

National News

Private prison profits soaring to record highs

The stocks of the six leading prison privatization companies are soaring above the rest of the market because of the "huge demand" for prison space, both adult and juvenile, according to market analysts. The stock price of the largest company, Corrections Corp. of America, based in Nashville, Tennessee, has more than doubled this year. The second largest company, Wackenhut, based in Coral Gables, Florida, has gained more than 155% so far. Both companies have made multimillion-share stock offerings this year.

Smaller privatization firms have also done well. BI Inc., a Boulder, Colorado, manufacturer of electronic devices for monitoring parolees at home, is up nearly 112%. Stock in Youth Services International Inc., of Owings Mills, Maryland, has gained about 150%; while Childrens Comprehensive Services Inc. of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, has more than tripled for the year; and Esmor Correctional Services Inc. of Melville, New York, has more than doubled.

The gains racked up by these prison privateers compare with increases of slightly more than 11% in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, and just over 9% for the Standard and Poors 500 during the same period.

Foundation futurist: 'Forget about progress'

The assumptions about human beings which led to the tremendous increase in America's power and influence—from what it had been in the early 1930s, to what it had become by the early 1960s—no longer apply. That was the message of Jeffrey Eisenach, the president of the misnamed Progress and Freedom Foundation, during his opening remarks at a forum in Washington on June 4.

The forum, sponsored by the foundation, was entitled "Dynamic Environmentalism for the 21st Century: Progress in Developing a New Vision for Environmental Policy." Eisenach declared, "If you look at America

in 1932 and compare it with America in 1964, you have to say to yourself we did something right during those 30 years. . . . They created the world that they set out to create, and you have to admit it was a pretty good one; but it is equally clear that that world is no longer the one in which we live."

Instead, Eisenach claimed, "It is now very clear . . . that that basic thesis about the way human beings go about accomplishing large endeavors no longer applies; and that's a function of the catalytic effects of information technology, a consequence of the collapse in price of knowledge and information."

Barry compares control board to Nazi regime

At a June 3 press conference, Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry blasted the city's Financial Control Board for demanding that he oust his longtime friend, Human Services Director Vernon Hawkins, by comparing the board to Nazi Germany. Barry called the board's action "absolutely anti-democratic, anti-American, un-American. . . . It reminds me of what happened in Germany during the period when citizens were abrogated—their rights were abrogated—in a totalitarian kind of state."

Although he back-tracked later, under immense pressure, at the time, Barry insisted that the board's measures went beyond race, and were against the interests of all D.C. citizens. Barry had conceded to many of the board's earlier demands, and agreed in February to eliminate 10,000 workers from the city payroll, in the budget that is to be released this month. The Department of Human Services, which has been under continued attack by the Control Board, provides public health programs, psychiatric services, and other help for the city's neediest residents, and also administers Medicaid.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), who spearheads the Conservative Revolution's Congressional drive to impose Nazi policies on the United States, threatened the next day that, unless Barry retracts his comparing the board to a Nazi dictatorship, Congress would abolish the city government!

"His behavior has been unacceptable, and he owes the board an apology," Gingrich said. "The control board is the only hope D.C. has to retain home rule. . . . If the politicians stop that control board from succeeding, I think it puts into doubt the whole issue of home rule."

The Anti-Defamation League, the racist, right-wing hate group, was quick to join the public attack against Barry's resistance to Nazi economics. ADL regional director David C. Friedman sent the mayor a letter, stating that he was "dismayed and troubled" about Barry's remarks; that Barry's stance "inflames tensions"; and that Barry had made an "inappropriate comparison" to the original Nazis.

New charges of OSI fraud in Demjanjuk case

Public Defender Michael G. Dane has filed new charges that the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) committed fraud upon the court, in presenting its case against John Demjanjuk, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* reported May 15. Demjanjuk, a retired Ukrainian-American auto worker, was falsely accused by the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), of being the infamous "Ivan the Terrible" of the Nazi concentration camp at Treblinka—despite massive evidence in government hands, proving his innocence.

On May 14, in a court appearance in Cleveland, where the DOJ is still attempting to strip Demjanjuk of his citizenship, Dane charged that the government had withheld additional exculpatory evidence—this time, from both the Appellate Court and the Federal District Court. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 1993 that the DOJ had committed fraud upon the court. The additional evidence includes OSI interviews in 1980 and 1992 with Jakob Reimer, a man accused of being the paymaster at the SS training camp at Trawniki. Despite repeated requests by Demjanjuk for all exculpatory evidence, beginning in 1977, the Reimer documents were never released.

Dane's motion was filed as soon as District Judge Paul R. Matia, the current presiding judge in the Demjanjuk matter, lifted a

secrecy order on the Reimer documents, the contents of which are still not publicly known. "We believe that this matter is very significant and bears directly on the extent of the government's fraud," Dane told reporters.

The crux of the current OSI claim that Demjanjuk should be denaturalized, is that he was at Trawniki, and he should be kicked out of the country, regardless of the DOJ's misconduct. J. Douglas Wilson, a DOJ appellate attorney, lied to the press that the Trawniki ID card, which purports to prove that Demjanjuk was at the camp in 1942, is "as good as gold. It's probably the most examined document of the 20th century, and no one's laid a glove on it all that time." Several years ago, however, *Der Spiegel* magazine published detailed evidence, obtained from German government experts, that the card was almost certainly a forgery. The photo of Demjanjuk on the alleged ID card was not taken until years after World War II, and the card contains egregious grammatical errors as well.

Nazi Richard Lamm may head Reform Party ticket

Former Colorado Gov. Richard D. Lamm, the notorious advocate of cannibalism and euthanasia, keynoted the inaugural convention of the California branch of Ross Perot's Reform Party on June 1. Lamm told newsmen that he may be available to run for U.S. President as the party's candidate, instead of Perot himself.

During the late 1970s, Lamm emerged as a rabid public spokesman for the discredited British eugenics and euthanasia policies embraced by Hitler's Nazi Germany. Lamm's deliberately provocative statements then took the form of the Nietzschean "revolutionary" proposal, that the "younger generation" wants older people to die "like autumn leaves," so they would not consume "our limited resources."

The 60-year-old former governor told the California convention that the welcome inscribed on the Statue of Liberty ("Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free . . .") is "wrong."

Immigration must be halted, Lamm said: "America's first duty is to its own poor." Lamm then demanded that Social Security and Medicare be slashed—measures which he calls "compassionate austerity."

Lamm stuck to his old pitch, urging war by the Baby Boomers against the generation of the Depression and World War II. He attacked Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, and raved that we would be guilty of "generational malpractice" if we don't stop "thoughtlessly consuming . . . our children and grandchildren's resources."

CFC ban has opened up massive black market

The lunatic ban on chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), imposed by the genocidal environmentalist movement, has predictably fostered a massive, international black market in freon, the CFC-based refrigerant previously employed in cooling and air conditioning systems worldwide.

With U.S. production of freon already shut down, the domestic price of a 30-lb. container has jumped from \$15 in 1993, to almost \$600 today; it is expected to reach triple that amount by the end of the summer. With a huge demand continuing, a very lucrative black market has sprung up across the United States, especially centered on ports of entry. The Justice Department has set up special task forces, drawing added manpower from the Environmental Protection Agency, Customs, the IRS, the Commerce Department, and local police, to crack down on smuggling operations which never should have existed in the first place.

Keith Prager, of the U.S. Customs office in Miami, told the *Fort Lauderdale Sentinel* May 28, "We are talking about tens of millions of dollars at stake in excise tax and illicit profits; [and with] that kind of money at stake, people are going to risk arrest to take some of it off the top." Tom Watts-Fitzgerald, a Miami federal prosecutor who specializes in environmental cases, told the *Sentinel* that "any time you set up an economic shortage, you make smuggling an attractive option. That sounds a lot like what happened historically with Prohibition."

Briefly

BOB DOLE and Newt Gingrich filed a bill June 4, to push President Clinton into rapidly expanding NATO into eastern Europe. Despite "some Russian objections," Dole said, "our government should cooperate with a democratic Russia . . . but not by denying NATO membership for European democracies."

THE MEDICAL profession must stop protecting patients from "wrongful life," the *New York Times* decreed June 2. In a front-page story, headlined "Ignoring 'Right to Die,' Medical Community Is Being Sued," the *Times* rallied behind lawsuits filed against doctors and hospitals, for trying to save their patients' lives. Demanding tougher laws against such interference, the *Times* promoted the euthanasia arguments of the Hastings Foundation and Choice in Dying.

THE WHITE HOUSE has asked for a review of the Space Shuttle program, focussing on the issue of safety. Current budget targets would reduce funding for Shuttle operations by nearly \$1 billion per year. President Clinton's science adviser, John Gibbons, says that the goal of the review is "to ensure that our efforts to improve and streamline the Space Shuttle program do not inadvertently create unacceptable risk."

NAFTA'S OWN REPORT says it is driving down wages in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. According to a preliminary report by the North American Free Trade Agreement's Commission on Labor Cooperation, the number of workers in all three countries with a full-time, permanent job is declining—as part-time jobs and the demand for temporary or contract workers increase.

THE CONGRESSIONAL Budget Office is arguing that the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. are no longer needed: "Improving access to mortgage finance may have been a social benefit worth paying for in the past. It is now available without subsidy from fully private firms."