Your Scumbag" with a photo of Cardinal John O'Connor. The charges were brought by a homosexual professor, to whom the student had complained that the poster was religious bigotry, and that a poster saying "Down with the Jews" with a picture of a rabbi would be removed immediately.

● **HISTORIAN** Arthur J. Schlesinger blasted the *New York Times*'s scandal-mongering over Whitewater in the *Wall Street Journal* on April 11. He said, "What grand opportunities earlier *Times* editors missed in not demanding special prosecutors and congressional investigations of LBJ's Texas past, Chester A. Arthur's administration of the New York custom-house, and James A. Garfield's connection with Credit Mobilier and the wooden-block payment scandal."

● **LAS VEGAS** is stepping up efforts to get water from the Colorado River. The Southern Nevada Water Authority, which includes Las Vegas, has been talking about upsetting the untouchable seven-state pact that determines the amount of Colorado River water going to each.