

National News

DOS to participate in Club of Rome conference

Robert Hormats, the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, will be a featured speaker at a Mar. 2 conference in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the U.S. Association for the Club of Rome.

The conference will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the release of the *Limits to Growth* document, and will be keynoted by Aurelio Peccei, who founded the organization on orders from NATO. Elliott Richardson, former Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and Sen. Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island will join Hormats on a panel discussion.

A spokesman for the Club of Rome said Feb. 10 that he was "delighted that the U.S. government would officially recognize and participate in our conference," asserting that Hormats would speak for the Reagan administration and had been assigned to the event following a formal request to the White House and the State Department. Hormats "is sympathetic to our work," he stated, adding that the administration and the Club of Rome are "not as far apart as it might appear."

Opposition mounts to D.C. euthanasia bill

The Feb. 9 issue of the *Washington Afro-American* ran a page-one banner headline "Protests Against 'Natural Death' Grow." The article broke the *Washington Post*-imposed blackout on the effort to legalize euthanasia in the nation's capital by means of D.C. Act 4-115, "The Natural Death Act of 1981." The law will jail and fine physicians who refuse to accede to "living will" requests to cease medical treatment for a patient.

The *Washington Afro-American* reports on the growing recognition among Washington citizens that they had been

hoodwinked by the *Post* and other supporters of legalized murder and population reduction. The article reports that a resolution of disapproval by which Congress would overturn the legislation "is strongly supported by the Rev. Cleveland Sparrow, head of the District Chapter of the Moral Majority, and also by the Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia. . . . Several critics of the legislation have maintained that low-income people might be pressured to sign such a document [a "living will"] because of worries over the cost of prolonged medical treatment." Also quoted is Stephanie Ezrol of the National Democratic Policy Committee, charging that the bill could be "genocidal" in its effect. Washington's residents are predominantly black.

Did Donovan slanderer hand out dynamite?

Mario Montuoro, the principal witness for Abscam Prosecutor Thomas Puccio against Labor Secretary Ray Donovan, provided the cover necessary for an associate of the terrorist-linked Institute for Policy Studies to obtain a license to use explosives, *EIR* has learned. Licenses are required for construction workers who use dynamite for blasting.

Montuoro wrote a letter of reference in 1976 as Secretary-Treasurer of Laborers Union #29 for Ted Katsaros and three other individuals. To date no record has been found that the four belonged to the union.

"I have known Mr. Katsaros for several years and found him to be reliable with good character and working habits," Montuoro wrote to the Department of Combustibles of the New York City Fire Department. Katsaros became a leading anti-Teamster "dissident."

Montuoro has been convicted of, among other things, possession of heroin. He was acting as a Justice Department agent within Laborers Union #29, and in 1980 was a source for the radical magazine *Mother Jones's* slander of the Labor-

ers Union as "mob-controlled." He has claimed that he only recently became associated with IPS-connected dissidents in the union.

Mrs. Kissinger: 'Do you want to get slugged?'

The *Daily Journal*, New Jersey's oldest newspaper, reported Feb. 8 that a pro-nuclear-power activist filed a police complaint Feb. 7 against Nancy Kissinger, claiming she was assaulted and threatened by her in Newark Airport. Newark police have issued a summons against Nancy Kissinger for "simple assault."

"Ellen Kaplan of New York City told Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police she was grabbed by the throat by Mrs.

asked Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, a question regarding his personal life," the paper reported.

"She wanted her [Mrs. Kissinger] arrested, but she was already on her way to Boston," said Peter Monaghan, a Port Authority spokesman. "I'm sure that if we got to Mrs. Kissinger right away, she would have been detained."

The article quoted Kaplan as saying that immediately after the pro-nuclear organizer asked Mrs. Kissinger a question, "Nancy ran up to me and grabbed me by the throat and asked, 'Do you want to get slugged?'"

AFL-CIO linked to arrested Italian terrorist

A spokesman for the International Affairs Department of the AFL-CIO confirmed Feb. 9 that the federation had extensive contacts with Luigi Scricciolo, a leader of Italy's UIL labor confederation, arrested this month for membership in the terrorist Red Brigades.

According to the source, both AFL-CIO International Affairs director Ernest Lee and his assistant, Mike Boggs, had contact with Scricciolo, who at the

time of his arrest headed the International Affairs Department of the Socialist-linked UIL. "Mike Boggs was running around here last week telling people 'you'll never believe this one,'" said a source at AFL-CIO headquarters. "Benvenuto's right-hand man has been busted as a Red Brigades terrorist!" Georgio Benvenuto is the head of the UIL and reportedly a close friend of Boggs. The AFL-CIO worked with Scricciolo most recently on joint work around support for the Solidarity union in Poland.

Scricciolo reportedly sent an angry letter to Lee's office demanding to know why he had not been invited to the AFL-CIO convention two months ago. Sources at the AFL-CIO headquarters report that a decision was made to not invite any Italian unionists to the convention, for the first time in memory. No explanation was ever given, but it has been confirmed that the order was given by Irving Brown, the head of the AFL-CIO's Paris office, who helped create the UIL union in the 1940s. Brown arrived Feb. 9 in Washington on an "emergency visit."

Labor group formed for Williams defense

Two Atlantic City, New Jersey union leaders issued a call on Feb. 11 for the formation of a "National Labor Committee to Defend Harrison Williams," the Abscammed New Jersey Senator, who is a pro-labor Democrat. The leaders are Robert Cericola, Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 331, and William Toland, President of Local 1447 of the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades and President of the International Conference of Sign, Display, and Allied Trades.

They announced their intention to take part in a day of national lobbying on Capitol Hill Feb. 19 on Williams's behalf. They are also circulating a petition nationwide for endorsement by union officials and friends of labor, and

meeting with New Jersey legislators.

The petition reads in part: "Processes such as Abscam, where a public official or an average citizen can be targeted, indicted, tried, convicted, and sentenced in the press, must come to a halt. We are entering the most perilous times for both the union movement and for the country. . . . We must therefore have the freedom to publicly assemble, to air our political opinions, and to conduct private business such as the literal building of this country free from harrassment and terror campaigns run by shadowy forces behind the scenes. . . . We either rise to [Williams's] defense in a unified fashion, across the nation, from the bottom to the top of labor, or we should not be surprised to hear the knock at the door saying we're next. . . ."

Texas Speaker Clayton sues FBI Brilab agents

Texas Speaker of the House Billy Clayton, a "Roosevelt Democrat" who was acquitted in 1980 of an FBI Brilab frame-up against him, filed suit for damages in Houston Feb. 8 against the Prudential Insurance Company of America and two FBI undercover agents.

Clayton contended that the collaboration between Prudential and the FBI led to "great public humiliation and embarrassment" which damaged his political career. He is shortly to retire from his position as State House Speaker. The FBI undercover agents named in the suit are Mike Wacks and Larry Montague, who posed as Prudential Insurance employees in the "sting."

Clayton's suit reads in part: "Clothed with such authority [Prudential's backing] Wacks and Montague, with the able assistance of the criminal abilities of Hauser [Joe Hauser, con-man used by the FBI in Brilab], undertook to entrap Clayton into an appearance of the commission of violations of his public trust." The suit alleges that the FBI sting operation was knowingly calculated to "harm and injure innocent persons."

Briefly

● **JOHN CONYERS** (D-Mich.) and 51 other Congressmen have requested the left-wing Institute for Policy Studies, a Warburg-founded think tank, to "undertake a thorough analysis of the federal budget" and "recommend alternative approaches for consideration by Congress." At a Feb. 11 press conference in Washington, D.C., IPS staffers led by Director Marcus Raskin castigated exploitation of "the poor, minorities, women, and gays," then proposed a shutdown of nuclear energy and an emphasis on biomass.

● **THE PHILADELPHIA** City Council voted Feb. 4 to declare June 9 "Dante Alighieri Day" as part of the ongoing celebration of the city's tricentennial anniversary. Councilman James Tayoun introduced the resolution at the request of the Lafayette Foundation of the Arts and Sciences, which has held several Philadelphia meetings to present to Italian-Americans the Renaissance influence upon America's Founding Fathers.

● **VICTOR GOTBAUM**, a social-democratic New York City labor leader, announced this month that he intends to set up an official work-study program for visiting Chinese Communist labor leaders in the city. Gotbaum heads District 37 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.

● **EDMUND N. ORBECK**, Alaska's Commissioner of Labor, released a statement last month urging job-seekers not to come to Alaska unless they have a guarantee of employment. Unemployment in Alaska for 1981 was officially 9.3 percent, compared with a national average of 7.4 percent, and its cost of living is extremely high.