

National News

Press panics over California AIDS fight

Media attacks are gearing up against the California ballot referendum submitted by the group known as Prevent Aids Now In California (PANIC). The group filed 720,000 signatures on Oct. 28, on behalf of a resolution that would apply traditional public health measures to curb the spread of the AIDS epidemic.

A similar referendum in 1986 was defeated, thanks to a multimillion-dollar scare campaign by the liberal media, homosexual activist groups, the Hollywood sex lobby (starring Liz Taylor), and corrupt officials of both Democratic and Republican parties and the California Medical Association.

One year later, PANIC organizers, who completed their petitioning drive well ahead of schedule, are confident that the referendum will succeed.

On Oct. 2, the *Los Angeles Daily News* ran an editorial entitled "Fight Panic With Reason," which suggests that the way to defeat the PANIC proposal is to pass the legislative package proposed by GOP State Senator John Doolittle, during the January 1988 legislative session.

"The most objectionable feature of the initiative," the editorial proclaims, "is that it would subject AIDS carriers to quarantine and isolation, even though there is no evidence that AIDS can be spread by casual contact. . . ."

"The re-entry of the LaRouche organization into the AIDS issue could also have unfortunate consequences for more temperate measures to curb the spread of the AIDS virus, which destroys the body's immune system. . . ."

"If the LaRouche initiative qualifies for the ballot, those who have opposed Doolittle's measures in the past might want to rethink their position. Leaders of PANIC predict victory for their initiative, saying Californians are more concerned about the spread of AIDS now than they were in 1986. There [sic] might be true; if so, the best way for

the Legislature to undercut and defeat the PANIC proposal is to enact more reasonable legislation along the lines of the Doolittle bills."

Politicians troop to Russia for trade meet

Illinois Gov. James Thompson (R) and Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad (R) are among those planning to go to the Soviet Union for a meeting of the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Trade and Economic Council Dec. 7-9.

Dwayne Andreas, head of the Archer Daniels Midland Co. and the council's U.S. chairman, will also be there, and according to UPI's report, Governor Thompson is making the trip at Andreas's urging.

Andreas is one of the kingpins of the international food and grain cartel, from his position at the head of ADM, which dominates the world's soybean trade. A frequent visitor to Moscow, he is seen as the "heir apparent" to Armand Hammer, the KGB's favorite American billionaire.

Governor Thompson's trip will include a series of meetings with leaders in the Soviet Union. David Fields, an aide to the governor, told UPI that the trip will be "a good door-opener," since the Soviet Union buys large amounts of grain from the United States.

Theologians promote the Gnostic Gospels

A group of 125 so-called scholars, operating as "the Jesus Seminar" and sponsored by the Westar Institute of Sonoma, California, is tearing up the New Testament, in favor of the Gnostic Gospels.

According to an article by the Religious News Service, published in the *Washington Post* on Oct. 31, the group met at the Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, in October. The "schol-

ars" are "working their way through the four Gospels," with the goal of grading the sayings attributed to Jesus Christ, according to probable accuracy. As a benchmark, they are using the so-called Gospel of Thomas—the most infamous of the Gnostic Gospels, allegedly discovered at Nag Hamadi, Egypt in 1945, and presented to the world by the cultish C.G. Jung Foundation.

The article reports: "Some scholars believe the Gospel of Thomas to be the earliest existing collection of such sayings, a belief demonstrated when the examination of Jesus' parables here indicated the preference of some scholars for the accounts in the Thomas document over those in the traditional Gospels.

"The work of the seminar . . . will result in the publication in 1989 of a color-coded edition of the five Gospels, with different colors indicating the degree to which the group believes the Jesus quotes are historically accurate."

Already, the group has decided that Jesus did not say, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. . . ." (John 3:16).

The gnostic heresy rejects the core of Christian doctrine: the conception that Jesus is God made man. In a recent widely circulated gnostic tract, *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, the Gnostic Gospels are touted as a font of the tradition of the apostles of the "bloodline," as opposed to the "apostles of the message"—like Saints Peter and Paul.

Justice Department claims new victim

Based on unsubstantiated evidence supplied by the Soviet Union, a 65-year-old widower who emigrated to the United States from the Ukraine was ordered deported by Baltimore Judge John F. Gossart. The case was brought by the U.S. Justice Department, whose Office of Special Investigations (OSI) is known for its zealous collaboration with Soviet authorities against alleged Nazi war criminals.

The DOJ based its prosecution on 45-