

# National News

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## Carter calls for environmental 'new order'

Former President Jimmy Carter said that the new world order must include a new security system based on ecology, in a commentary in the July 7 *Los Angeles Times*. Carter argued for the environmentalist lunacy that dominated the policies of his administration and played a major role in his reelection defeat in 1980.

"'Security' must be redefined for the '90s and beyond, taking into account that the safety of a nation's citizenry—literally, its physical health and well-being—can be jeopardized as much by a neighboring country's smokestacks or diversion of water supplies as by its war machines. Today's 'invaders' are as likely to be environmental refugees as armed soldiers," Carter wrote.

"Security policies must be re-grounded with respect to realities like global interdependence, the imperative of sustainable development, the ominous appearance of environmental threats that are global in nature, and conflicts over vital natural resources, as well as a widening, explosive chasm between 'haves' and 'have-nots.' It is likely that the North/South, or rich nation/poor nation gap will replace the struggle between East and West as the engine of violence and conflict for the future. Environmental deterioration and resource depletion in the developing world exacerbate the situation."

Carter says that the key to this new world security will be found in the agenda of the Earth Summit to be held in Brazil next year.

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## Inmates die after unsuccessful lawsuit

The brutal implications of the U.S. Supreme Court's attack on the Eighth Amendment protections of prisoners is illustrated by the deaths of inmates in the Vacaville State Prison in California.

Three men were found dead in their cells July 3 due to hyperthermia (excessive body

heat), said Solano Coroner Jim O'Brien. He said the three, whose body temperatures were at least 108° when they died, had been taking mood-altering drugs that elevate body temperatures—the inmates were in the psychiatric ward of the prison and were given the drugs by the administration. Temperatures at Vacaville have ranged between 107-111° due to a heat wave.

Donald Spector, director of the Prison Law Office, a rights group which had filed suit on behalf of the inmates one week earlier, told the press: "What's going on is the prison system is degenerating into what can be described as a medieval mental asylum situation."

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## End of public education proposed for Chicago

Rep. Miguel Santiago (District 9, Chicago) presented a resolution July 1 before the Illinois House proposing a study for privatizing the public education system of Chicago, according to *La Raza*, a Chicago newspaper.

Santiago couched the proposed abandonment of public education in a populist-style attack on the Chicago Board of Education, but ignored the depression as the key cause of shortage of school funds. He said that the Board "suffers from an incurable hemorrhage of money, because the big interests, the enormous bureaucracy and the fat contracts and salaries of its administrators consume all the funds." He explained that all this occurred while the quality of education and the welfare programs for the student body grow worse every day. Santiago said that the Chicago school system shows a budget imbalance of almost \$300 million.

An educator by profession, Santiago stated that "the privatization of public education, which consists of paying private schools to take charge of public education, would almost eliminate the cost of maintaining a bureaucracy of inept administrators." He also accused the educational bureaucracy of "not having respect for the human condition of the family and the student body, especially those that belong to

minority groups, like Hispanics, Afro-Americans and Asians."

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## Congressman asks probe of sterilization program

Rep. Bill Archer (R-Tex.) has asked the Agency for International Development to conduct an investigation of charges that U.S. government agencies were involved in mass sterilization programs in various nations around the world.

In a letter to constituents dated July 1, Archer said, "Like you, I am alarmed by the allegations made in the publications you provided which assert that United States tax dollars were used for the sterilization of women in Third World countries between 1974 and 1977. I have contacted officials with the U.S. Agency for International Development for an investigation of these allegations. As soon as I receive a response, I will be back in touch with you."

The publications referred to were *EIR's* coverage of Bush's long-time support for population control; Kissinger's National Security Council memo urging population control as a national security concern; and the forced abortion program in China and forced sterilization program in Brazil.

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## Welsh granted right to appeal in Virginia

Attorneys for Richard Welsh learned July 8 that the Virginia Court of Appeals has awarded an appeal on three major issues implicit in Welsh's conviction on concocted securities fraud charges before Judge Clifford Weckstein in Roanoke County. Welsh is an associate of Lyndon LaRouche.

The court agreed to consider whether or not recusal of Weckstein was appropriate because of the appearance of bias. In response to a motion to recuse, Weckstein made a series of disclosures demonstrating his correspondence with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and Murray Janus con-

cerning the "LaRouche" cases.

The court will consider whether Welsh's Fifth Amendment rights were violated under *Kastigar v. United States* by the Virginia prosecution. Weckstein had ruled that Virginia had demonstrated it did not directly or indirectly utilize Welsh's voluminous grand jury and trial testimony compelled under a grant of federal immunity from prosecution. But the Commonwealth "mistakenly" received the testimony in its offices, "mistakenly" attended Welsh's Alexandria trial testimony, sat through an exposition of the testimony when co-defendant Michael Billington called Welsh to testify at his trial, and continuously collaborated with federal prosecutors with access to the testimony and evidence from Oct. 6, 1986 forward.

The court also will consider whether Welsh's prosecution violated his right to due process because the Virginia State Corporation Commission did not rule that the political loans at issue were "securities," even for purposes of a cease and desist order, until after the indictments were returned.

## Minnesota court denies right-to-murder request

Hennepin Co. District Court Judge Patricia L. Belois denied a Minneapolis hospital's request to appoint a guardian to terminate all life-support for a comatose patient whose husband refused to abide by their demand to murder her.

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners had authorized the Hennepin County Medical Center to sue for the "right" to kill Helga Wanglie against the stated wishes of her and her family. In May, the hospital petitioned Belois to have Oliver Wanglie, her husband of 53 years, removed as her legal guardian on the grounds of senility.

Belois stated in her decision that Steven Miles, M.D., the Center's ethicist, "has offered no evidence that Oliver Wanglie is incompetent to discharge the trust as conservator." "The religious beliefs of Helga Wanglie and her husband are congruent, of long standing, firmly held and consistent," she stated.

The Center has announced it will not appeal the decision. However, it continues to attempt to create a public outcry against Mr. Wanglie's convictions by telling the press it is immoral to spend \$800,000 to keep alive someone whose life is not worth living. (Mr. Wanglie has paid health insurance premiums for decades).

A recent study by doctors at the Medical School of Wisconsin found that the overwhelming majority of families with relatives in a so-called "persistent vegetative state" (Mrs. Wanglie's diagnosis) want them to receive most forms of life-saving and life-sustaining care, including food and water. Helga Wanglie has since died of natural causes.

## Food for Peace pressure grows on milk monopoly

The Food for Peace (FFP) campaign targeting the Bronfman family interests for violating federal law in the dairy industry is putting the milk monopoly under pressure.

FFP Pennsylvania representative Phil Valenti received a July 11 letter from Marc G. Schildkraut, from the Bureau of Competition of the Federal Trade Commission, acknowledging that the FTC "is cognizant of the activities of John Labatt Ltd. in the mid-Atlantic states. . . . If Labatt is engaged in any unfair or other illegal activities, we are certainly prepared to take any necessary action."

On June 7, the *Washington Update*, the newsletter of the National Grange, reported that the National Grange, the largest farmer-rural organization in the U.S., was joined by 11 state Granges in requesting the FTC to investigate John Labatt Ltd.'s dairy holdings to determine if the firm is in violation of anti-trust laws. The Grange pointed out that John Labatt Ltd. controls an estimated 40% of the fluid milk markets in New York City, 70% in Philadelphia, and has a dominant position in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. markets. It charged that Labatt is holding down prices to producers by failing to pay over-order price premiums, and is not passing the savings on to consumers through lower retail prices.

## Briefly

● **JOBS** are more important than spotted owls, representatives of the American Forest Resource Alliance and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America told the press July 3 in reporting on a recent poll in Oregon and Washington. Only "10% of all respondents said they would support a proposal that would cost more than 10,000 jobs."

● **A PHILADELPHIA** man who has racked up \$89,000 in fines for parking citations is being held in jail on \$80,000 bond. The judge warned him that, if convicted, he could spend more than six years in jail (one day for every \$40 of debt). Is debtors prison coming back?

● **PROTESTANT** evangelicals are planning rallies in support of Israel in the Bible Belt, the *Jerusalem Post* reported July 5. The kick-off on July 4 in Memphis, Tennessee saw 1,000 Evangelical Christians addressed by housing Secretary Jack Kemp, Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval, and *Post* publisher Yehuda Levy.

● **GEORGE BUSH** may be changing his position on abortion. Bush said July 10 he was working with Sen. John Chafee (R-R.I.), who has introduced a measure that would eliminate prohibitions on abortion counseling and referrals at federally funded family planning clinics.

● **COL. DAVID HACKWORTH** (ret.) charged that the Gulf war is leading to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians, in an interview with NBC News July 10. Hackworth, one of the most decorated veterans in U.S. history, said the war wasn't worth the cost.

● **J. FRED BUCY**, chairman of the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission, said he was resigning so he could "concentrate on this single issue" of saving the supercollider, one of the largest ongoing science projects which is in particle physics, due to a lack of funding from Japan and the U.S. Congress, the July 6 *Dallas Morning News* reported.