

National News

Koop reaffirms effort to save Baby Jane Doe

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. C. Everret Koop used an interview on the *Face the Nation* TV show Nov. 6 to reaffirm the government's unequivocal right to intervene in the case of "Baby Jane Doe," an infant suffering from spina bifida disease.

The case has attracted national attention because it would set a legal precedent allowing parents to kill newborns with medical problems.

"We're not just fighting for this baby," Dr. Koop said, "We're fighting for the principle of this country that every life is individually and uniquely sacred. I have never seen a child like this live a life of pain. And I don't think that their estimate of the severe retardation or the fact that this child is bedridden are necessarily facts. You cannot make those decisions at this early age."

He elaborated the role played by the doctors and the hospital involved in this case which, along with the New York State Attorney's office, had denied the government access to the child's records, claiming they were private property. He pointed out that the government has, since April of this year, been involved in 48 such cases and that this is the only instance where a hospital has refused to comply.

Innis charges coverup of Atlanta murders

Roy Innis, national director of the Congress Of Racial Equality (CORE) and a founding member of the Club of Life, charged Nov. 3 that a coverup has been perpetrated of the famous 1982 Atlanta child murders.

Innis was speaking in Houston, whose current police commissioner, Lee Brown, was Atlanta police chief at the time of the cult-killings of black children there.

Innis was on a tour of the Houston area at the invitation of Nick Benton, a mayoral candidate backed by the National Demo-

cratic Policy Committee. He spoke at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall Law School. Speaking with him was Dennis Speed, representing the National Democratic Policy Committee and the Fusion Energy Foundation.

Innis devoted part of his speech to supporting a program of beam-weapon defense for the nation. He urged that the black population get in "on the ground floor" in the early stages of research on beam weapons, "the technology that will dominate the 21st century."

Innis presented proof to the audience and the press that the murders were committed by a cult involved in drugs and pornography, and that their evidence of this was covered up by the FBI, the "Atlanta black aristocracy"—Andrew Young, Maynard Jackson, Coretta King, and police chief Lee Brown.

One student asked, "how can you seriously say that police organizations and the press from around the country were involved in such a massive, nationwide coverup?" Dennis Speed replied: "That's simple. Take the names of the reporters who are here today. Then wait and watch what they do tomorrow. If they don't print what has been said, then you know they are part of a conspiracy."

Not only was there no press coverage the next day, but a number of scheduled interviews with Innis were abruptly cancelled.

Club of Life keynotes Hispanic conference

Club of Life representative Marianna Wertz, presenting the keynote address to the opening day of a conference on Hispanics and the aging in Phoenix Nov. 3, warned that Hispanics, because of their high birth rates, were a special target of anti-life forces and must be prepared to take the lead nationally to defend the needs of a growing population with an expanding economy.

Wertz was speaking at a three-day "National Forum for Hispanic and Disadvantaged Senior Citizens" sponsored by the

Phoenix, Arizona LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) Council 284.

The conference featured Mario Obledo, national LULAC president; Wertz; several representatives of Arizona's health and welfare departments; and three U.S. congressional offices and was a repudiation of the policies of LULAC Executive Director Arnoldo Torres.

In June 1983, staff members of Rep. Richard Ottinger's office (D-N. Y.) told this news service that Torres had, in LULAC's name, given backing to Ottinger legislation that would establish zero population growth as a national goal and would deprive families with more than two children of normal family aid and assistance programs.

At a press conference where Wertz, Obledo, and LULAC Far West National Vice President Frank Carrillo were featured speakers, Wertz challenged Obledo to lead LULAC to oppose the Ottinger bill, now pending in the U.S. Congress.

Fusion advance in plasma density/confinement

Officials of the Department of Energy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Magnet Lab announced a major advance in fusion energy research at the American Physical Society's annual conference, in Los Angeles on Nov. 8.

A small but high-magnetic field tokamak, the Alcator at MIT, has set a new record for combined plasma density and time of confinement of a tokamak plasma. The density-confinement time product announced, 8×10^{13} , constitutes a virtual achievement of the long-awaited "energy breakeven" plasma condition, usually estimated at 10^{14} . The plasma was apparently confined for approximately $1/25$ of a second, at a density of 2×10^{15} particles per square centimeter.

The Alcator plasma in these conditions is not a "breakeven plasma" only because, being a very small machine, it does not operate at the overall levels of energy, or temperature, of the larger tokamaks.

Briefly

The Alcator result is another demonstration of the increasing control of stable plasmas and their interaction with magnetic fields, which is leading to increasing confidence about the generation and transport of power by plasmas.

Hearings on 'new Manhattan Project'

In hearings on Nov. 10 before the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Ken Kramer (R-Col.) consider his People Protection Act as a "new Manhattan Project for peace." Sen. Bill Armstrong (R-Col.) companion bill he has introduced in the Senate, stating that the Soviets have never believed in Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) technologies.

The main opposition came from Dr. Richard DeLauer, Undersecretary of Defense for Research, Development, and Engineering. DeLauer stated that the Fletcher Commission report will result in a 25 to 50 percent increase in beam weapon funding over the next 5 years from what the DOD had been planning, but that there would be no upward revision for the next two fiscal years. He stated that the FY85 administration request for beam technologies would be \$1.8 billion, a level considered "funding constrained" and not "technology constrained" by the Fletcher report.

DeLauer stated that the cost of actually deploying these defensive systems would be "staggering" and refused to respond to a question whether the United States was behind the Soviet Union in third-generation nuclear weapons technologies.

As if in rebuttal of DeLauer, Dr. Edward Teller began his testimony by stating that the "picture at the present moment is grim, due to the neglect of our defenses for a very long time. . . . But there are two reasons for hope. The first is the President's speech on March 23, and the second is Congressman Kramer's bill."

On the question of strategy, Teller stated that the "Soviets won't attack unless they're

assured of winning." Though we could built a "perfect system in ten years, we should start constructing an imperfect system so in five years" the Soviets will know they are not "assured of winning."

Media dismayed by Chicago NDPC slate

"Usually school board races are the last issue on people's minds; however, due to the entrance of an organization called the National Democratic Policy Committee, running over 80 candidates throughout the state, interest has reached an alltime high," began a Chicago ABC news slug on Nov. 4 before the elections.

The cameras focused on a town hall meeting in District 214, where NDPC candidates were participants in a candidates' forum, attended by over 200 people. The anchorwoman continued: "Even though these candidates are running for school board, they are focusing on issues of national concern. Why here is one of these candidates, Bill Unger, running in District 214, addressing a crowd in Arlington Heights, Illinois. He is running for school board, but he sounds more like he is running for President of the United States."

Then came an interview with Chip Berlet, sometime editor of the drug-culture magazine *High Times*, warning against LaRouche and the NDPC. Then Joan Eisenberg, from the Illinois Association of School Boards, denounced the use of school board races for political stands.

The show closed with the anchorwoman saying: "The NDPC just got two of their candidates elected in California. The only way that this happened is due to apathy. If citizens in Illinois don't want apathy to win, if you don't want pre-planned statements to win, you'd better turn out on November 8th."

The NDPC's campaign, emphasizing classical education and a scientific-industrial renaissance, also drew the wrath of the Chicago *Sun Times*, NBC, and more than 40 suburban newspapers, with the uniform slander traced to the Anti-Defamation League, that the NDPC is "anti-Semitic."

● **'THE SOVIET UNION** will, and the United States can, build directed energy laser beam weapons in the next three to five years," according to Dr. Steven Bardwell of the Fusion Energy Foundation, reported the Nov. 1 *Defense Daily* on an Oct. 26 Capitol Hill briefing on beam defense deployment. The report also cited French neutron bomb expert Col. Marc Geneste's statement that beam weapons could defend Europe against the Soviet SS-20 missiles.

● **'PEACE'** nuclear education has been mandated for grades kindergarten through 12 in New York City, Brookline and Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Milwaukee, and have always pursued also testified. Educators for Social Responsibility, which claims 4,500 members divided about evenly between public and private schools, claims responsibility. The group was formed after the National Education Association caught hell from the Reagan administration for pushing a three-week "peace" curriculum for high school students.

● **BETTY FRIEDAN**, author of *The Feminine Mystique*, announced on Nov. 11 that she will endorse Walter Mondale for president. She will appear with Mondale on Nov. 15 in the Capitol Hill office of feminist Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) to explain why both have decided to endorse Mondale.

● **THE SENATE** Democratic Committee raised \$2.5 million by the end of the second week in November for the current election campaigns. The Republicans have raised \$21 million in the same period—an indication of the response of registered Democrats to the policies of the leadership of the party.