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Mont Pelerin says it runs Stockman

George C. Roche III, president of Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan, told reporters on March 11 that his institution, a semi-official affiliate of the monetarist Mont Pelerin Society, launched the career of David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Stockman, whom Roche described as a "Fabian socialist of the older-style von Hayek type," got his start in public life as a "congressman for the Hillsdale district."

"You have to understand," Roche explained, "that we are one of the first places people go to in this district if they want the [congressional] seat. When Dave's predecessor resigned, I was urged to run. But Dave came in to see me and we became very close friends. We knew about his radical background, but we also knew he worked with Pat Moynihan, a basic conservative, at Harvard."

Roche called Hillsdale "the informal college of the Mont Pelerin Society in the United States." He said he is close to Reagan domestic affairs adviser Martin Anderson, and had tutored Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) in monetarism during Kemp's career as a football quarterback for the Buffalo Bills.

Decrim lobby backs cocaine case

The Playboy Foundation, a leading funder of the marijuana decrim lobby, has been discovered backing moves to legalize cocaine, according to the National Antidrug Coalition.

Chicago Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Richard Mills overturned a lower court conviction relating to cocaine possession in the case of the *State of Illinois v. McCarty*. The grounds for the reversal were that "cocaine is not a narcotic," and therefore the penalties

were too harsh. Although cocaine is technically not a "narcotic" it is listed as a dangerous drug under federal controlled substances regulations.

Evidence uncovered by the antidrug group reveals that the "medical expert" testimony in the trial is identical to guidelines suggested in a Playboy-funded handbook titled "Cocaine, Legal and Technical Defenses" published by the National College of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Public Defenders.

According to the handbook's introduction, the "team effort" "resulted directly from a grant by the Playboy Foundation, which would not have been made without the active interest of Burton Joseph and Margaret Standish of the foundation, and Bill Helmer and Tom Passavant of *Playboy* magazine."

The Playboy Foundation is the major funder of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Yippies plan 'spring offensive'

The Youth International Party (Yippies) is planning a "spring offensive" to begin with a "National Resisters Conference" on March 20-23. The conference is designed to regroup the street-level "New Left" forces and shape them into potential riot shock troops comprised of Yippies, antinuclear activists, and so-called antiracism forces.

According to New York Yippie organizer Dana Beal, the first salvo of this "spring offensive" will be a demonstration against President Reagan at a Lincoln Center, New York performance of his son.

The "National Resisters Conference" is featuring Abbie Hoffman, the Playboy Foundation's Paul Krassner, antinuclear physicist Micho Koku, and Ben Mazel, leader of the "Rock Against Racism." Mazel's speech is titled "The Battle Against the Klan and LaRouche," referring to *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., who has consistently maintained that the New Left is a protofascist phenomenon.

Intelligence sources estimate that the U.S. deployment of Socialist International assets into what the Yipsters term a new "International Liberation Movement" is a harbinger of U.S.-based terrorist upsurge. This analysis is especially bolstered by the involvement of more professional terrorist operations, such as the American Indian Movement.

Republican Senate group breaks with Stockman

Republican Senators controlling the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee chaired by Orrin Hatch of Utah broke with a policy of solid conservative-Republican support for Reagan-Stockman budget cuts and on March 10 voted down \$2 billion of an \$11 billion proposed cut affecting social welfare and education programs.

The group includes Hatch, Dan Quayle of Indiana, Paula Hawkins of Florida, Don Nickles of Oklahoma, Gordon Humphrey of New Hampshire, Jeremiah Denton of Alabama, and John East of North Carolina.

The committee voted to reduce a 20 percent cut in education programs to 12.5 percent, voted 13-3 to continue low-income fuel assistance at \$1.85 billion and voted unanimously to increase black lung benefits to miners.

Because the vote came before the final budget is presented to Congress, it could be reconsidered.

General strike set in Massachusetts

A group of Massachusetts public employee unions has announced a one-day general strike throughout the state to be held sometime in April. John Gallahue, the group's designated spokesman and president of the powerful Carmen's Union, told reporters that the action is endorsed by all major employee unions, including the Service Employees International Union, American Federation of

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State, County and Municipal Employees, and the American Federation of Government Employees.

The one-day strike has been dubbed "Union Appreciation Day" and is designed to elicit public support for public employees who are now facing thousands of layoffs. These layoffs, and related wage and hiring freezes, are due to deep budget cuts mandated by "Proposition 2½," a property tax limitation referendum passed in November.

The cutbacks threaten to decimate city services and thereby depopulate urban centers. Departmental budgets in the larger Massachusetts cities will be slashed from 25 to 60 percent in June, with deeper cuts to follow in 1982.

Employment shifts follow Global 2000 track

A startling shift taking place in the American labor force, if not altered, will produce a collapse of family formation and population growth, reveal Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

In the past year, employment of women of childbearing age rose a record 835,000, accounting entirely for that period's increase in employment. In the past month alone, the BLS reports, while "total employment rose by 230,000 . . . adult women accounted for virtually all of the over-the-month increase."

Meantime, "employment of adult men and teenagers was below the year-earlier level, by 270,000 and 400,000 respectively."

This dramatic shift in the composition of the labor force reflects a rapid shift toward a deindustrialized economy. Over 1979 and 1980, the economy lost 600,000 industrial jobs, but added 1.6 million service jobs, a massive shift toward nonproductive employment. Within this shift toward services, women were drawn into the labor force, frequently as a result of their husbands' layoffs.

Further budget cuts in aid to dependent children, child nutrition, and related programs, which will help force women onto the job market, will accelerate this

decline in the American population's capacity for family formation.

Canadian security incident 'dry run' against Reagan?

It appears that Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau intentionally created a breach in President Reagan's security protection during Reagan's March 10-11 visit to Canada. Progressive Conservative MP Allan Lawrence submitted a widely publicized parliamentary question on March 6 condemning the then-planned precautions as excessive, whereupon Royal Canadian Mounted Police Inspector Lloyd Larose reported to the Canadian Press Agency on March 8 that Reagan's Secret Service guards would not be allowed to carry arms.

In Ottawa, although the Mounties had received death threats to Reagan prior to his visit, they allowed demonstrators to come as close as 50 feet from the President at an open-air speech. On-the-scene security personnel acknowledged that an assassination would have been "easy."

The demonstrators included the Iranian Students Association; In Struggle, whose founder, Charles Gagnon, also founded the terrorist FLQ; the Canadian Communist Party Marxist-Leninist; and the El Salvador Solidarity Committee, among whose participants are the Communist Workers Party, the American Indian Movement, and the Yippies.

Interviewed on March 12, Cam Mackie, a Trudeau adviser and founder of the Company of Young Canadians (an Institute for Policy Studies-linked group that earlier funded the Weathermen), ranted about the Reagan visit, openly siding with the demonstrators.

In a related development, the *New York Times* reported March 11 that White House Counselor Ed Meese called an emergency cabinet meeting to blast Haig's State Department for not having adequately briefed the President before his trip to Ottawa.

● **BAHRAM NAHIDIAN**, the Iranian rug merchant based in Washington who is the ringleader of pro-Khomeini Muslim fundamentalist terrorism in the United States, is reported to be planning a series of violent demonstrations and assassination hits against anti-Khomeini Iranian emigrés over the March 21 Iranian New Year holiday. Iranian nationals opposed to Khomeini rule in Iran will be gathering at hotels in Washington and other major cities across the country to celebrate the New Year, and Nahidian is rumored to have told his followers to prepare for "suicide missions."

● **JOSEPH HENDRIE** was called upon, in a surprise move by the Reagan administration, to take back his old job at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, pending a permanent appointment. Hendrie, who had left the NRC because of controversy over his handling of the Three Mile Island affair, was asked to take the job back when problems developed over the appointment of Memphis businessman Thomas Roberts to the NRC post. Sources report that two top Senate Republicans met with President Reagan to oppose the Roberts nomination, indicating that Roberts's only qualification for the job that is vital to the future of America's nuclear industry, seemed to be that he was a top campaign official for George Bush.

● **ALEXANDER HAIG** is hardly the most popular man at Foggy Bottom. "There are a lot of people over here who don't like Haig," said a State Department source. "It's not just because his policies stink. Look at all that body jewelry he wears. It's a disgrace to have a secretary of state strutting around like that."