

# National News

## NASA invents drug 'remote sensing' system

The Reagan administration has announced the completion of a "remote sensing system" developed under contract by NASA that can "detect opium poppy fields at varying stages of maturity so that eradication crews can destroy the poppies before they are harvested."

The system uses an electro-optical scanner, mounted on a Lear jet scanning platform which flies at 35,000 feet altitude to scan several thousand square kilometers during a flight. A ground-based data processing system similar to that developed for the Landsat satellite can provide a 24-hour turnaround to provide the location, size, and total amount of opium poppies detected.

The system will be used by Mexico to check opium poppy growth, and will be used as statistical information by Mexico's development programs to encourage "alternate sources of income to rural poor whose principal source of income from illicit narcotics [will be] lost because of the eradication program."

In line with the renewed U.S.-Mexican cooperation in drug eradication, U.S. and Mexican law enforcement officials recently met in Mexico City to discuss cooperation in antidrug programs. Attending were Mexican officials, U.S. police chiefs, judges, district attorneys from U.S. South and Southwestern states, and U.S. federal drug enforcement agents.

## Kennedy: kill fusion, breeder programs

In an op-ed in the April 28 *New York Times*, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) called for ending all government funding for fusion and breeder reactor research.

Rather than his usual argument based on the purported environmental danger of nuclear power, Kennedy posed

his opposition to the program totally within the format of the "cost-effectiveness" arguments used by the fiscal conservatives at the OMB.

"The fusion and breeder reactor programs are hand-me-downs from the 1960s," which have outlived their usefulness, since in our zero-growth economy, "electricity demand is hardly growing at all."

In any case, Kennedy says, we can always go back to coal. "It is hard to understand why the federal government, in an era of drastically tightened budgets, should be spending billions of dollars over the next decade to try to create a substitute for coal—our most abundant domestic energy resource."

Kennedy also called the breeder reactor program "only a Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program for nuclear engineers." Only energy programs based on solar energy and conservation should be funded by the government, the Chappaquidick senator concluded.

## Donovan raids nonunion sweatshops

Secretary of Labor Ray Donovan has hit the Socialist International right in the pocketbook by personally leading the first in a series of raids against New York City garment sweatshops. Donovan's Labor Department conducted an investigation that revealed extensive use of child and other slave labor in the New York sweatshops.

At the Chinatown shop raided by Donovan, the secretary found both 90-year-old and 10-year-old Chinese employed at \$1 an hour.

Saying that no one could utilize the services of a sweatshop without knowing it, Donovan said he would push Congress to pass a labor law "with teeth in it to ban sweatshops." He also said that he would seek the support of manufacturers and the unions for stiffer policing, adding that the sweatshops could not exist without union indifference. "We are going to keep coming back until they

offer these people a decent wage," he vowed.

The New York sweatshops have operated for years under the nose of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU). This same ILGWU leadership has also been since the 1920s the center of Socialist International penetration of the U.S. labor movement. In fact, the headquarters of the Social Democrats U.S.A., the Young Peoples Socialist League, the League for Industrial Democracy, and various "free Soviet dissidents" groups are all located at the ILGWU's New York headquarters.

## Teaching depopulation to federal employees

The U.S. State Department is using a video, sound, and slide show program given by a California group called "Creative Initiatives" to inculcate State Department employees with the ideas embodied in the *Global 2000 Report*, *EIR* has learned.

The program, given at retreats at CI's center in the Santa Cruz mountains, is based on the idea that "man must live in harmony with nature," and not try to transgress his environmentally ordained limits. Such leading environmentalists as Jacques Cousteau, Norman Cousins, John Gardner, and James Joseph are featured in the various audiovisual segments of the program.

Creative Initiatives was founded 20 years ago by Stanford Law School professor Harry Rathbun and his wife Emilia. Its current active membership amounts to several hundred people, including Stanford Business School dean Gary Williams. The group has worked closely with Willis Harman, of Stanford Research Institute, whose counterculture studies were the basis for Marilyn Ferguson's book *The Aquarian Conspiracy*.

In addition, BBC veteran Adrian Malone, the producer of Carl Sagan's kooky *Cosmos* TV series, is working with *Global 2000* author Gerald Barney and Creative Initiatives to produce a six-hour film

series popularizing Global 2000 for airing nationwide by the Public Broadcasting System. The project will cost over \$6 million, which they hope to raise from ARCO's Robert O. Anderson, who is a member of the Club of Rome and founder of the Aspen Institute.

## Haig endorses Global 2000 doctrine

Secretary of State Alexander Haig, testifying April 28 before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, endorsed the population doctrine of the Carter administration's *Global 2000 Report* as a "national security" issue. In prepared remarks before the committee, Haig stated that "security and development questions must be seen in the context of international challenges that confront us. . . . We and our allies are now more vulnerable to international unrest and violent change."

Haig told the committee that the "Soviets are now capable of supporting an imperial foreign policy. . . . venturism . . . appears to conform to a basic and ominous objective—to strike at countries at or near basic resource lines vital to the West.

"All of this," said Haig, "comes at a time when the world population will increase from 4.4 billion in 1979 to over 6.3 billion by the end of the century, with 90 percent of this increase in the poorest countries. Economic dislocations of this magnitude create conditions for violent disruptions, with dangerous political consequences."

These latter statements are lifted almost verbatim from the population summary section of the Global 2000 report and its implementation document *Global Future*.

In his testimony today, Haig gave cause for new speculation about a State Department "triage list" of underdeveloped nations that receive U.S. aid. After indicating that he regarded population problems as national security questions, Haig stated: "In formulation of economic policy, in decisions about the alloca-

tion of our scarce resources in all economic decisions, a major determination will be the need to advance our security."

## California 2000 group formed

As suggested by depopulation advocate William Paddock, a group called California 2000 has been formed "to attempt to apply the principles of the *Global 2000 Report* to a U.S. state the size of California." California 2000 is directed by Charles Warren, the former director of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), who first suggested the idea of the *Global 2000 Report* to the Carter administration in 1977.

"We use the conclusions of Global 2000," Warren told a reporter, "particularly in the area of population. California is proximate to Mexico, an area of high population growth which will be a massive source of immigrants to the U.S., and half of those will come to California. This will have a massive dislocative effect on our health, education, welfare, resources, and environment. We can either do nothing about it, and be overwhelmed, or we can erect effective legal and physical barriers to immigration. . . . One idea we're looking at is to set up enterprise zones along the border, combining Mexican labor and oil with American knowhow. By keeping the development to the borders, and not the interior, we can make sure that northward migration stays on the Tijuana side."

Warren said that California 2000 has done extensive studies on the state's capital-intensive agriculture, and has concluded that irrigation is turning the state into a desert and must be stopped, even though he admitted that irrigated cropland in California produces 10 percent of all food in international trade.

California 2000 will hold a Los Angeles conference May 9, featuring Victor Palmieri, Carter's coordinator of refugee affairs who was in charge of "relief" efforts in Uganda that resulted in roving armies of refugees looting the devastated country.

## Briefly

● **THE NCEC** (National Committee for an Effective Congress), a McGovernite lobbying group, is reportedly overjoyed that the National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC) plans to defeat a target list of moderate Democrats. House Majority Leader Jim Wright, House Budget Committee chairman Jim Jones, and House Ways and Means Committee head Dan Rostenkowski are major NCPAC targets, although all are far from liberal. NCPAC cites votes for nuclear energy, the NASA space program, and Western water development as key reasons why the three should be thrown out.

● **THE UAW'S** reaffiliation with the AFL-CIO is intended by United Autoworkers chief Doug Fraser to liberalize and "reform" the AFL-CIO from within, and turn it toward the Socialist International, according to Fraser's associates. AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland favors the move for the same reason.

● **JAY GOLDBERG**, defense attorney for three Teamster leaders charged in New Jersey federal court with a "labor peace" bribery scheme, summed up by targeting key prosecution witness "Little Ralphie" Picardo, a protected federal witness. "Ought I, as a juror, hesitate to act on the word of Ralph Picardo for an important decision in my life? I ask you by your verdict of 'not guilty' to hurry Ralph Picardo on his way to his trial [for murder] and help us end this odious safe-haven provided by the federal government."

● **STATE DEPARTMENT** spokesman Beagle has labeled the idea of inviting French and German heads of state to attend the upcoming bicentennial of the Battle of Yorktown that ended the American Revolution as "nonsense." Said Beagle: "That's just fantasy."