

National News

U.S., Soviet propaganda chiefs to meet

U.S. Information Agency head Charles Z. Wick and Soviet propaganda czar Aleksandr Yakovlev will meet in the near future to discuss "ways to end anti-U.S. disinformation."

Wick reported that he and Yakovlev would also discuss: 1) the possibility of establishing a "videolink" to provide "genuine media reciprocity"; 2) continuing the tradition of New Year's Day addresses by U.S. and Russian leaders; 3) setting up a "right of reply" by either side regarding positions or public statements of the other side; 4) semi-annual interviews of Reagan and Gorbachov by journalists from the other country; 5) placing print or broadcast features "chosen by the sending side" into the media of the other country.

PANIC indictments called 'red herring'

A spokesman for the Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee in California (PAN-IC), sponsor of the November 1986 ballot initiative, Proposition 64, mandating public health measures against the disease, issued a statement on Jan. 21, attacking recent indictments of initiative supporters, on charges of violating petitioning rules.

"After an 18-month 'investigation,' accompanied by massive publicity and Cecil B. DeMille-style 'guns drawn' police raids on the campaign offices for Proposition 64 . . . Los Angeles District Attorney Ira Reiner's office has finally issued three flimsy indictments of individuals.

"The real purpose of yesterday's [Jan. 21] indictments is to divert public attention away from the horrifying reality of a disease which over the coming years will kill more Americans than World War II, in the early phase of the epidemic alone. The initiative's opponents wish to focus the voter's attention

on something trivial instead. It's a perfect example of what's known as the 'red herring' principle.

"The 'investigation' into alleged petitioning irregularities in the qualification effort for Proposition 64 had remained in a state of 'suspended animation' for over 18 months, until approximately last October, when it became clear that a new 'AIDS initiative,' almost identical to Proposition 64, would qualify for the June 1988 ballot. At that point, massive political pressure was brought to bear on L.A. County D.A. Ira Reiner, by opponents of the AIDS initiative measure, to bring indictments in the case.

"The strategy of opponents of the AIDS initiative has consistently been one of lying to the public regarding both the extent and danger of AIDS, and regarding the content of the initiative measure itself. The opponents of the initiative wish to contain the growing public outrage at the mishandling of AIDS by government and health officials, through an orchestrated cover-up. Current state and federal AIDS policy is the worst case of incompetence in public health matters during this century. The incompetence of officials is, however, not only a matter of stupidity. It is systematic; it is a result of policy; the policy of both Washington and Sacramento, that funds shall not be spent on AIDS, and that any information which might lead people to conclude that more funds should be spent, shall be suppressed."

Kahane demands pardon of Pollard

Sounding the theme of his current U.S. tour, Rabbi Meir Kahane, the U.S.-born founder of the Jewish Defense League, has published a defense of KGB/Mossad agent Jonathan Jay Pollard, imprisoned for life in the United States after his and his wife's 1985 capture. Kahane wrote in Brooklyn's *Jewish Press* Jan. 21, under the title, "The Pollard Stain."

Urging that letters to be sent to the U.S. attorney general demanding a pardon, Kahane declared Pollard's imprisonment "an

outrage whose anti-Semitism stinks into the heavens. But the work of the Gentile cannot begin to compare to what was wrought against the Pollards by Jews whom they trusted.

"It was the very same Israel for whom the Pollards did what they did . . . [which] guided them, encouraged them, urged them on—that turned them away from the embassy doors as they fled for sanctuary from federal agents."

Pollard, as a civilian employee of the Office of Naval Intelligence, stole U.S. military secrets for an Israeli Mossad unit, but comprising information solely of use to the Soviet Union. In a court paper recommending the life sentence, U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova strongly implied that Pollard was in fact a "false flag" agent of the KGB. *EIR* has documented Kahane's own ties to this same "false flag" section of the Mossad.

Hart FEC violations still not rectified

The Federal Election Commission rushed approval of \$100,000 in matching funds to Gary Hart's 1988 presidential campaign, despite the fact that FEC files show Hart has failed to account for nearly \$60,000 in "apparently excessive and possibly illegal contributions" in 1984, the *Washington Post* reported Jan. 15.

A *Post* computer analysis of FEC records for Hart's 1984 race disclosed \$59,745 in excessive contributions from 74 individuals that have not been refunded or otherwise cleared from the books. In addition, FEC files show that Hart's campaign received \$30,000 through sale and leaseback transactions that are generally prohibited by federal election law, involving two California fundraisers, the morning after Hart's second-place finish in the Iowa caucuses in 1984.

The records also raise questions about the Hart campaign's explanation of California video producer Stuart Karl's underwriting of thousands of dollars in campaign expenses in July 1984. Karl's name came up