

National News

Defense newsletter covers beam-weapons campaign

The *Defense Daily* newsletter gave front-page coverage Jan. 27 to the campaign for the development of anti-missile beam weapons by the United States now being led by *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, the Fusion Energy Foundation, and, separately, nuclear physicist Dr. Edward Teller.

The newsletter circulates widely in Washington and among defense industries. The article features LaRouche's emphasis on the economic impact of beam-weapon development, and also covers his charges against the Heritage Foundation for attempting to sabotage such a program in the United States (see article, page 52).

Titled "Space-Based Laser Backed by Teller," the article is an inside look at the proposals put forward by Dr. Teller in a Washington, D.C. press conference in December.

It discusses Dr. Steven Bardwell's presentation of the necessity of beam-weapons development in a number of public forums. Bardwell is editor-in-chief of *Fusion* magazine and military editor of the *EIR*.

These publications, the article continues, are associated with "1980 Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. . . . LaRouche . . . is an advocate . . . of developing beam weapons systems because of their enormous benefits to the civilian economy, through technological spinoffs. . . ."

Washington Khomeiniacs skip court appearances

Bahram Nahidian, a Washington, D.C. controller of Iranian and Arab terrorism, failed to answer a subpoena to appear in Federal court in Washington Jan. 31, for questioning by attorneys for *EIR*'s news service and related organizations, regarding his connections to Iranian banker and alleged terrorist funder Cyrus Hashemi.

Nahidian is reputed to be the man behind the July 1980 assassination of anti-Khomeini spokesman Ali Tabatabai in a Washington suburb. Nahidian enjoyed the protection of the Carter administration, and was never indicted in the murder case.

Meanwhile, the plaintiff in the case, Cyrus Hashemi, is facing a motion to dismiss his entire case due to his own tardiness in answering written interrogatories and then failing to appear for his deposition which was scheduled for Jan. 25. Government agencies intend to drop the suit, before his ties to the State Department and other agencies becomes public knowledge.

Soviet space program nine times U.S.'s

The Congressional Research Service released a report in late January which documented an increasing superiority of the Soviet Union over the United States in space activities.

According to the report, "Although the U.S. launch pace declined still further from 1976, the Soviet record shows no similar drop, peaking at 99 in 1976 and now running at about seven times the current U.S. level. . . . The Soviet Union has cumulatively launched about 90 percent more tonnage than the U.S., and is currently running at nine-fold the U.S. level. . . . This implies a space budget of \$7 to \$14 billion in 1974, and \$14 to \$28 billion in 1980—a level of expenditure that is considerably larger than the present U.S. program and probably approximates (for 1974 in real terms) the U.S. space program at its peak in the 1960s."

The report says that there is evidence that the Soviets have been flight-testing electric "ion-drive" rockets for interplanetary flight, and that they are actively doing breadboard experiments with solid-core nuclear rocket engines. The report also includes information about Soviet plans for a space shuttle. "The Soviet prototype was said to resemble an airplane, with delta wings and a cigarlike fuselage. The overall length would be around 200 feet, and its diameter with fuel containers around 26 feet. The de-

sign called for a specially designed launcher powered by rocket engines."

The report also notes that "Soviet space technology has already included two military developments the United States has not undertaken, the Fractional Orbital Bombardment System (FOBS) and the Inspector/Destructor Satellite series. Whether there will be more threatening moves beyond mere military support flights remain to be seen. A spaceborne missile defense system is one potential application which is tied to future developments both in reusable space shuttle craft and in laser weapons. Late in 1975, disclosures came that there was evidence that ground based lasers were probing U.S. military satellites in high orbit."

Media abets violence in truckers' strike

"The only thing Parkhurst has going for him is the threat of violence," a Teamsters official told a reporter the first day of the strike called by the Independent Truckers' Association (ITA) head Michael Parkhurst. A veteran of the 1974 and 1979 "independent truckers" strikes commented, "This time they have no organization and no leadership."

The threat of violence, however, has almost entirely been created by highly exaggerated reporting in the national media. Law-enforcement and other sources contacted by *EIR* have stated that incidents have either been unrelated to the strike, or simply untrue.

Shootings of truckers in Utah and North Carolina were not related to the strike, according to law enforcement officials in both states. A "gunshot" reported in Pennsylvania was a tire blowout; a cinderblock supposedly thrown through a window was actually lying in the highway.

Although this media effort has created an atmosphere where truckers are avoiding truckstops and driving at night, the greatest effect of the strike has been to create even more difficult economic conditions for truckers.

Most so-called independents actually lease their trucks for large corporations such as Pepsico, and work in the least profitable

areas of industry trucking. They pay the greatest overhead to haul loads the industry will not pay union rates to haul.

Times exposes Margaret Mead as fraud

The *New York Times* confessed on its front page Jan. 31 that Museum of Natural History cultural relativist anthropologist Margaret Mead was a fraud who concocted her data.

The *Times* exposes Mead by printing on its front page a review of a not-yet published book by Australian eugenicist Derek Freeman, *Margaret Mead and Samoa: the Making and Unmaking of an Anthropological Myth*, reporting his findings at length.

"Margaret Mead described the Samoan people as gentle, peaceful, free of religious conflicts and devoid of jealousy. They conformed adolescent free love, she said, and, as a result, adolescence in Samoa was without turmoil or stress that accompanies adolescence in the United States and elsewhere. . . . By contrast Prof. Freeman asserts that: The Samoan people are intensely competitive; they have a high rate of homicide and assault, and the incidence of rape in Samoa is among the highest in the world; Samoan children, adolescents and adults live within an authority system that regularly results in psychological disturbances from compulsive behaviors to hysterical illnesses and suicide; they are extremely prone to fits of jealousy; and not only are Samoans not given to casual lovemaking, but also the 'cult of female virginity is probably carried to a greater extreme than in any other culture known to anthropology.' "

In retrospect, Mead's results were obviously concocted to provide a model for the creation of the promiscuous, infantile counterculture, a project that Mead was later to be intimately involved in, including MK-Ultra and SIECUS, campaigns to legalize marijuana and pornography, and the promotion of her friend Dr. Benjamin Spock. The *Times* itself was a leading promoter of Mead and all her causes.

Now, in discrediting Mead, and build-

ing a worldwide reputation overnight for the obscure eugenicist Freeman, the *Times* is promoting the other pack of frauds—the eugenicists, whom the *Times* actively promoted prior to World War II. Mead's employment by the arch-eugenicist American Museum of Natural History and her marriage to Gregory Bateson, the son of Britain's leading eugenicist William Bateson, demonstrates that the two sides, liberal cultural relativists and fascist eugenicists, are fundamentally the same.

Times and Newsweek termed brain-damaging

The research department of the multibillion dollar Exxon Corporation has fired the individual responsible for reading and summarizing the *New York Times* for corporate executives. Exxon has also canceled its subscription to the *Times*.

"This is one cost-cutting measure we heartily approve of," commented *EIR* Editor Nora Hamerman. "It has been demonstrated that continual exposure to the *New York Times* seriously interferes with corporate performance, by producing functional brain damage in its readers."

In a related development, editorial directors of *Newsweek* magazine were exposed as maintaining a soft spot in their hearts for Adolf Hitler and the Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi.

Qaddafi gave an interview last month to several French papers and to *Newsweek* in which he praised Adolf Hitler's political savvy in stopping a "Zionist plot to subvert Germany." Qaddafi expressed his hope that the same fate would await "the Zionists" in the United States.

Qaddafi's comments were covered widely in France and Israel, and were reported by this news service. But *Newsweek*, in covering the same interview, deleted the Qaddafi's explosive comments on Hitler.

Could it be that the editors of *Newsweek* are trying to softpedal Nazism because they support the "New Hitler Project" being put into operation by some of Europe's leading oligarchic families to install a new Führer.

Briefly

● **DONALD REGAN** admitted in an interview on nationwide TV Jan. 30 that all his recent economic forecasts had been wrong, but excused himself by saying, "But everyone was wrong. All forecasters, private, government, and business were taken by surprise by the 1981 recession." Regan omitted to mention the forecast of the *EIR*, which unlike all the others consulted by his Treasury Department, has been quite consistently right on a quarter-by-quarter basis since 1979.

● **LARRY FREEMAN**, who ran as a National Democratic Policy Committee candidate for Congress against Parren Mitchell in 1982, announced his candidacy for Mayor of Baltimore Feb. 1. With him is running a citywide NDPC slate, including his wife Debra Freeman, for City Council President; John Ascher for Comptroller; Edwin Cluster, the former president of the UAW in Martin Marietta, for City Council in the 5th district; and five other City Council candidates.

● **BARBARA MIKULSKI**, Congresswoman from Baltimore who has staunchly defended the genocidal Project 2000 report, denounced existing U.S. foreign aid programs as being "sexist" in an address to the Ecumenical Institute Feb. 1. Mikulski also denounced those in the Third World seeking national self-determination or debt relief. "There are many dangerous ideas afloat including a move to a new nationalism which threatens new border disputes as new scapegoats are looked for, as well as proposals for a new debtors' cartel that would be quite serious."

● **BERNARD ROGERS**, Commander of NATO, is arguing that a NATO defense of Western Europe against the Warsaw Pact would be possible without the use of nuclear weapons, provided that French forces were re-integrated into NATO, sources report.