

# National News

## EAI 'spins' Hartford schools contract

Based on media reports, *EIR* reported in this space last week that Education Alternatives Inc., the Minneapolis-based company that has been privatizing public schools and cutting costs by employing corporate asset-stripping methods, had won a \$200 million contract to run the Hartford, Connecticut public school system.

In fact, according to a source with the Connecticut Federation of Teachers, the school board had voted to enter into contract negotiations with EAI in the middle of July to run the Hartford school system, which has a \$200 million a year annual budget. According to the source, they have not reached an agreement.

EAI's deceptive announcement of a \$200 million contract, however, inflated the company's stock prices. Last year, EAI made similar premature announcements regarding contracts that later didn't go through, with similar effects on company stock prices.

## Mother Teresa issues U.S. appeal to Cairo

Mother Teresa of Calcutta asked Nina Ogden, a member of the Schiller Institute in the United States, to print a message from the foundress of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity to the delegates of the U.N. Cairo population conference in the newspaper *New Federalist*. The message, which appeared in the weekly's Sept. 5 issue and was printed in 5,000 copies for distribution at the Sept. 5-13 conference, is the text of Mother Teresa's address to the Annual National Prayer Breakfast that was held in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 3, 1994. Attendees included President and Mrs. Clinton and Vice President and Mrs. Gore.

In her address, Mother Teresa told a story of the power of love that begins in the family: "A gentleman came to our house and said: 'Mother Teresa, there is a family who have not eaten for so long. Do some-

thing.' So I took some rice and went there immediately. And I saw the children—their eyes shining with hunger. . . . And the mother of the family took the rice I gave her and went out. When she came back, I asked her: 'Where did you go? What did you do?' And she gave me a very simple answer: 'They are hungry also.' What struck me was that she knew—and who are they? A Muslim family—and she knew."

Mother Teresa concluded her address with a challenge to Americans to act to make sure "that no child will be unwanted, unloved, uncared for, or killed and thrown away." "If we remember that God loves us," she said, "and that we can love others as He loves us, then America can become a sign of peace for the world. From here, a sign of care for the weakest of the weak—the unborn child—must go out to the world. If you become a burning light of justice and peace in the world, then really you will be true to what the founders of this country stood for. God bless you!"

## 'Get LaRouche' state's attorney faces disbarment

Loudoun County, Virginia Commonwealth Attorney William Burch, who has long boasted of his role in the federal-state-private "Get LaRouche" task force, is facing hearings before a three-judge panel on Sept. 23 that may end in his disbarment for withholding exculpatory evidence in an unrelated case. From shortly after Lyndon LaRouche arrived in Loudoun County a decade ago, Burch openly colluded with Sheriff John Isom and Lt. Donald Moore in an effort to frame up LaRouche and have him jailed. Moore, now serving a federal prison sentence in a kidnapping case, acted as the go-between between the county, Virginia, the FBI, and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

*EIR News for Loudoun County*, a local weekly, has obtained a copy of the State Bar's equivalent of its "indictment" against Burch, through the Freedom of Information Act. An investigative subcommittee of the Virginia State Bar found that Burch, during the course of successfully prosecuting William D. Carter for malicious wounding of

his wife, had "received information" from Sheriff's Dep. Doug Poppa "that Mrs. Carter had told Poppa that she was afraid of her husband and hated him and, further, that she would kill herself if she thought that her husband would spend the rest of his life in jail. Poppa also stated his opinion to Burch that she was very emotional and possibly suicidal."

The finding continued: "[A]lthough such information was potentially exculpatory, Burch withheld such information from the defense."

Carter spent four years in prison, until he was released, after Poppa revealed the withheld evidence. A second trial acquitted him.

## Columnist blasts U.S. sterilization policy

Leftist columnist Alexander Cockburn blasted the long-term U.S. foreign policy of promoting sterilization and enforced birth control in his "Column Left" feature in the *Los Angeles Times* on Sept. 8.

Cockburn cited the example of Haiti, where women are routinely bribed into being surgically sterilized in exchange for food or clothing. Similar tactics are used to get Haitian women to accept the dangerous contraceptive implant Norplant; their demands that Norplant implants be removed were obstructed. An internal U.S. Agency for International Development report from June 1993 unearthed by the the Washington-based newsletter *CounterPunch*, where Cockburn is an editor, states policy "targets" in Haiti baldly: to obtain 200,000 new "acceptors" of contraception; a "social marketing component" goal of 6,000 cycles of pills per month; and the establishment of 23 facilities to provide sterilizations.

Cockburn also quoted extensively from National Security Study Memorandum 200, commissioned in 1974 by then-Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. "Kissinger stressed that the United States should 'help minimize charges of imperialist motivation behind its support of population activities by repeatedly asserting that such support derives from a concern with the right of the individual to determine freely and responsibly the num-

ber and spacing of children.' " He continued that "the true concern of Kissinger's analysts was maintenance of U.S. access to Third World resources."

## Virginia, Illinois death row inmates reprieved

In three recent cases, appellate judges have overturned the convictions of death row inmates on grounds that they were unjustly convicted. Two of the cases were in Virginia, where judicial tyranny is the normal order of the day.

In Virginia, on Aug. 24, a federal judge overturned the death sentence against Walter Milton Correll Jr., 33, ruling that a confession Correll gave police for a 1985 murder was obtained by "deliberate and egregious violation" of the right to counsel. Correll had been denied an attorney after asking for one. On Aug. 26, federal Judge James R. Spencer overturned the death sentence of Coleman Wayne Gray, a Portsmouth laborer, ruling that evidence allowed during Gray's sentencing in 1985 tried to tie him to murders for which he was never charged. Gray and his trial lawyers were "ambushed" by the prosecution, Spencer ruled. In Illinois, on Sept. 2, Judge John Michela overturned the conviction of Joseph Burrows, after the witnesses against him recanted their testimony; one of them even confessed to the crime herself.

## U.S. finds: Rio '92 targets are unworkable

The agreements made two years ago at the U.N. Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil are in danger of unraveling as the United States and other industrial nations are finding it impossible to adhere to such strictures as reductions of so-called "greenhouse gases." The Rio summit established arbitrary limits on the emission of gases such as carbon dioxide and mandated that signatories reduce industrial and economic activity to meet these limits. The *Washington Post* reported on Sept. 3 that the U.S. delegation to

a two-week post-Rio summit in Geneva told the U.N. body, "We are clearly not going to get to the levels we have set under the existing plan."

The Department of Energy had requested \$119 million to combat "global warming," a phenomenon allegedly caused by "greenhouse gases," but which in fact has never been demonstrated to exist, but Congress cut that amount to \$36.5 million, and left the overall program to curtail "greenhouse emissions" short by at least \$200 million.

## Parole abolition meeting resistance

Prominent religious and civil rights leaders issued stinging denunciations of Virginia Gov. George Allen's plans to abolish parole and increase sentences for violent criminals in early September. In addition, virtually the entire state Board of Youth and Family Services resigned in protest against the so-called Proposal X. The legislature convened on this issue on Sept. 19. In the preceding week:

- The Richmond chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) issued a written statement saying the plan "reflects strategies similar to Hitler's annihilation of the Jews and the principle of modern-day ethnic cleansing by way of locking up all criminals, especially blacks." Two-thirds of Virginia's prisoners are blacks.

- A group of Virginia religious leaders drafted a statement saying the state needs to focus on the causes of crime, rather than punishment.

- Franklin M. Slayton, a former state legislator, said that the plan is "setting the stage both on the adult and juvenile sides for Allen's Attica," a reference to the notorious 1971 New York Attica prison riot, which left 11 guards and 32 prisoners dead. He denounced overcrowding in the youth facilities, citing Tidewater, which is at 300% of capacity.

- According to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Allen had made false claims about how many crimes would have been prevented by Proposal X.

## Briefly

- **JEB BUSH'S** Republican primary opponent in the planned Oct. 4 runoff for the GOP gubernatorial candidacy in Florida has withdrawn from the race, leaving the former President's son now facing Democratic incumbent Lawton Chiles in November. Chiles has never lost an election in 35 years of political life.

- **DOUG WILDER** withdrew his independent candidacy to become U.S. senator from Virginia. The former Democratic governor was running against incumbent Chuck Robb, GOP candidate Oliver North, and Republican independent Marshall Coleman. His withdrawal increases Robb's chance of winning reelection.

- **RUDY BOSCHWITZ**, the former senator from Wisconsin, blasted the Anti-Defamation League's book-length attack on the so-called religious right in a Sept. 11 commentary in the *Washington Times*. Boschwitz, an honorary board member of the ADL, pointed out that the Christian Coalition's legislative director, Marshall Wittman, is Jewish.

- **CATALINA VILLAPANDO**, who served under George Bush as U.S. Treasurer, was sentenced to four months in prison and 200 hours "community service" on Sept. 13. Villapando had pleaded guilty to four counts of tax evasion and obstruction of justice in February.

- **IRISH SINN FEIN** President Gerry Adams will be given a second U.S. visa to address members of Congress in September, according to the *Irish Times*. The newspaper said that Adams would be invited by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

- **OLIVER NORTH**, who is running for U.S. Senate in Virginia, is still banned by the Costa Rican government from entering the country. José Thompson, consul general of the Costa Rican Embassy in Washington, told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* that the 1987 ban stemmed from the fact that "North . . . was using Costa Rican territory for a non-authorized land area."