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## Senators ask indefinite halt in aid to Panama

Eight senators have sent a letter to Secretary of State George Shultz, asking him to continue the freeze on economic and military aid to Panama indefinitely. Led by Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), chair of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs, the group asked Shultz to consider other measures, in addition to the aid cutoff, "to evidence our firm opposition to the control of the government of Panama by its military forces."

Other signers included the subcommittee's ranking Republican, Richard Lugar (Ind.), ranking Democrat, Senator Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), ranking Democrat, and Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), ranking Democrat. Nunn is also chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and of the Irangate investigating committee. The letter said that continuing the freeze would "make it clear to the people of Panama that we stand with them in their quest for the establishment and growth of democratic institutions."

## Koop: no AIDS tests for pregnant women

Surgeon General C. Everett Koop came out against mandatory AIDS testing of pregnant women, during testimony before the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control on July 27. The committee held a hearing at Harlem Hospital in New York City.

Koop argued that testing would force the women "underground." Admitting that New York City figures among pregnant women "forecast a staggering number of pediatric AIDS cases in the future," Koop maintained that education remained the best weapon

against AIDS, even though prospective mothers who are at risk are difficult to reach because they "have low socioeconomic status, a low educational level . . . [are] unemployed or work as prostitutes."

Mayor Ed Koch agreed with Koop, saying: "After you have mandatory testing, what do you get? You can't do anything for these people. You've branded them." He doubted that most of those found infected would change their behavior.

## Bush lashes out against LaRouche

Vice President George Bush, at a campaign rally in Shelton, Iowa July 31, was asked whether he agreed with Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche that Executive Orders 12333 and 12334 should be revoked. Bush replied: "I don't know what they are. I haven't heard about them. Tell me more." After being told that these orders legalized dirty tricks by the "secret government," undermining the rule of law and the Constitution, Bush said, "Well, I wrote an executive order that made intelligence accountable to the appropriate institutions. Maybe this order has been amended. But, in any case, if Lyndon LaRouche is for it, I'd be very, very wary."

Bush was asked to comment on opposition to the "zero option" arms-control deal by Gen. Bernard Rogers and on LaRouche's ongoing visit to Turkey. Answering the second question first, Bush said: "I don't know what to make of the LaRouche visit, and I assume the Turkish prime minister doesn't know what to make of it either. . . . I don't like the things LaRouche does. . . . He's bilked people out of lots of money and misrepresented what causes the money was going to. LaRouche is in a lot of trouble and deserves to be in a lot of trouble."

On the zero option, Bush said: "It's true that Rogers expressed opposition to the zero option, because he thought it would be bad for Europe. But General Galvin approves of the zero option, and I agree with Galvin." Galvin has replaced Rogers as NATO supreme commander.

## Briefly

● **ROBERT DOLE**, during a recent visit to Birmingham, Alabama, proposed that all presidential candidates sign a statement pledging not to discuss the issue of AIDS during the 1988 campaign. He did not say who will deal with the AIDS crisis, if the next President of the United States will not.

● **JESSE JACKSON** is getting narco-dollars from Cuba, according to a report in the London Sunday *Express* July 26. The paper cites an unnamed Justice Department official who alleges that Jackson has been getting funds from Havana to finance his U.S. political activities. Federal investigators have reportedly interrogated Miami-based Cubans about the alleged drug money link.

● **PAT ROBERTSON** said at the National Press Club on July 24 that he believes the United States should withdraw its troops from Western Europe. "I am probably going to get blasted for this," he said, "but I am going to say it anyway. We cannot permit Europe to take a free ride on America. There is going to be a phase-out of U.S. involvement. The party's over for Europe. Europe is going to have to rise up to the challenge, itself."

● **CASPAR WEINBERGER** told the Iran-Contra hearings on July 31 that the real objective of Moscow in Central America is to induce the United States to divert military forces from Europe and decouple the NATO alliance.

● **A FEDERAL APPEALS** court in St. Louis upheld the assault convictions of AIDS victim David Kazenbach, who attacked three guards, biting one at the U.S. Medical Center for Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri. Assistant U.S. Attorney David Jones said he did not know whether the guard bitten by Kazenbach would contract AIDS, but that the bite had drawn blood. The guard will undergo testing for the disease for seven years.

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