

## National News

### 'Holocaust Survivors' mimic Nazi thuggery

An April 20 youth poetry workshop in Philadelphia, held under the auspices of the Schiller Institute, was disrupted by fanatics attending the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors at a nearby civic center. Two disruptors entered the lobby of the Hilton Hotel, where the workshop was proceeding, and demanded that a poster at the entrance to the workshop, which showed the flag of the Federal Republic of Germany alongside the American flag, be removed. "Don't you know what an affront, what an insult, this flag is to the people at the holocaust conference?" they screamed.

The Schiller Institute was founded in 1984, invoking the spirit of the great German classical poet Friedrich Schiller (1759-1805), to defend the Western Alliance and launch a cultural renaissance worldwide.

Members of the Schiller Institute tried to calm the deranged protesters, explaining to them that Schiller was a great republican and friend of the American Revolution, that his works were banned by Hitler, and that the Institute was campaigning to stop the International Monetary Fund's *current* holocaust in Africa.

To no avail! "We don't care about Schiller or anything German," the two retorted. "All Germans are Nazis. We are going to see to it that your event is closed down."

The management of the Hilton Hotel acceded to the demand of the modern-day stormtroopers, and demanded that the German flag on the posters be covered up.

### Senator Hollings gets aboard SDI bandwagon

Senator Ernest (Fritz) Hollings (D-S.C.), stunned a gathering of 200 liberal Democrats on Capitol Hill April 26 with a wholehearted endorsement of full funding for the Strategic Defense Initiative. He said that he had heard SDI Office chief Lt. Gen. James Abrahamson speak before his sub-committee on April 25, and found out that the So-

viets were out-investing the United States 10-to-1 in this technology. "We are playing catch-up," he said.

Hollings reported that the Soviets have already tested 18 killer satellites, and that that he supports the appropriation of the full \$3.4 billion requested by the administration for the "10-fold multi-faceted approach necessary for us."

The gathering was organized by liberal Colorado Rep. Tim Wirth, who was left speechless by the unexpected endorsement.

### Milton Friedman gets his pound of flesh

Economist Milton Friedman was unexpectedly awarded the International Shylock Award for crimes against humanity, during a speaking engagement at the University of California at Berkeley April 25. Friedman was lecturing on the subject of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter on economics.

Two representatives of a group calling itself "Students for Free Enterprise" welcomed the mastermind of the Chilean depression economy, with the following announcement, delivered from the podium, which was punctuated by enthusiastic applause from the audience: "Good evening. On behalf of the Students for Free Enterprise, we welcome Dr. Milton Friedman here tonight. The Students for Free Enterprise wish to present Dr. Friedman with an impromptu award for his outstanding performance on behalf of the international financial community. We present to you, Dr. Friedman, the International Shylock Award."

As the audience and the other, smiling panelists applauded, the guest of honor was presented a pound of bloody beef spleen, while Friedman's crimes against humanity were enumerated. Even after Friedman and his cohorts at the International Monetary Fund were indicted under the Nuremberg code, polite applause continued.

But then, while the audience looked on in horror, Friedman rose, gritting his teeth, picked up the platter of flesh, and proceeded to tear up the bloody platter, flinging flesh upon the dais. Tossing the plate out onto the

stage, Friedmaniatic proceeded to pick up the pound of flesh, and tore into it with his bare hands, attempting to rip it apart. Finally, he tossed the raw meat 10 feet across the stage at the podium.

Friedman, trying to regain composure, sat down, folding his hands, which were now covered with blood. The student who had patiently held the platter during the presentation gathered up the bloody flesh, and placed it before Friedman, on the table.

While the two students were escorted off the stage, Milton sat patiently, bloody hands folded, the pound of flesh before him.

### Prudential Insurance hails Governor Lamm

"Governor Lamm is raising the right issues. What we need is a national debate over the appropriate and legitimate level of health care which the American public should have access to." That's how Robert Beck, head of the Prudential Insurance Co., replied to a question from *EIR*'s Kathy Klenetsky April 24, on whether the medical-care cutbacks advocated by Colorado Governor Richard Lamm are necessary to reduce the federal deficit. Lamm has gained national notoriety for his demand that medical technology be denied to the elderly, on the grounds that it is not cost-effective.

Beck, chairman of the Business Roundtable, had just conducted a Capitol Hill press conference on a multimillion-dollar joint Business Roundtable-*Readers Digest* project to pressure Congress into making sharp cuts in defense and entitlement programs. Beck disclosed that Prudential has launched an "aggressive campaign" to get such a national debate over euthanasia off the ground, and is working closely with certain congressmen and others on it.

### Ecology lobby launches campaign in Congress

The Global Tomorrow Coalition, a principal lobbying and policy-forming group for the environmentalist-depopulation lobby, is

launching an organizing drive that will include "a comprehensive legislative agenda for the 99th Congress." This was decided at the Coalition's GlobeScope conference in Portland, Ore. at the end of April.

The goal of this agenda will be "strengthening U.S. leadership in the solution of problems related to long-term global trends in environment, resources, population, development, wildlife, toxics and hazardous exports, oceans, acid deposition, energy, and biological diversity, as well as improvement of national foresight and review of arms control policy in light of the 'nuclear winter' research findings."

## Defense 'hawks'— or cold turkeys?

"The Reagan defense budget is lower than what Walter Mondale promised during his presidential campaign," Wisconsin liberal Congressman Les Aspin told a symposium on Democratic Party politics organized by Colorado Rep. Timothy Wirth on April 26. Mondale had promised "4% real growth in defense spending," while the "Reagan-Dole budget agreement will mean 3% real growth in defense spending," according to Aspin.

The Democrats in the House will demand a budget freeze, he said, a "cold turkey" policy based on *no allowance for inflation*, whereas the Republican "hawks" will fight for a freeze "taking inflation into account."

Aspin declared that, in his view, defense spending will have to be decreased, because of the constraints of the budget deficit. Budget-cutting is a cyclical affair, he said, and now we are in the part of the cycle where more people will demand cutbacks in defense spending. "James Schlesinger was right, in saying that supply-side tax cuts would eventually redound against defense."

## First Ladies call for 'crusade against drugs'

"Drugs rip right through the moral fiber of our countries. They twist values and prevent

others from developing. They distort economies, and they destroy that sense of belonging called patriotism or nationalism. Because young people on drugs care about nothing—not country, not family, not even themselves," stated Nancy Reagan on April 24, as she opened The First Ladies' Conference on Drug Abuse in Washington, D.C. First Ladies attended from 17 nations of Europe, Ibero-America, and Asia, to join the "international crusade" against drugs.

Ecuador's First Lady described drugs as "the greatest social problem of our time." If efforts are not concerted on a global scale, "we might even be facing the prospect in which not even a single child will be saved," as Mrs. Nakasone from Japan put it.

"Drug use is one of the greatest epidemics of the world," warned Mrs. Betancur from Colombia, as she described her husband's struggle against the drug evil, "despite personal risk."

## Investigation set into Toledo dirty money

A special investigation into the city of Toledo, Ohio's financial deals with Florida's ESM Securities, was mandated in a bill approved April 23 by the Ohio state senate. The investigation was requested by Toledo Mayor Donna Owens, to determine the motives behind Toledo financial managers' investment in the scams of Marvin Warner's Home State Savings and Loan Bank, whose bankruptcy triggered a run on Ohio S&Ls in March.

The Ft. Lauderdale-based ESM Securities collapsed on March 4, causing runs on S&Ls all over the country, which had placed funds with ESM. ESM has since been exposed as a drug-money laundry, the brainchild of Crédit Suisse-White Weld, the Swiss banking group. Marvin Warner invested over \$600 million with ESM Securities. An Alabama-born financier and owner of the Birmingham Stallions pro football team, Warner was chief fundraiser for Jimmy Carter's 1976 presidential campaign, and later became Carter's ambassador to Switzerland.

Former Toledo city manager David Boston, who resigned recently, is close to both Warner and to James Ruvolo, state chairman of the Democratic Party.

# Briefly

● **THE STATE DEPARTMENT** "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1984" describes Mexico as an "enemy" country, equivalent to Nicaragua or Cuba, Mexican diplomatic sources complained.

● **LLOYD BENTSEN**, Democratic senator from Texas, warned in a Capitol Hill press conference that "continued erosion of our manufacturing base in the U.S. could have serious consequences for our national defense." He said that unlimited growth in the service sector, feeding off the collapse of smoke-stack industries, will create serious problems for the country, and that under current conditions, less-developed nations are looking to Japan rather than the United States as a role model for their own economies.

● **U.S. APOLLO** Mission astronaut Edgar Mitchell joined Soviet cosmonaut Oleg Makarov in Rome on April 23 in a declaration against the U.S. SDI program and against the "militarization of space." Mitchell is a member of Carol Rosin's Congressional Space Policy Working Group, a KGB-backed, anti-SDI club on Capitol Hill.

● **ARCHBISHOP WEAKLAND**, the former world head of the Benedictine order and author of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on the U.S. economy, reports that the next version of the letter will call for defense budget cuts. "We are seeking solutions in the realm of diplomacy and statesmanship, not the military sphere," he told a reporter.