

National News

Satellite camera shows very many snowy comets

Thousands of house-sized, snowy comets fall on Earth every day, Dr. Louis Frank told a press conference on May 29, during the spring session of the American Geophysical Union in Baltimore. Frank presented slides of breathtaking images, derived from a satellite camera imaging in both the visible and far ultraviolet frequencies, of Earth-bound objects streaking toward Earth and breaking up. The camera system was designed by Dr. Frank, a plasma physicist at the University of Iowa, and lofted into nearly polar orbit aboard POLAR satellite early last year. Since then, Dr. Frank and his colleagues have obtained enough images that even his harshest critics have been forced to agree that his theory that Earth is being bombarded by the comets every day has merit.

Dr. Frank ignited a storm of controversy when he first published his theory in April 1986, and in 1990 released his book *The Big Splash*, explaining that the original "holes" he had seen in satellite imagery couldn't be "instrument artifacts," as claimed by his critics. He wrote: "I was driving a bulldozer through dozens of the neatly planted fields of science and everyone was upset."

LaRouche demands files on FBI dirty tricks

Illegal FBI activities against Lyndon LaRouche and associates were at issue in a hearing before a Federal magistrate in New York City on June 5, in the two-decades-long civil rights suit titled *LaRouche v. Webster*. The FBI is refusing to release 25,000 pages of informant files, and depositions of 11 present and former FBI officials.

Before the hearing, attorneys for LaRouche and the other plaintiffs filed a memorandum stating that the FBI, starting in 1968, "undertook a systematic campaign to discredit and destroy the [LaRouche association] NCLC [National Caucus of Labor Committees] as a political organization because of its ideas and views," and that the

FBI "engaged in a disruption program against the NCLC which included incitement of violence by political opponents, encouragement and support of lawsuits against the NCLC by opponents, and multiple forms of harassment."

The FBI, says the memorandum, used informants for provocations, illegal information-gathering in violation of the Fourth Amendment, and to create false allegations against the NCLC, used to justify further FBI illegalities. An example cited is the FBI's collusion with the Communist Party U.S.A. in 1973, for the purpose of "eliminating" LaRouche.

Magistrate Sharon Grubin must now rule on the relevance of the discovery being sought by the plaintiffs, which she expects to do by August. The specific discovery requests were sent back to the magistrate by Judge Mary Johnson Lowe last year, after Lowe said that the magistrate was in error to deny them, without determining their relevance to plaintiffs' claims. Grubin conceded that she had been "incorrect" in her own previous recommendation.

Spannaus will run against Frank Wolf

LaRouche Democrat Nancy Spannaus has announced that she will run for Congress in the 1998 elections, against Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.), the nine-term incumbent from Virginia's 10th Congressional District, which covers much of Northern Virginia's wealthy, Anglophile Hunt Country. Wolf is a leading Congressional supporter of the British-sponsored genocide in Africa.

Spannaus issued a statement posing the following questions to Wolf:

"Congressman Wolf, why are you silent on this holocaust, the worst genocide in decades, which is documented to be going on to this day in Zaire?"

"Is your silence related to your connections with Baroness Caroline Cox of Christian Solidarity International (CSI), an association which functions as an arm of British Intelligence, and backs Uganda's President Museveni?" Wolf, a CSI board member, has served as one of that organization's key mouthpieces in Congress.

"Are you aware that President Museveni has favorably compared his mission, and himself, to that of Adolf Hitler?"

"Is your silence related to the support you've been given by the Loudoun Hunt Country set, who support African genocide policies in the name of saving gorillas or reducing what they consider excess [human] population?"

"The citizens of the 10th CD and the hundreds of thousands of dead men, women, and children in eastern Zaire await your answer," Spannaus concluded.

Texas Catholic bishop decries death penalty

Roman Catholic Bishop Fiorenza wrote a commentary in the May 23 *Texas Catholic Herald*, saying that the church opposes the death penalty for the same reason that it opposes abortion and assisted suicide. "We Texans are proud people," he states, "but there is one statistic about our state which I wish we did not own. Texas leads the nation in the use of capital punishment. This year to date, there have been 22 executions in the United States and 10 were in Texas." Bishop Fiorenza asserts that "today the teaching authority of the church opposes the death penalty. The opposition flows from the conviction of God's absolute and sovereign dominion over human life. Human life is God's precious gift to every person. God is the source of human life; He begins each life and He alone should determine when each life should end." The new Catechism of the Catholic Church has already been revised to strengthen teaching against use of the death penalty.

The bishop contrasts the view of Cardinal Pio Laghi, who stated, in a talk on the Catechism in Toronto, that "the Catechism does not exclude the death penalty 'in cases of extreme gravity,'" to the view of Cardinal Josef Ratzinger, who, "in presenting the Catechism in its Russian translation a few weeks ago, *officially* stated that that line will be suppressed, and the death penalty will be excluded 'in every case' without exception in the teaching of the Catechism."

Bishop Fiorenza writes that "in the past 50 years or so, due to the prevalence and

100 STEELWORKERS striking Wheeling-Pitt company leafletted the Boston investment firm of board member Peter Whitman, and then held a prayer vigil outside his home. Asset-stripping by the steel company's Wall Street investors sparked the eight-month-long strike.

LADY CHALKER protégé Susan Rice was named on May 28 to head the State Department Africa desk. In 1992, as a Rhodes Scholar, she completed her doctoral dissertation on "The Commonwealth Initiative in Zimbabwe, 1979-80: Implications for International Peacekeeping," and won prizes from Chatham House and the Commonwealth Society.

HENRY KISSINGER presented the United Jewish Appeal Foundation's "Humanitarian of the Year" award to international tabloid mogul Rupert Murdoch on May 31, according to Liz Smith's gossip column in Murdoch's *New York Post*.

THE HOUSTON Chronicle editorialized against Laurent Kabila's crackdown on political protests and public meetings in the Congo, and sharply criticized the support given him by Reps. Donald Payne (D-N.J.) and Tom Campbell (R-Calif.), as well as South Africa's President Nelson Mandela. The June 2 editorial called Kabila a dictator, but still said "the jury is out" on the future of Zaire under the butcher.

PRINCE PHILIP of Great Britain invaded the U.S. on June 5-9, partly to join celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the postwar Marshall Plan. Also besetting the celebrations will be Lady Margaret Thatcher, George Soros, and Sir Henry Kissinger. All four stand against everything the Marshall Plan represented.

SEN. CHARLES GRASSLEY (R-Iowa) accused the FBI of "disinformation" and "intimidation," in hearings on June 3. "I have never known an agency that right now is in need of more oversight . . . than the FBI," he said.

legalization of abortion, and now with the push for assisted suicide, the church has reflected with greater intensity on the Biblical truth of the sacredness and inviolability of human life as God's gift." He continues that, to oppose abortion and not to oppose capital punishment, "is not consistent with the underlying principle on which both teachings are based: the sacredness and inviolability of human life."

Giuliani scores anti-immigrant laws

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani returned to the Republican Party's moral roots—breaking with the Conservative Revolution travesty—during an impassioned speech at the National Press Club on May 27, where he blasted the growing trend of denying education, health care, and social benefits to legal and illegal immigrants. He repeatedly invoked the first Republican President, Abraham Lincoln, in his address. During the question period, he further broke with neo-conservative dogma, saying he would fight to save rent control, because, otherwise, too many poor and elderly people would be out on the streets.

In March, Giuliani sued the Federal government to overturn provisions of the new welfare law that cut off benefits to legal immigrants. Giuliani noted that the Federal welfare and immigration bill together will cut off all legal immigrants from benefits, starting on Aug. 22. There are about 70,000 legal immigrants who get Supplemental Security benefits in New York, who pay taxes, and work in higher percentages than other city residents. He said that, after the lawsuit was filed in March, Congress moved the cut-off date from Aug. 22 to Oct. 1.

He continued: "The second part of it is to try to deal with immigration on a more sensible basis, and also to point out some of the benefits that come to this country from immigration." He noted the insanity of preventing immigrant children from going to school or getting immunizations, by threatening them with being deported. The mayor closed with an 1855 quote from then-Congressman Lincoln: "I am not a Know-Nothing. That is certain. How could I be? How

could anyone who abhors the oppression of Negroes be in favor of degrading classes of white people? As a nation we began by declaring that all men are created equal. We now practically read that all men are created equal except Negroes. When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read, 'All men are created equal except Negroes and foreigners and Catholics.' When it comes to this, I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty."

Republicans oppose Weld appointment

Massachusetts Republicans are mobilizing against the appointment of Gov. William Weld as ambassador to Mexico, according to the *Boston Herald* of June 2. Members of the Republican Party State Committee are circulating a letter that asks Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to block the nomination, saying that Weld has done little for the party.

The *Herald* quotes Republican State Committee member Arthur Larrivee: "We're going after him, and we're not going to let him get away from this one." And State Committee member Vincent McLauthlin: "Somebody has to put Weld in his place." Thirty members of the 80-member State Committee have signed the letter to Helms. According to the *Herald*, recent moves by Weld and Lieutenant Governor Cellucci to stack the state committee, with Cellucci using high-handed methods, have enraged volunteer activists and the new party chairwoman, Jean Inman, who was not consulted.

As for Helms, in a June 3 interview with Fox News, he stated that Weld is not of "ambassador quality." "He's a little loose with his lips sometimes and that sort of thing. But I have nothing against him, but I don't think he ought to be ambassador to Mexico." Asked about Weld's record on drugs, including his advocacy of the legalization of "medical" use of marijuana, Helms replied that that was indeed a concern.

Weld was the U.S. Attorney in Boston who oversaw the corrupt prosecution of Lyndon LaRouche.