

National News

Conservatives want to drop ABM Treaty

Senate conservatives are planning to submit legislation calling on President Reagan to withdraw from the 1972 ABM Treaty if he finds the pact has jeopardized national security, the *Washington Times* reported Sept. 22.

The conservative senators thus intend to supersede the Nunn-Levin amendment to the defense authorization bill for FY88, which would force the administration to abide by the so-called "narrow" interpretation of the treaty.

A draft of the conservatives' amendment states, "It is the sense of the Senate that the Soviet strategic and defensive build-ups have placed the supreme interests of the United States in jeopardy. And the Senate requests that the President report to the Senate on an urgent basis whether the United States should withdraw."

Couples to be tested for AIDS in Illinois

Illinois Gov. James Thompson signed legislation Sept. 21 mandating AIDS testing for couples seeking marriage licenses, court-ordered quarantine of AIDS victims who are deemed to pose a risk to society, and voluntary tracing of an AIDS victim's sexual partners.

The legislation also provides for mandatory testing of people convicted of sex or drug crimes and strict confidentiality of AIDS test results in most circumstances.

Thompson vetoed a bill that would have required AIDS-infected health care workers to notify employers they carry the disease, saying: "It seems to me if we start down that road, next year it will be all food-care workers, and then it would be all office workers that handle papers that somebody else handles." He also vetoed bills requiring mandatory contact tracing and testing of inmates in state prisons.

State Rep. Penny Pullen (a member of President Reagan's AIDS task force), said she would fight for mandatory testing of prison inmates and would attempt to strengthen the other measures. A liberal state senator predicted that Pullen's "extreme" measures would not find much support.

In March 1986, two "LaRouche Democrats" won victories in statewide-office primaries, in part on the basis of a high-profile campaign for public health measures against AIDS, stressing the "economic co-factors" that contribute to the disease's spread.

New revelations in 'Irangate' coming

A new round of stories on Irangate will hit several press outlets by early October, a press source has told *EIR*. The release soon of a new book on the Iran-Contra affair by Watergate journalist Bob Woodward will be followed by the new press revelations, the source stated.

The source also pointed to the beginning of the trial of Lyndon LaRouche and his associates in Boston, in which the defense will be raising basically the same issue: illegal domestic and foreign operations by government agencies.

One such revelation, first appearing in *EIR*, on the fraudulent use of "national security investigations" to harass opponents of the Contra policy, has already made it into the press. The case of Jack Terrell was the subject of a *Washington Post* article Sept. 22.

Terrell, a former Contra mercenary turned anti-Contra activist, was subjected to an FBI-NSC investigation which claimed he had threatened the life of the President. Justifying the action, an FBI official told the *Post* that the operation was necessary because of a "very real, legitimate threat," and had "absolutely nothing to do" with Terrell's opposition to the Contras.

The investigation was triggered by FBI Deputy Director Oliver "Buck" Revell, who induced Oliver North to draft a memo establishing the investigation-harassment of Terrell.

Responding to the FBI claims against him, Terrell reported, "What leaps out from the memo . . . is that you've got Project Democracy functioning as a domestic surveillance operation." Project Democracy is the covert arm of the National Endowment for Democracy, created and funded by Congress and the State Department in 1982, ostensibly to promote democracy abroad.

Hakim loses appeal to Swiss authorities

The investigation of the Iran-Contra affair by Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh received another boost with the report that key Irangate figure Albert Hakim, one of the financial bagmen in Lt. Col. Oliver North's operations, has now lost his appeal to prevent the Swiss government from handing over crucial Iran-Contra documents to Walsh's office.

A source in Berne reports that, as a result of the Swiss authorities' rejection of Hakim's appeal, 8,000 pages of documents will be flown over to the United States, to be pored over by Walsh's investigative team.

In mid-September, Walsh's office had received a shipment of about 3,000 pages of documents from Swiss financial institutions used by Hakim for Iran-Contra funds diversion, but Hakim's appeal had blocked further Swiss cooperation until now.

First Lady reacts to charges of 'meddling'

Nancy Reagan has reacted strongly to charges that she is meddling in presidential affairs and unduly influencing her husband, President Reagan, on such vital strategic matters as arms control.

Both domestic and foreign press hostile to the recent INF "agreement in principle" between the White House and the Kremlin, placed part of the blame for it on Nancy Reagan's influence. Media have charged that

she is "whispering in his ear" about his "place in history," to get the President to make large concessions to the Russians in return for a summit.

In an interview with *U.S. News and World Report*, Nancy has now explained her meddling in presidential affairs by asking, "That's what a wife is for, isn't it?"

She also acknowledged having a large say in staffing decisions, who has access to the President, which advisers he listens to, and so forth.

"I have not been pushing for arms control or a summit or whatever," Mrs. Reagan added. "I have never, ever used—nor has the President—the expression that I'm concerned about his place in history."

Mondale's KGB controller to speak at Harvard

The man who led a Russian delegation to Minneapolis for a May 1983 conference that created Walter Mondale's 1984 campaign platform will be at Harvard in mid-October for a series of meetings with what the Russians call détente-minded "useful fools."

The KGB's Fyodor Burlatskii, a close associate of the late KGB chief and party secretary Yuri Andropov, will head a Russian delegation that is to include Sergei Mikoyan, the head of Moscow's Latin America Institute. Burlatskii is a writer for the KGB's unofficial journal, *Literaturnaya Gazeta*.

Burlatskii, Mikoyan, and others will be at Harvard Oct. 11-13, for both private and public meetings. The event is a commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, sponsored by the Harvard Center for Science and International Affairs.

The Russians' American interlocutors will be a cross-section of U.S. security officials serving at the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis—the advisers who caused President Kennedy to "blink" in the face of the Russian provocation. Among these will be McGeorge Bundy, the head of the National Security Council under Kennedy, and his Defense Secretary, Robert McNamara.

In May 1983, Burlatskii, joined by Soviet military intelligence (GRU) Gen. Mikhail Milshtein and others, attended a Minneapolis "peace conference" co-sponsored by Soviet agencies and the Washington-based Institute for Policy Studies. Virtually every important figure in the "Mondale machine" was present, to hear Russians and Americans rail against the Strategic Defense Initiative, setting the tone for Mondale's presidential campaign.

Pols fear N.H. victory for LaRouche

New Hampshire's Democratic Party machine politicians and others of their ilk are terrified that the state's presidential primary on Feb. 16, 1988 will result in victory for Lyndon LaRouche, according to New Hampshire newspapers. Some are even saying that, should this happen, the election would have to be invalidated!

The *Manchester Union Leader* on Sept. 22 ran an editorial by Jim Finnegan, with a headline in red letters: "Victory for LaRouche?" It reports the fear of "local election officials," and Secretary of State William Gardner, that supporters of LaRouche may win many local election posts.

"Top election official Gardner shares the concern expressed recently by election officials of Nashua, Manchester and Keene," Finnegan writes, "that the LaRouchite strategy could vitiate the election results."

Foster's Daily Democrat of Rochester on Sept. 23 quoted city clerk Gail Varney, concerning the rush of last-minute filing by candidates for local election posts in that city. "I've been here since 1980 and I have never seen anything like this," she said. The article also quoted one of the candidates, who said she filed because "I want to see Lyndon LaRouche President. . . . This stuff in the media with everybody so afraid that LaRouche is trying to take over is ridiculous. I would not do anything to affect the city adversely. The fear is ridiculous. . . . The LaRouche idea is to get people involved in local government, that's all."

Briefly

● **ADM. WILLIAM CROWE** was reappointed chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by President Reagan Sept. 18. The Senate is expected to confirm the two-year term.

● **SEN. BILL BRADLEY** experienced a moment of revelation while standing on the bank of Siberia's Lake Baikal next to one of the greatest devotees of the blood and soil of Mother Russia, according to Moscow's *Pravda*. In a Sept. 4 account of the Soviet-American people-to-people meeting in Chautauqua, New York, V. Sukhoi reported that Bradley "talked about his trip to Baikal, how he stood at the lake with Soviet writer Valentin Rasputin and listened to 'the heartbeat of our time.'"

● **'GEORGE BUSH** could be the Ed Muskie of 1988," stated a demoralized insider of the Bush campaign in New Hampshire. The campaign is in total disarray there. The Vice President is running third in secret polls in Iowa, behind both Robert Dole and Pat Robertson. Disgruntled campaign strategists are pointing the finger at libertarian Lee Atwater, Bush's national campaign director.

● **CLAIBORNE PELL**, Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman, has asked the White House to produce the full negotiating record for 20 pending treaties, ranging from arms control to maritime issues. But his target, he said, is "to make clear the consequence of the administration's unilateral effort to reinterpret the ABM Treaty." Pell opposes the Strategic Defense Initiative.

● **BALTIMORE** city hospitals are now delivering more than 100 AIDS-infected babies a year, according to a specialist in the disease, Dr. John Johnston. He has treated 25 of the estimated 35-40 children in the city with full-blown AIDS. He called on the city to gear up its health care system to treat pediatric AIDS patients and identify mothers who carry the virus.