

National News

Quayle attacks budget cuts in space program

Vice President and chairman of the National Space Council Dan Quayle took issue with the budget cuts in the space program in remarks with reporters on July 24, according to the *Washington Times*.

"Every time they get in a budget crunch up there they reconfigure the space station and make it smaller," Quayle said, and reducing the size of Space Station Freedom will reduce its usefulness. "We've got to stop nickel and diming the thing to death."

According to the *Times*, Quayle also stated that the Space Council will fill in the timetable of missions announced by President Bush on July 20, later this year.

Scientists knock holes in 'ozone layer' theory

A paper written by two scientists from the Institute of Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon Graduate Center, M.A.K. Khalil and R.A. Rasmussen, and published in the July issue of the *Journal of Geophysical Research*, states that most chlorofluorocarbons are absorbed by soils before entering into the stratosphere. The study demolishes arguments that all CFCs rise to the stratosphere and deplete the ozone layer.

"We have shown that soils remove man-made chlorocarbons. Whether the soils act as passive reservoirs or chemically convert the chlorocarbons to other compounds cannot be determined from these experiments," they concluded. "If the rate of removal of these gases was the same all over the world as in our experiments, every year soils would remove about half of the [carbon tetrachloride] compared to all other processes, about 15% of the CFC-11 and 5% of . . . CFC-12."

Environmentalists have been arguing that CFCs sinks do not exist on Earth, and therefore, after five years, CFCs will inevitably rise to the stratosphere, something which has never been observed, and will gobble up the ozone layer.

Los Angeles councilmen seek break with China

Councilmen Nate Holden and John Ferraro have introduced a motion into the Los Angeles City Council to end its sister city affiliation with the Red Chinese city of Guangzhou (Canton) until that city "openly declare[s] opposition to the violent tactics which are being perpetrated on the pro-democracy demonstrators by the military . . . and the reinstatement of human rights and a commitment to democracy in China."

"The recent acts of brutality on the part of the Chinese government against its own people have shocked the entire world. . . . The City of Los Angeles cannot stand idly by in the face of such inhuman behavior. We have to let the world know that we oppose such action and that we do not want to be associated in any way with the inhuman actions of the Chinese government," the resolution read.

Gov. Richard Celeste of Ohio has similarly canceled P.R.C. participation in the Ohio state fair, where, in past years, the Chinese have had a high profile.

DoJ readies RICO suit against Longshorem

The U.S. Department of Justice is preparing action under the RICO or organized crime statutes against the International Longshoremens' Association, in a repeat performance of former New York U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani's witchhunt against the Teamsters union.

The government will ask for a court-appointed trustee to run the 90,000-member union, which gained the enmity of pro-Soviet factions in the government by refusing to ship grain to the Soviet Union in 1979-80, after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

The suit will allege that certain ILA leaders are under the "influence of organized crime." The ILA is the second of four unions named in the 1985 report of the President's Commission on Organized Crime.

The DoJ is hurriedly manufacturing its case before November to beat the 10-year statute of limitations deadline under the RICO law, so that it can use as evidence of racketeering the case of ILA leader Anthony Scotto, who was convicted in November 1979 on racketeering and payoffs charges. The DoJ needs two such cases, and the second is a 1988 conviction of Donald Carson, a high union official, on extortion charges.

LaRouche urges repeal of the death penalty

Lyndon LaRouche, Jr., candidate for U.S. Congress in the 10th Congressional District of Virginia, issued a statement on July 23 entitled "Repeal the Death Penalty."

LaRouche declared, "What I have heard and seen in the recent days about the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to permit executions of minors and the mentally retarded, and of the drawn-out execution of the mentally retarded prisoner Ronnie Dunkins in Alabama, leads me once more to reemphasize what I have always believed: that the death penalty is essentially a ritual human sacrifice performed in the name of law. I believe that no state has the right to execute criminals, as horrendous as their crimes may be. As I have stated many times, a state in the Judeo-Christian tradition is justified in issuing the death penalty only during times of war, and in cases of high treason under conditions of national emergency."

LaRouche's statement contrasted sharply with the attitude of President Bush. When questioned by *EIR* on July 20, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater reluctantly conceded that the "White House does not feel any legislative or other action is called for" in response to the death penalty rulings.

Former CIA official hits Kissinger policy

Ray Cline, a former CIA deputy director and often a fellow-traveler of Henry Kissinger and Zbigniew Brzezinski, attacks the policy

outlook of "K and B" in a July 25 commentary in the *Washington Times*.

"It is remarkable," writes Cline, "how much the persuasive but flawed strategic agendas of Henry Kissinger (K) and Zbigniew Brzezinski (B) continue to awe political and journalistic opinion-mongers in Washington. . . ."

"Yet neither K nor B have a track record that merits their credibility in Washington's constricted circle of intellectuals. . . . Their persistent search for peaceful coexistence with Moscow and Beijing is not the right strategy for the Bush administration. . . . It is not safe to rely on a cozy cooperative link with Mr. Gorbachov or a friendly reconciliation with the high-handed Deng Xiaoping clique. There are other more likely scenarios to be reckoned with, such as a remilitarized and more dictatorial Soviet Communist Party leadership coming to power after a disorderly period of failing *perestroika*, or a mutually supportive Sino-Soviet rapport."

Cline adds, "The primary objective is . . . to prevent the domination of the Eurasian land mass by the Soviet Union, or any other hostile power or coalition of powers. . . . It is certainly no time to resurrect the failed policies of the 1970s."

LaRouche transferred to Minnesota prison

Lyndon LaRouche's arrival at the federal prison in Rochester, Minnesota received extensive coverage in the regional press. Since his sentencing to a 15-year prison term on concocted charges of fraud and conspiracy on Jan. 27, LaRouche had been imprisoned in Alexandria, Virginia.

On July 26, the ABC-TV affiliate in Austin, Minn. ran portions of a televised interview with LaRouche as the lead item on its local news broadcast. It quoted him saying that the Soviet Union is his number-one enemy, and that he is in jail because he was framed up, for having upset some powerful political enemies, like Henry Kissinger and Leo Cherne, both members of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

The *Rochester Post-Bulletin* reported on

LaRouche's arrival in Rochester on July 18, his previous presidential campaigns, and his candidacy for Congress to represent Virginia's 10th Congressional District.

The paper quoted LaRouche's lawyer Odin Anderson saying that the candidate is now at the Rochester prison because he is being given medical treatment for cataracts.

"Anderson said reports that LaRouche has exhausted his appeals of his conviction are also incorrect. He has an appeal still pending before the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

"The appeal could be heard later this summer, Anderson said. Motions and briefs are still being filed, said an appeals court clerk," the paper reports.

Pugwash 'one worlders' meet in Massachusetts

Some 250 leading policymakers attended the annual Pugwash Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts July 23-28, on the theme, "Building Global Security through Cooperation." The Pugwash Conference, founded by the late Lord Bertrand "Dirtie Bertie" Russell, is a principal conduit for back-channel arms control and crisis management negotiations between the Western powers and the Soviet Union.

According to one senior North American attendee at the conference, plans to reach superpower deals to achieve a "new model of increased partnership" are being blocked by the internal crises in the Soviet Union and China. "The internal problems are so all-absorbing that, until they can get things under control, they are not free to give their full attention to the kinds of partnership Gorbachov talked about in his December 1988 speech before the United Nations. Unless they feel they can get some help with dealing with their economic problems, they cannot contribute to the global partnership."

He said that the West should mount a big program of sending consumer goods to the U.S.S.R. to help Gorbachov overcome his difficulties, labeling this a "new version of Lend Lease, as was done during World War II toward Britain."

Briefly

● **STEVE RUBELL**, impresario of New York's Studio 54 and buddy of the late Roy Cohn, died on July 24 at the age of 45, of "liver disease." The *New York Daily News* described Studio 54 as "the throbbing, strobe-lit playroom of the world's most 'in' celebrities and other beautiful people," and quoted a friend of Rubell, "Everyone will say it was AIDS but it wasn't. It was just those years of excess."

● **ANTI-SATANISM** legislation which increases the penalties for child abuse when the offense occurs during a ritual, was passed by both the House and Senate in Texas on July 18.

● **THE UNITED** Mine Workers were fined an additional \$4.5 million for violating court injunctions in their strike in Virginia against the Pittston coal company. They had previously been fined \$3 million.

● **THE NEW YORK TIMES** on July 27 headlined its lead editorial, "America's Stake in Gorbachov's Fate," and called for the West to prop up Gorbachov in the face of the threat of a neo-Stalinist revival, by "nailing down treaties quickly to cut strategic arms and conventional forces in Europe," suspending trade restrictions, and providing credits.

● **FORMER ASTRONAUT** Harrison Schmitt, former senator from New Mexico, is working on a plan for American industry to become involved in mining fusion fuel helium-3 on the Moon. Schmitt and scientists from the University of Wisconsin have prepared a paper on how this could be done.

● **U.S.-MADE JETS** transported the troops that massacred the Chinese students at Tiananmen Square, according to the State Department. Similar jets were recently exempted from sanctions by the Bush administration, which describes them as "essentially a commercial plane."