

Attorney General Ed Meese has refused to allow the prosecutors to be questioned by subcommittee investigators in their year-long probe of drug-smuggling, gun-running, and money-laundering by and for the Contras.

"We're looking specifically at some alleged wrongdoing on the part of the Department of Justice," subcommittee chairman William J. Hughes (D-N.J.) said. The three prosecutors will be asked about allegations that DOJ officials—possibly acting on White House orders—put an end to a 1985 Contra gun-running investigation.

The subcommittee also voted to compel an appearance by George Morales, a convicted narcotics trafficker now in federal prison in Florida. Representative Hughes said Morales provided "substantial financial assistance" to the Contras, allegedly in exchange for promises of reduced charges by the DOJ.

AIPAC target of new exposés

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee was the target of a major attack by the *New York Times* July 6, one week after it was attacked in the *Wall Street Journal*. While AIPAC claims not to be a political action committee, nearly every presidential candidate has met with its board to seek its support.

AIPAC's power is so great that it exerts veto power on presidential campaigns' choices of foreign policy advisers, according to AIPAC director Tom Dine, who has been associated with former Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon's PEACE outfit, whose aim was to promote Israeli settlement and annexation of occupied Arab territories.

AIPAC's influence over U.S. elections is at least as large as that of organized labor, former Mondale campaign manager Bob Beckel said. It also has "unusual access to official data." One Pentagon source reports, "We didn't do anything there that AIPAC didn't have within hours."

AIPAC played a central role in the adoption of the 1981 Memorandum of Under-

standing between the United States and Israel, said the *Times*. That memorandum is at the heart of the special arrangements which permitted the U.S.-Israeli partnership in selling arms to Iran. AIPAC director Dine says that the memorandum's purpose, according to then-Secretary of State Alexander Haig, is "to build institutional arrangements so that eight years from now, if there is a Secretary of State who is not positive about Israel, he will not be able to overcome the bureaucratic relationship between Israel and the U.S. that we have established."

AIDS lobby in Georgia fumes over LaRouche

After headlines around the world at the end of June, confirming the possibility that AIDS could be spread by mosquitoes, the Atlanta AIDS lobby responded by calling a July 1 press conference to denounce the new research findings as a "right-wing scare tactic of Lyndon LaRouche." The statement by "AID Atlanta," a homosexual-dominated social service outfit dedicated to defending the civil rights of the virus in Georgia's capital, was carried in most major news media there.

The group also expressed its displeasure with testimony the same day by representatives of the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) before 50 people at open hearings of the House Health Committee at the state capitol building. Following the usual "sex education" platitudes by the head of the state department of public health, an NDPC representative stressed that "casual transmission" of HIV is a demonstrated fact. The NDPC, of which LaRouche was a founder, is a multi-candidate political action committee.

The NDPC spokesman also stated that those who had taken the lead in opposing California's 1986 Proposition 64, mandating measures of quarantine and prevention against AIDS, are now admitting their belated agreement with many of LaRouche's views on AIDS. That includes the "mosquito hypothesis."

Briefly

● **THE POWER of Reason: 1988**, is the title of the new autobiography by Lyndon LaRouche. It was released by *EIR* in Boston on July 8.

● **SENATOR William Proxmire** wrote a scalding letter to the *New York Times* July 7, taking exception to *Times* columnist William Safire's statement that "the 'Star Wars' strategy is here, it is irrevocable." "Nonsense," says Proxmire. "Not even . . . President Reagan himself—argues that SDI 'is here.' . . . Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson admits it will be years and billions of dollars more." He even cites an utterly discredited American Physical Society report attacking the program.

● **U.S. GREENS** convened the First National Conference of the American Green Movement in Amherst, Massachusetts the July 4 weekend, drawing 500 assorted ecologists, peace-niks, Indians, Marxists, anarchists, libertarians, trade unionists, et al. The conference was aimed at creating an organized "green movement" in the United States modeled on West Germany's most popular neo-Nazi party.

● **THE INSTITUTE** for Security and Cooperation in Space (ISCOS) is working with two law firms which are lining up American telecommunications customers to have their satellites launched by the Soviet Union. ISCOS is headed by Carol Rosin. The State Department has banned such launches under the Traffic in Arms regulations, but Rosin's outfit still plans to have the plan implemented in the next administration.

● **JIMMY CARTER**, after visiting China and the Soviet Union, went to Newcastle, England, to head a procession marking the 10th anniversary of the Friendship Force, the international "harmony organization" he founded.