

National News

Clinton praised for help in settling pilot strike

Unlike the New Democrats, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney went out of his way to praise President Clinton on Sept. 10, after Northwest Airlines pilots reached a settlement with the carrier: "The settlement of the strike between the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) and Northwest is an incredible victory for the pilots union and for the thousands of other Northwest workers who stood in solidarity with them. . . .

"The Clinton administration played a pivotal role in resolving the conflict by sending Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater and Deputy White House Counsel Bruce Lindsey to Minneapolis Monday night. Lindsey worked with the parties around the clock until the strike was settled this afternoon. President Clinton is particularly to be commended for standing firm against pressure to invoke his powers under the Railway Labor Act, to order the pilots back to work, thereby allowing the collective bargaining process to produce today's agreement on terms to end the strike."

LaRouche Dems win seats in Maryland primary

The results of Maryland's Sept. 15 Democratic primary furnished evidence of the growing influence among voters of Lyndon LaRouche: Three members of the "Marylanders for Justice" slate, led by gubernatorial candidate Lawrence K. Freeman, won seats on the State Central Committee in the western counties: Helen Alexander and Mary Borawski in Frederick County; and Laura Wright from Hagerstown, Washington County, who received the second-highest vote in a field of eight. This is the largest number of LaRouche partisans holding positions ever in the state party's history, which has already unnerved the "New Democrat" traitors who have turned their backs on defending the U.S. Presidency.

Freeman himself received 22,756 votes, or 5.6%, a huge increase over his 1994 vote (3,413), and the largest statewide vote total

for any ally of LaRouche's policies in Maryland. The Freeman vote is even more significant, given the 25% decrease in the number of voters in the gubernatorial primary.

The largest increase in Freeman's vote occurred in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, where he had launched a strong defense of Sen. Larry Young, who was expelled from the state Senate last January after the Justice Department had made him a target of its "Fruehmenschen" campaign against African-American officials.

Unfortunately, there is a question whether incumbent Gov. Parris Glendening, who won 70% in the Democratic primary, will be able to defeat Gingrich Republican Ellen Sauerbrey. Polls show the two running neck-and-neck, at 45% each. Since Democratic Marylanders outnumber Republicans by 3 to 1, this reflects a serious underlying problem. There are growing signs of discontent after Glendening recently snubbed President Clinton. Many longtime Democrats said they would vote against Glendening for that reason. The African-American community is very angry at the Governor's unprincipled treatment of the President.

María Milton takes 43% in Arizona Dem primary

LaRouche Democrat María Elena Milton received 43% of the vote in the Sept. 8 Democratic primary for U.S. Congress in Arizona's 4th Congressional District. Political observers were astounded at Milton's strong showing, since her opponent Eric Ehst had the support of the Democratic Party hierarchy, which mobilized a smear campaign against Milton and Lyndon LaRouche, rather than taking on the policies of incumbent Gingrich Republican, John Shadegg.

Ehst, a vice chairman of the Arizona Democratic Party, admitted that he was only running to "stop Milton." In 1996, Milton won the Democratic primary in her first campaign for elected office.

Milton issued a statement after the polls closed, entitled "Defend the Presidency, Defeat Shadegg":

"Starting tomorrow, I will be helping to lead a national campaign to defend the U.S. Constitution, and save the Presidency from

Kenneth Starr's British-directed wrecking operation.

"As I insisted in my campaign, President Clinton is under vicious attack by the financial elite, because they fear he has the potential, with the right support, to act in this crisis as Franklin D. Roosevelt acted in the 1930s. The fact is, that only FDR-style re-regulation of financial markets, and great infrastructure projects to rebuild our productive industry and agriculture, as proposed in Lyndon LaRouche's New Bretton Woods policy, can save the nation from chaos.

"I will call upon all of my supporters to mobilize with me against the New Age Democrats, like those who are treacherously calling for the President to resign. President Clinton must stay in office, and must have the support to deal with the multiple crises facing the nation, especially the accelerating disintegration of the world financial system."

Oregon marks up plans for prison slave labor

Oregon State Rep. Kevin Mannix, sponsor of a recent bill to allow prison labor in that state, is now trying to lure the Nike company, which uses virtual slave labor in Asia to make its athletic shoes, to move to Oregon. "We propose that [Nike] take a look at their transportation costs and their labor costs," says Mannix. "We could offer prison labor right here in Oregon."

Violating current Federal law, the State of Oregon has been forcing inmates to work without pay since April 1, 1995, when Measure 17, a voter ballot initiative, altered Oregon's Constitution, to require prison inmates to work or train 40 hours per week for no pay: their wages would be taken to cover prison costs, restitution to victims, family support, fines, court costs, and taxes. The Legislature amended the measure in May 1997 to provide that "prison work products or services shall be available without restriction imposed by any state or local law, ordinance or regulation as to competition with other public or private sector enterprises."

Oregon is already notorious as having pioneered legalized euthanasia, similarly through a ballot initiative.