

National News

Clinton thugs blocked Fitrakis VP nomination

EIR has learned that well over 200 Democratic delegates planned to nominate Ohio delegate Robert Fitrakis as Clinton's vice president in order to get the "Stop the Death Penalty" minority plank presented on the Democratic Convention floor on its final night.

Support for Fitrakis's nomination had been organized from nearly every state, led by Brown delegates from Ohio. The delegates had been made aware that Fitrakis's lawsuit to reinstate the anti-death penalty plank for debate had been thrown out by a federal judge the previous day. The nomination of Fitrakis was blocked when Alabama, the first state to be called on for vice presidential nominations, yielded to Tennessee, which moved to nominate its own Senator Gore by acclamation. The "acclamation" was very far from unanimous, but the chair gaveled Gore's nomination through and ignored the hefty dissent.

After the convention, when Clinton visited the Columbus, Ohio district where Fitrakis is running for Congress, Fitrakis was kept off the podium and out of the VIP section. The list of local Democratic candidates read by a pro-death penalty Democratic official at the rally omitted him.

N.C. black weekly exposes Gray family eugenics past

The leading black newspaper in Winston-Salem, North Carolina ran a front-page article on *George Bush: The Unauthorized Biography*, published by EIR. The weekly *Chronicle* carried out its own investigation of the book's charges that local schoolchildren were sterilized in during the 1940s in a project run by the family of White House Counsel C. Boyden Gray.

The story in the weekly's July 30 issue quoted extensively from a press statement from the book's co-author Anton Chaitkin, as well as from the *Chronicle's* interview with North Carolina eugenicist C. Nash

Herndon. Chaitkin's charges against Herndon, the Gray family, and the U.S. Agency for International Development were given in detail.

The paper quoted Herndon's rather sensational admissions to it about the victims of the eugenics sterilization program:

"Chaitkin's book claims that a sterilization project 'was invited in and hosted by the Gray family, Boyden Gray's father Gordon, and great-aunt Alice, and run through the Bowman Gray Medical School.' Gordon Gray founded the Bowman Gray Medical School. Clayland Boyden Gray has been chief legal counsel to George Bush since the 1980 election.

"According to the book, Winston-Salem native Dr. C. Nash Herndon performed many of the sterilizations. Chaitkin quotes Herndon as saying that the surgery was 'usually' not done on 'children younger than eight or ten years old.' . . .

"Herndon [told the *Chronicle*] race was not a factor, but 'if you're going to get picky and look at percentages, it may have been higher for blacks. . . . We were interested in seeing that the mentally retarded were brought under control. . . . We were trying to prevent the mating of those people in the first place. . . ."

During a radio interview about the exposé with Gary Minter, on Aug. 1, a caller threatened Chaitkin: "This man had better have eyes in the back of his head. He had better not come to Winston-Salem," and compared Chaitkin to novelist Salman Rushdie, whom the Ayatollah Khomeini targeted for assassination.

Clinton lied in letter on death penalty

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton lied in his July 17 letter to LaRouche campaign coordinator Melvin Klenetsky, saying that he supported "the use of the death penalty in cases involving multiple murders or the killing of a police officer" (see EIR, Aug. 7, p. 70).

A look at the case of Barry Lee Fairchild shows Clinton's letter to be a bald-faced lie: The execution of Arkansas death row inmate Barry Lee Fairchild, whose case is now before the federal appeals court, rests on his

conviction for killing *one* person, Marjorie Mason, a white nurse. Since Fairchild's conviction, a federal judge has made an unrequested official finding that Fairchild was not the triggerman, and has placed it in the record to bolster his clemency appeal to Clinton.

Earlier this year, Clinton's office wrote to California Democratic Central Committeeman Maureen Calney, who presented a petition for clemency for Fairchild: "Governor Clinton has sworn to uphold the laws of the State of Arkansas. As governor, he will continue to set execution dates as he has done in the past."

U.S. anti-nuclear group fueled U.N.-Iraq standoff

U.N. and U.S. officials in Washington on July 30 politely characterized the recent confrontation over U.N. inspectors' entry to the Iraqi Agriculture Ministry as "ten pounds of speculation in a two pound bag," according to the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, and said the entire event was based on a series of curious "mistakes." According to the officials, a U.N. clerk gave a list of the coordinates of all buildings to be inspected by the team to an Iraqi official (a "clerical error"), and the U.N. team was given the address of the Agriculture Ministry without being told that it was a ministry building. As a result, the U.N. team showed up with a high-profile caravan, violating sensitive protocols recently agreed to by Baghdad for ministry inspections to be carried out discreetly.

The diplomatic brouhaha was fueled by remarks made by Gary Milhollin, of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, the official said. Milhollin, who works closely with Israeli operative Yonah Alexander, fed the media the story that "there are drawings, there are vouchers for payments, there are personnel records, it's a treasure trove" of information relating to Iraqi chemical, nuclear, and biological weapons. Milhollin and his Israeli friends are leading mouthpieces for a radical policy of "technological apartheid" for the Third World, and call for the banning of any nuclear or chemi-

cal science in the Third World—even when the chemical industry is essential to modern agricultural production.

According to the *Washington Post*, the U.N. team has not yet requested permission to inspect the Iraqi Defense Ministry.

Maryland requires slave labor of students

Maryland has become the first state to require students to perform 75 hours of “volunteer” service as a degree requirement for a high school diploma. Despite the fact that 22 out of 24 school districts opposed the plan, School Superintendent Nancy S. Grasmick and Gov. William Donald Schaefer championed the proposal in the State Board of Education, which voted in favor of the plan.

Grasmick, oozing the “new covenant” jargon of the National Education Association, gloated that she couldn’t think of a “better example of character development than the lesson that what we take from the community we give back to the community.” Opponents of the plan point out that it is incongruous to mandate volunteer service, and add that it will cost up to \$35 million to develop curriculum and reporting schemes to monitor the program’s implementation.

Students may perform “volunteer” work in places such as soup kitchens and jobs such as school tutoring, recycling school trash or programs which pick up trash on the roads, but service must take place during the school day.

Cohen: Jackson kowtowing to ADL not good enough

Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen demanded that Jesse Jackson “name names” of black anti-Semites in his July 30 syndicated column. Cohen, who was a featured speaker at the Montreal Anti-Defamation League (ADL) conference which launched the myth of “black anti-Semitism,” said that

Jackson’s recent groveling before the World Jewish Congress in Brussels was inadequate. Cohen pointed to the chairman of Harvard’s Afro-American Studies Department, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., as an example for opponents of “black anti-Semitism” to follow, because Gates, unlike Jackson, “named names, citing certain black scholars and political leaders for anti-Semitic statements and writings” in a recent *New York Times* essay.

Cohen then reveals that the real bee in the ADL’s bonnet is black leaders who do not cave in the instant the ADL declares blacks share “anti-Semitic” collective guilt: “Political leaders and institutions . . . [are] willing to do for anti-Semites what they would never do for racists: find virtue in their other activities. Thus, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly designated an ‘Abdul Alim Muhammad Day’ in honor of the Nation of Islam’s so-called minister of health. . . .” Dr. Muhammad and the Nation of Islam have achieved considerable success with unarmed anti-drug patrols in Washington, and Dr. Muhammad himself has gained encouraging results in treating AIDS victims at his Abundant Life Clinic.

Gritz: ‘If I am President, I will free LaRouche’

Independent presidential candidate Col. James “Bo” Gritz, USA (ret.) told the weekly *New Federalist* that one of his first acts as President would be to free statesman Lyndon LaRouche from prison. In an interview in the July 20 issue, Gritz said: “I believe that Lyndon LaRouche is a political prisoner. I believe that all who were imprisoned, who were part of his organization, are political prisoners. . . . We have an old combat saying, which I think applies in this case: ‘When you’re catching flak, you’re on target.’ Lyndon LaRouche was doing something right. . . . Maybe it was the publication of *Dope, Inc.*, because it certainly pinned the tail on the right donkeys.”

In subsequent press statements, Colonel Gritz has said he would ask LaRouche to be his secretary of state.

● **NAT HENTOFF** blasted the Democratic National Convention’s thuggery against death penalty opponents in his Aug. 1 column, “Muzzling Dissenting Democrats.” Hentoff wrote: “Opponents of the death penalty, for instance, said they had the votes to at least bring that heresy up for debate. But the Democratic National Committee successfully silenced them by court order.”

● **GEORGE BUSH’S** role in Iran-Contra was recently questioned by the *Wall Street Journal*, on July 29 despite apparently diligent efforts by Special Prosecutor Lawrence Walsh to keep his name out of the picture, during the trial of former CIA official Claire George.

● **RON WIECZOREK**, a South Dakota farmer, filed ballot petitions and announced his independent candidacy for U.S. Congress in Pierre on Aug. 3. Wieczorek, a supporter of Lyndon LaRouche introduced the press to his campaign committee which included former South Dakota Democratic Party chairman Chuck Belman.

● **UTAH** executed William Andrews on July 30, despite last-minute clemency appeals from Pope John Paul II and a letter from 40 religious leaders in Utah. It was widely believed that his sentence was racially motivated, since he was black in a state where blacks are only 1% of the population.

● **LOUDOUN** County, Virginia Democrats ousted members of the Democratic Committee who were LaRouche supporters on specious grounds. Plans are afoot now to reverse a resolution the committee had passed, opposing the death penalty.

● **THE JOKE** making the rounds among anti-death penalty Democrats is that Bill Clinton wants to be known as “the execution President.”