
National News

LaRouche ally Jones to run for Chicago mayor

Responding to the self-destruction of the Illinois Democratic Party, longtime Lyndon LaRouche associate Sheila Anne Jones put herself forward as a LaRouche Democrat to become the next mayor of Chicago. She will be on the ballot in the Feb. 28 Democratic primary.

Jones told the press, "With the collapse of the global economic system, through the post-industrial society becoming undeniable to millions of American citizens, the value of development policies of American System economist Lyndon LaRouche is at the highest premium thus far seen. It's time to take the gloves off on the hate-filled folly of these Conservative Revolution flunkies and fight to make the cities of America and the world workshops for development."

She reminded fellow Democrats that the party's suicide attempt, which allowed allies of Newt Gingrich and Phil Gramm to sweep the mid-term elections, began in 1986, when two LaRouche Democrats won the primary for lieutenant governor and secretary of state. Whipped into a frenzy by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the national Democratic Party reacted by surrendering the governor's mansion to the Republican Party.

Thereupon began a systematic, silent, and ultimately impotent voter rebellion in Illinois, manifested by the refusal of many life-long Democrats, especially African-Americans, to vote at all.

Eco-fascists protest culling of sea lions

The ecologist organization Sea Shepherd Conservation Society sent out a call to other eco-fascist organizations to join nationwide protests against the State of Washington's plans to cull sea lions that are threatening the salmon runs at Ballard Locks in Seattle. Because the sea lion population is "protected," the National Marine Fisheries Service

granted the state a permit to kill up to 40 of the creatures, whose population has exploded and whose consumption of salmon is threatening some runs with extinction. The Sea Shepherd group is notorious for its attacks on fishermen and for sinking whaling vessels.

The simultaneous demonstrations were held on Dec. 1 at the Ballard Locks in Seattle, and at the National Marine Fisheries Service offices in Long Beach and La Jolla, California, Silver Spring, Maryland, and Gloucester, Massachusetts.

The protests on the West Coast were also sponsored by the Earth Island Institute, Whale Rescue Team, Last Chance for Animals, Save the Whales, Education and Action for Animals, and San Diego Animal Advocates. The demonstrations in the East Coast were sponsored by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Humane Society of the United States.

ADL, 'Christian right' hold meeting

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith National Director Abraham Foxman and Rev. Jerry Falwell shared the podium on Nov. 29 at the end of an all-day "Evangelical-Jewish Leadership Congress," to proclaim a new dialogue between Christians and Jews. Falwell called it "a very positive day," and "the beginning of a beginning." Foxman told the press that "we talked to each other and we agreed to lower the rhetoric." Foxman, under whose direction the ADL produced the book-length hate-tract *The Religious Right: The Assault on Tolerance and Pluralism in America* earlier this year, also noted, "We agreed that there are truths and not the truth."

Although the meeting was formally organized by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ), Foxman took credit by claiming that it was made possible by the ADL report. Foxman said the report "brought us into this room to look at each other, to listen to each other, to begin to understand and be sensitive to each others' views and feelings and language and words were a very significant part of the discus-

sion." Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, the president of the IFCJ, later expressed agreement with Foxman that the ADL's report made the meeting possible.

Other participants included Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, Kenneth Bialkin, past chairman of the ADL, and the leaderships of the Southern Baptist Convention, the American Jewish Congress, and the American Jewish Committee.

Jewish sources report that the ADL is in serious financial difficulty due to declining support from its fundraising base.

North fundraising plea attacks Clinton

Oliver North's campaign committee has sent out over 100,000 fundraising letters saying, "I know you must hate to get a request like this so soon after the elections. Please make no mistake—*Bill Clinton and the liberals aren't waiting until the new year*—and neither can we," according to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on Nov. 30. The letter says that North's V-PAC, which raised more than \$20 million for his losing U.S. Senate bid against incumbent Democrat Chuck Robb on Nov. 8, be renamed Team America PAC, with the ostensible goals of electing Republican candidates and providing a vehicle for North to remain in politics.

In spite of near-record spending for a federal campaign, Republican North lost, largely as a result of a shoe-string effort by the Committee to Defeat that Son-of-a-Bush, which exposed his knowledge of drug-running operations during the so-called Contra resupply effort. North said in an interview with Larry King on Dec. 7 that he will not make another run for Senate, preferring, instead to host a three-hour daily talk show.

Clinton taps Mitchell as adviser on N. Ireland

President Clinton announced on Dec. 1 that he is designating retiring Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell as Special Adviser

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to the President and the Secretary of State for economic initiatives in Ireland.

Clinton said that, "at this hopeful and historic moment, it is essential to create more economic opportunity in a region whose prospects have been so blighted by bloodshed." He said that there must be a "peace dividend" in Ireland if the peace is to succeed, and that "peace and prosperity depend on one another." Clinton said that Mitchell will oversee the White House conference on trade and investment in Ireland, which will be held in April in Philadelphia, and that he has asked Mitchell "to ensure implementation of all the initiatives we announced last month, to explore additional opportunities for helping peace and prosperity grow in Ireland."

Mitchell, in turn, commended Clinton for "his courageous support of the peace process," and said that Clinton's leadership "in helping to bring about this foreign policy success has been significant and too little appreciated."

Galen Kelly cops plea, gets 'time served'

"Cult deprogrammer" kidnapper Galen Kelly was allowed to plead guilty to misprision of a felony in the May 1992 kidnapping of Debra Dobkowski on Nov. 18, 1994 and was sentenced to the 16 months he had already served before his earlier jury conviction was overturned on a technicality. Kelly, a kidnapper-for-hire for the Cult Awareness Network (CAN), had previously been sentenced to seven and a half years; his three co-defendants, former Loudoun County, Virginia Sheriff's Lt. Don Moore, and Micheline and Paul Bruschansky, pled guilty earlier this year and received sentences of eight months (Moore) and probation (the Bruschanskys).

Both Kelly and Moore narrowly escaped conviction in the planned September 1992 kidnapping of Lyndon LaRouche associate Lewis du Pont Smith, in conspiracy charges that included Smith's father, E. Newbold Smith, a major funder of CAN. It was during FBI wiretaps and undercover recordings of Smith, Kelly, and Moore's plotting that the

facts of the Dobkowski case came to prosecutors' attention.

U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Ellis stated in his sentencing memorandum that "the court recognizes that the facts to which defendant pled guilty supports the more serious charge of kidnapping, yet the government has allowed the defendant to plead guilty to a much less serious offense. . . . The court accepted the plea after receiving categorical assurances under oath from defendant that he will not engage ever again in any involuntary deprogramming activity, including kidnapping and abduction."

Virginia to embark on 'charter' schools

Virginia Gov. George Allen on Nov. 29 unveiled his education plan proposal to the 1995 General Assembly session that would authorize "charter schools," according to the *Washington Post*. The taxpayer-funded scheme first surfaced in Minnesota in 1991, and has since been voted up in at least 10 states.

Under the plan, anyone (including parents, teachers, or private corporations) could submit an application for a school "charter." If the school plan is accepted, the local school board would decide whether to grant "charter school" status, with the State Board of Education having the power to overrule them. The schools would be given a five-year contract, whereupon they can run the school "semi-autonomously," setting admission policies, teacher pay, class scheduling, curriculum, and transportation routes. Schools would be able to bypass all local and state regulations other than those guaranteeing health, safety, civil rights, and minimum educational standards. The plan opens the possibilities for the hiring of teachers not certified by the state.

State Education Superintendent William C. Boshier Jr. predicted there could be 10 charters within one year of legislative approval. Many among Allen's neo-conservative supporters were disappointed that his advisers had made no provisions for vouchers or tuition tax credits for parents of private school students.

● **BUSH OFFICIALS** involved in the 1992 pre-election search of Bill Clinton's passport files, will not face criminal charges, according to Independent Counsel Joseph diGenova. The officials under investigation were Janet G. Mullins, assistant to the President for political affairs; Margaret Tutwiler, White House communications director; and, Chief of Staff James A. Baker III.

● **PRESIDENT CLINTON** took a strong moral stand on Dec. 2 against the creation of human embryos for research purposes, saying he will not allocate any funds for the project, which had been recommended hours earlier by the National Institutes of Health. Clinton said the research "raises profound ethical and moral questions. . . . I do not believe that federal funds should be used to support the creation of human embryos for research purposes."

● **HOT LUNCHESES** for jail inmates in Maricopa County, Arizona have been cut out by Sheriff Joe Arpaio. The county encompasses Phoenix. According to Associated Press, the sheriff's department expects to save a total of \$1 million per year by the food cutbacks. *EIR* has learned that the sheriff has also housed inmates in tents during Arizona's 100+° summers.

● **OREGON'S** "assisted suicide" law is under federal court challenge by doctors, hospitals, hospices, and terminally ill patients, to prevent its taking effect on Dec. 8. The plaintiffs argue that the Death with Dignity Act deprives terminally ill and disabled persons with equal protection under the Constitution, in part because such patients tend to suffer depression, and are therefore susceptible to suggestions of suicide.

● **THE 'GAY' VOTE** showed the greatest shift toward the Republican Party in the 1994 elections, according to Rich Tafel, executive director of the homosexual Log Cabin Republicans.