

# National News

## Gore is a 'glazed-eyed environmental ideologue'

Sen. Al Gore is characterized as "a glazed-eyed, environmental ideologue" by syndicated columnist Mona Charen in her Sept. 2 column. She reviewed a few of the statements in Gore's book *Earth in the Balance* and showed that it was filled with "one scientific whopper after another." She pointed out that there is no consensus about what is causing the ozone hole. Some scientists note that the ozone layer had thickened during the 1960s and that current thinning may be natural fluctuations in the atmosphere, or be caused by sunspot activity.

On the issue of global warming, Charen quoted Dr. Dixy Lee Ray, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and former governor of Washington. Dr. Ray's book-length exposé *Trashing the Planet* shows that all of man's air pollution since the industrial revolution does not begin to equal the material "spewed into the air from just three volcanoes: Krakatoa in 1883, Mount Katmai in 1912, and Hekla in 1947."

## Carnes confirmed by Senate, Gore ducked vote

The Senate confirmed the appointment of Alabama Assistant Attorney General Edward Carnes to the bench of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals on Sept. 8. Carnes wrote Alabama's death penalty laws, which, among other things, allow judges to impose the death penalty even if the jury votes a life sentence. There are 500 death row inmates in the three-state circuit, out of 2,500 in the country.

Carnes's major liberal support came from the Southern Poverty Law Center's Morris Dees, whose credentials as a "civil rights leader" were questioned by Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Rev. Joseph Lowery. Dees, in an interview with the *New York Times*, viciously shot back: "The civil rights community of which a lot of these guys speak died when Dr. King died."

A recent profile of Carnes in the *Times*

stated that he "has earned the gratitude of White House and Justice Department officials by rounding up support for restrictions on *habeas corpus*" which were contained in the Bush administration's crime bill. Carnes has brought many state attorneys general into support for the Bush-Rehnquist proposals to effectively deny federal *habeas* proceedings to state prisoners, especially in capital cases. Some 31 state attorneys general supported his nomination.

During a June 1991 appearance before the House Judiciary Committee, a Justice Department spokesman presented a statistical study of capital cases prepared by Carnes, in support of the administration's argument that federal courts should not interfere with state executions by hearing constitutional claims presented in *habeas* petitions.

Despite his liberal aura, Tennessee Sen. Al Gore ducked the vote, so as not to embarrass his pro-death penalty running mate, Bill Clinton. On Sept. 8, Gore's office told *EIR*, "We are taking no position on the Carnes nomination."

## Times defends I.F. Stone from KGB revelations

Herb Romerstein, a former Soviet expert for the U.S. Information Agency, has gotten into a surprisingly heated brawl with the editors of the *New York Times* over their defense of the late I.F. Stone from charges that he was a KGB agent. In a letter published in the Aug. 31 issue, Romerstein detailed his discussions with former KGB officials, including Gen. Oleg Kalugin, in which they revealed that a prominent American journalist (whom one KGB officer identified by name as Stone) had been on the KGB's payroll during the 1950s and again in the 1960s. When Romerstein revealed Stone's KGB ties in an article in the June 6, 1992 issue of *Human Events*, the *Times* responded with an Aug. 13 editorial attacking Romerstein and Accuracy in Media head Reed Irvine for spreading "repugnant" and "grotesque" disinformation. In an accompanying letter to the *Times*, Irvine assailed the daily for "canonizing" Stone in an editorial, three signed articles, and a 1,750-

word obituary when he died earlier this year.

Apart from his pro-Moscow track record, Stone was a long-time LaRouche-hater, who finished his long, ignoble career by penning a book-length assault against Plato, in which he argued that Socrates deserved to die for his supposed crimes against Athenian democracy.

## Report documents U.S. family's disappearance

"New Realities of the American Family," a new report by the Population Reference Bureau in Washington, reveals the total change of the pattern of U.S. families in the past 30 years. The report, by demographer Carol De Vita, states that the once-dominant single-income, two-parent U.S. family is a thing of the past, describing only one in five families. About 36% of U.S. families are married couples with children, but a large proportion of these are step-families. A full third of all Americans are part of step-families, and this will rise to one in two by the year 2000, the report states.

The average age at first marriage is now the highest in a century: 26.3 years for men and 24.1 for women. The marriage rate fell almost 30% between 1970 and 1990, and the divorce rate increased 40%. Over 50% of mothers with preschool children worked outside the home in 1991, compared with 20% in 1960. Now, 25% of all births are to unmarried women, compared to 20% in 1960. Nearly one in eight families is headed by a single parent, who is five times more likely to be a woman, and therefore, more impoverished. The percentage of children living with a single parent, 25%, has doubled since 1970 and tripled since 1960.

## Article on Palme hit filed in FOIA suit

A copy of the recent article in the Swedish journal *Journalisten* exposing the Stasi disinformation campaign to pin the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme

on Lyndon LaRouche was filed on Sept. 4 in a pending Freedom of Information Act suit. The FOIA suit was filed two years ago by LaRouche associate and onetime co-defendant Michele Steinberg in order to force the FBI and Justice Department to release their files on the Feb. 28, 1986 assassination.

In the legal papers, Steinberg attached the *Journalisten* article, "He Laid Wrong Tracks Concerning the Palme Murder," by Herbert Brehmer, and she said that it "provides dramatic confirmation of the assertions made by plaintiff and her associates that the efforts to link her and her associates, including Lyndon LaRouche, to the Palme assassination, were a Soviet-run disinformation campaign." Steinberg has previously argued that the FBI's claim of "national security" in order to withhold many of the Palme documents was simply being used to prevent disclosure of the FBI's involvement in this Soviet-run disinformation campaign, as part of the effort to imprison LaRouche. The judge in the case recently ordered the FBI to submit the withheld documents to him so that he can examine them in his chambers.

## Tenth anniversary of Gosch kidnap noted

CBS News nationally aired an interview with child sex abuse victim Paul Bonacci on Sept. 4, as part of a report on the 10th anniversary of the kidnaping of Johnny Gosch, which took place on Labor Day weekend. The kidnaping of 12-year-old Johnny Gosch from his Des Moines, Iowa paper route set off a campaign to advertise the disappearance of children by putting their photos on milk cartons. A second Des Moines boy was also kidnaped shortly after. Paul Bonacci's attorney John DeCamp has shown that these kidnapings are being done by a satanic child sex abuse ring based out of Omaha, Nebraska, and involving prominent figures throughout the U.S.

Interviewed by CBS, Gosch's mother said she thought the kidnaping was a part of a "conspiracy" to use him for "prostitution or pornography." The report then comment-

ed that this theory centers around a Nebraska prison inmate who claims to have been part of the kidnaping team, referring to Paul Bonacci. CBS remarked that his information is considered unreliable because he is said to be mentally ill. Bonacci, in fact, suffers a multiple personality disorder as a result of years of abuse and torture by the Omaha ring.

In June 1991, the CBS News program "48 Hours" made a strenuous effort to debunk the allegations of another victim-witness, Alisha Owen, when it ran a lying account of her perjury trial, during the jury deliberations. Owen was convicted of perjury—as was Bonacci—for refusing to recant her testimony.

## Virginia's 'Bloody Mary' ranks high in executions

The Sept. 2 issue of the *Washington Post* ran a front-page feature on Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry's escalating the pace of executions to one per month, putting the state fourth for executing the most people in the last 10 years (15), behind Texas, Florida, and Louisiana.

An accompanying chart on all 49 death row inmates gives their names, and facts surrounding their convictions. Author Sue Anne Pressley quoted several of them, and underscored that "killing them, years later, after keeping them isolated and dehumanized, is just as brutal as the crimes they committed. It does not take into account their remorse or rehabilitation." Each one hopes that his execution will cause the death penalty to be outlawed, she said.

Willie Leroy Jones, scheduled to be executed Sept. 15, is quoted: "My friends here, it's going to hurt them when I go. People can say what they want, but I live with a bunch of human beings on death row."

Terry, who has gubernatorial ambitions for next year, announced two more killings: Charles Sylvester Stamper, a 39-year-old African-American, is to be executed on Oct. 28, and Timothy Dale Bunch, a white 33-year-old, is to be executed Dec. 10. Sources say that Terry will announce another two executions before the end of the year.

● **BUSH BIO BOOSTED** in Quayle's back yard. Georgia Irely, a LaRouche Democrat with a daily radio program in Dan Quayle's hometown of Huntington, Indiana, recently interviewed Anton Chaitkin, co-author of *EIR's George Bush: the Unauthorized Biography*.

● **ROSS PEROT** neglected to say, once again, whether he was a presidential candidate or not in his Sept. 2 *New York Times* editorial section commentary, entitled "How Stupid Do They Think We Are?" Perot says that he is on the ballot in 48 states and will soon be on the ballot in all 50 states. Speaking about his following, he wrote: "Their goal is to influence every congressional race, as well as the presidential race, and they are active in every state. At their request, I am actively supporting them."

● **IRWIN SUALL**, the Anti-Defamation League's "Fact-Finding" director, lost his composure after being briefed on the revelations that the Stasi invented the lie that Lyndon LaRouche was to blame for the assassination of Olof Palme. Suall's division of the ADL played a major role in spreading the lying "facts" throughout the United States.

● **CLARK CLIFFORD**, the 85-year-old Washington powerbroker, is at risk for a fatal heart attack if forced to go to trial in New York, rather than Washington, according to court papers submitted by Virginia cardiologist Albert A. Del Negro on Sept. 1. Clifford is under indictment in the Bank of Commerce and Credit International case.

● **C-SPAN** broadcast a forum on the book *The Holes in the Ozone Scare* on Sept. 3. The forum, which took place on Sept. 2 during the International Space Conference in Washington, featured the book's co-author Rogelio Maduro, and Marjorie Hecht, editor of *21st Century Science & Technology* magazine, which published the book.