

National News

Caribbean maneuvers held by NATO

The recently commenced Readex-2-83 maneuvers in the Caribbean involve two British ships, one Dutch ship, and the following from the United States: two aircraft carriers, 16 destroyers, cruisers, frigates, seven supply ships, two minesweepers, two Atlantic Fleet attack submarines, and a command ship. Apparently by the end of the maneuvers—which are scheduled to continue through Sept. 17—the full complement of ships will be 43.

The first exercise in this series occurred in March, involving 32 ships and 300 aircraft, and was also a U.S.-British-Dutch operation.

The exercise plan is: Leave port under simulated mining threat; perform aircraft carrier operations; perform air-to-surface and air-to-subsurface attacks against a target; visit various ports in the Caribbean; and conclude with air-to-air and surface-to-surface missile exercises.

Club of Life meets to boost medical science

A Club of Life conference on Sept. 16 in Washington, D.C., titled "Medical Science and the Fight Against Genocide," will bring together leaders of the U.S. anti-euthanasia movement, political leaders in the fight for economic development of the Third World, and distinguished members of the medical profession.

Discussion topics at the conference will include "How to Stop the IMF-Qaddafi Rampage in Africa," "Kissinger's Racist Policy to Destroy Guyana," "Is AIDS the 20th Century's Bubonic Plague?," and "The Battle to Prolong Human Life."

Club of Life founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche's keynote presentation will be titled "The Cultural Foundations for Defeating the Enemies of Life Today."

This is the Club of Life's third major U.S. conference since its founding last Oc-

tober. The organization, active in 15 countries on five continents, is recognized as the international leader in the fight against Parson Malthus's dictum of inevitable depopulation.

Heritage 'conservatives' out to defeat Reagan

A coalition of more than 30 conservative groups has been put together by Heritage Foundation sponsor Paul Weyrich, Conservative Caucus head Howard Phillips, and Richard Viguerie, to demand that President Reagan go for "a clear-cut policy of victory in Central America," and to "instruct Reagan and Congress on true anti-communist behavior," the Aug. 22 *Washington Post* reported.

The coalition, its leaders claim, was formed in response to Henry Kissinger's appointment as head of the administration's Central American Commission. Organizers are planning a media blitz to begin after Labor Day and continue through the 1984 elections.

The coalition's policies are, however, actually aimed at preventing the re-election of Reagan in 1984, inside sources revealed. Their prescription for "gaining victory" in Central America would enmesh the United States in an expanding war which would alienate both Western Europe and Ibero-America and fuel the U.S. peace movement's anti-Reagan campaign.

A top aide to Weyrich told a journalist that the formation of the coalition represents "the culmination of two years of disenchantment with Reagan. Paul and others don't want to see Reagan re-elected if he continues on the kind of centrist course he's been taking. The people who did the work in the Reagan campaign in 1980 are primarily from the conservative movement. They don't like what Reagan has become, and if their leaders don't go out and motivate them to work for Reagan, there is no way they will. And Paul and other leaders have no intention of motivating conservatives to work for Reagan."

Weyrich's assistant added that he, along with Edward Feulner of Heritage and Peter

Gemma of the National Pro-Life PAC, have recently set up a "conservative alternative to the Trilateral Commission" called the International Policy Forum, which is "networking with conservatives all over the world."

Walters won't rule out Nicaragua intervention

Vernon Walters, State Department ambassador-at-large and a leading expert on Latin America, refused to rule out a U.S. military intervention into Nicaragua, in an interview to the Spanish weekly *Cambio 16*.

"That is something one cannot say," he replied, when the interviewer asked about the likelihood of an intervention. "This was one of the mistakes we made in Vietnam; we said that we would never invade North Vietnam and what happened was that the Vietnamese sent all their troops to the South. One cannot say to the enemy what one is planning to do. We are naive, but not to that extreme."

Walters gave his interview during his stop in Madrid as part of an early August European tour.

LaRouche addresses Strauss's 'dual-key' idea

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., the internationally prominent economist who chairs the advisory council of the National Democratic Policy Committee, issued a statement on Aug. 23 on the proposal by West German Christian Social Union leader Franz-Josef Strauss for a "dual-key" system governing U.S. missiles stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Strauss called in an interview with *Der Stern* magazine Aug. 11 for a German "veto right" over any U.S. decision to launch missiles from German soil. Strauss, the governor of the state of Bavaria, may enter the Bonn cabinet if there is a government shake-up this fall.

LaRouche declared: "The proposal is implicitly an interesting idea, not inconsis-

ent with my own thinking on the lines of negotiations on arms reductions within the setting of U.S.-Soviet negotiations being redefined by the President's March 23 speech calling for a U.S. strategic defense based on the most advanced technologies 'to give us the means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete,' and Defense Secretary Weinberger's statement March 25 that 'If both sides can acquire the means of rendering impotent these deadly missiles, we would really have advanced the cause of peace and humanity very, very far.'

"It should be the objective of both superpowers," LaRouche continued, "to disengage from the posture of forward nuclear defense which has brought both superpowers to the brink of a launch on warning.

"Herr Strauss's proposal could well be a feature of overall negotiations within the March 23 concept of ending forever the era of Mutually Assured Destruction nuclear terror.

"I would hope that the leadership of the Soviet Union would begin to see the wisdom of new approaches defined by the President's March 23 doctrine of Mutually Assured Survival."

Does Tower retirement signal cabinet shakeup?

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Tower's announcement that he will retire at the end of his term in 1984 has provoked speculation in Washington about a coming shakeup in the Reagan cabinet.

Since Tower had already raised \$2 million for his 1984 Senate bid and his wife had recently left a federal government position to work for his reelection, the word in Washington is that he was suddenly given assurances that he will be the new Secretary of Defense in a second Reagan administration.

Unlike Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who has been outspoken in defense of President Reagan's March 23 strategic defense speech, Tower has tended to toe the defense bureaucracy line. Tower, like those DOD officials immediately responsible for programs in directed energy defensive weapons research, has accepted the argu-

ment that the program is "technology limited" and not "funding limited," i.e., that the programs are adequately financed but involve inherent technological obstacles.

Such arguments have left beam weapons programs in the research and development stage, but with no effort to actually build and deploy a system.

The announced retirement has also fueled speculation about a Republican loss of their majority in the Senate. With both Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker and Tower stepping down, it is unlikely that the Republicans will keep those seats.

Texas is traditionally a Democratic state and no strong candidate has stepped forward on the Republican side in Tennessee. The Republicans would then have to lose only three more seats to lose their narrow majority.

Harrimanite Democrats are looking at vulnerable Republican seats from New Hampshire, Iowa, Mississippi, Minnesota, and North Carolina. Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Charles Percy is also facing a tough primary challenge from the conservative side of the Republican party and will run against a well-financed Democratic opponent.

Capitol Hill sources say that a Percy retirement is not out of the question either.

Mario Cuomo to endorse Mondale?

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, frequently mooted as a possible running mate for Democratic presidential hopeful John Glenn, is reportedly considering an early endorsement of Walter Mondale.

Cuomo is being proposed as keynote speaker for the 1984 Democratic Party presidential nominating convention—a prestigious but traditionally "neutral" office.

Cuomo advisers report that the governor will accept no such "impotent" position in the party as the convention approaches—an indication that he may endorse front runner Mondale.

The AFL-CIO executive, which will likely give an early endorsement to the former Vice-President at its October meeting, is backing Cuomo as the keynote speaker.

Briefly

● **JERRY BROWN**, just returned from a month sojourn in Mexico, announced that he will co-author a study with existentialist Nobel Prize winning novelist Gabriel García Márquez. Brown has confirmed that he will head up a special commission on national productivity and technology, and one on national industrial strategy.

● **THE HOLISTIC HEALTH** center in Wichita, Kansas had its official "skybreaking" ceremony the week of Aug. 20. The center, surrounded by geodesic domes, is a specially constructed pyramid built in a certain position to "facilitate" communication with outer space. It will provide a variety of services from "stress analysis" to marriage counseling. The center is funded, in part, by Willard Garvey, who also funds the Libertarian Party. Local sources have revealed that Garvey brought back a statue from a trip to the Far East and the Middle East several years ago which now sits in his Wichita office. Staff members are expected to pay daily homage to the object.

● **WARREN HAMERMAN**, chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, accused Utah's Jake Garn of "licking the boots of Paul Volcker while Volcker blew smoke at the Senate Banking Committee during his confirmation hearings." Hamerman's description of the senator was the lead item on the 8:00 a.m. news on radio station KJZ, Salt Lake City, on Aug. 24. Hamerman was also featured on a station talk show that morning.

● **DANIEL ELLSBERG** has joined four "peace" demonstrators who have gone on a hunger strike until the United States changes its nuclear policy and halts emplacement of the Pershings. The strike, being held at the Catholic Worker building in Oakland, California, is coordinated with strikes by four demonstrators in Paris and by three in Bonn. One of the Bonn fasters, Andrea Elukovich, is a San Francisco sheriff's deputy.