

National News

Bush seeks user fees in biotechnology

The Bush administration, in a proposal by the Food and Drug Administration, is seeking to impose user fees in fiscal year 1991 on companies who submit biologically engineered new products for FDA approval, according to the Industrial Biotechnology Association. The proposal is supposed to save \$157 million in the budget, but will simply drive smaller research companies out of business.

The IBA has estimated that it could cost up to \$400,000 to review a drug application, which a small company could not pay. The IBA stated in testimony last week that it is "bad public policy to have the salaries of government regulators paid for by the regulated industries."

The IBA said the FDA budget will only be cut by \$49 million, and is calling for the restoration of full FDA funding. It labeled the user fee proposal as "nothing more than fancy fiscal footwork."

Anglo-American group calls for gutting NATO

A new study released over the weekend of April 1 by the Johns Hopkins Foreign Policy Institute and the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, two institutes reflecting the Eastern Establishment outlook, proposes gutting the NATO alliance.

Entitled "Changing Roles and Shifting Burdens in the Atlantic Alliance," the study proposes that NATO function as a "political" organization with European security placed in the hands of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), which includes Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R.

The study calls for the cancellation of the Lance missile and troop reductions in Europe to the level of 70,000 to 80,000 by the end of the decade.

The study was immediately endorsed by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who

participated in the preparation of the study led by former Defense Secretary Harold Brown and former Treasury Secretary William Simon.

Monetarists see good news in U.S. economy

Monetarists, those afflicted with moral dementia who insist there is no difference between a productive investment and social depravity, were heartened by the "good economic news" that the latest Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle movie had the highest gross receipts ever.

But casinos, a counterpart to the Hollywood-pumped economy, were having some trouble. Donald Trump forced the Philadelphia investment house Janney Montgomery Scott to fire analyst Marvin Roffman after he told the *Wall Street Journal* that "the market just isn't there" for the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City to succeed. Roffman had pointed out that the deal was so debt-ridden that even a week of rainy weather would force the casino under.

GOP pederasty scandal still under the rug

Larry King, the Republican wheeler dealer whose upcoming trial threatened to involve national political figures in charges of child sexual abuse, has been declared incompetent to stand trial by a federal judge and has been hospitalized for treatment of a "paranoid disorder."

A federal jury this summer was scheduled to decide whether King was guilty as charged of looting \$38 million from the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union in a predominantly black neighborhood of North Omaha, Nebraska. It was then charged that the embezzled funds had been used in part to fund orgies in which foster children were made available to Republican Party notables at parties in both Nebraska and other states.

The FBI and all local law enforcement authorities dismissed the child abuse

charges as unsubstantiated, but a special legislative committee has persisted in its investigations, and has forced a grand jury to be convened to examine new evidence.

The names of President Bush and former *Omaha World Herald* publisher Harold W. Andersen briefly surfaced in connection with the King-sponsored parties, but no list of the alleged child abusers has ever been released by the committee investigating the charges.

Bush allies with 'pagan' culture, columnist says

Columnist Patrick Buchanan charged that the Bush administration has allied itself with a "pagan" culture in a March 30 column attacking the National Endowment for the Arts support for the panoply of cultist rituals and obscenities which comprise the so-called "arts."

"The arts crowd is after more than our money, more than an end to the congressional ban on funding obscene and blasphemous art. It is engaged in a cultural struggle to root out the old America of family, faith, and flag, and recreate society in a pagan image," Buchanan charged.

"There is a war about the fundamental values of this country; and to see the White House endorse an increase in money for the NEA, and removal of any constraints on the recipients is to suggest, that, in the battle for America's soul, the administration plans to be something less than a fighting ally."

Trilateral Commission meets on Mother Earth

The Trilateral Commission will unveil a major task force report on environmentalism entitled "Beyond Interdependence: The Meshing of the World's Economy and the Earth's Ecology," when it meets in Washington for a three-day conference beginning April 21, according to a commission spokesman.

The report will be a follow-on to the Brundtland Commission report *Our Com-*

mon Future, and is co-authored by Jim O'Neill, the secretary general of the Brundtland Commission and lead author of that report. The report "will create quite a splash; it will be very policy-specific," a commission official told a journalist March 23.

The conference will also focus heavily on recent developments in Europe, and the U.S. response. Jacques Delors will keynote a panel on "Global Implications of Change in Europe," which is also expected to be addressed by a Soviet Politburo member. Count Otto von Lambsdorff, along with a representative of Poland's Solidarnosc movement and Zbigniew Brzezinski, will speak on "Regional Implications of Change in Europe."

Michael Boskin, head of President Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, will host a panel on "International Economic Cooperation," which will also include an official of the Japanese Foreign Ministry and a European representative.

Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney and Sony chairman Akio Morita, who wrote *A Japan That Can Say No*, will also speak. The Trilateral Commission will also issue a second report on Ibero-America.

CIA to host seminar on Russian chauvinists

The CIA is scheduled to host a seminar in Washington in April to discuss the best approach to establishing working relations with the different currents in the anti-Western, anti-Semitic, blood-and-soil-worshipping Raskolniki Russian nationalist movement. These Russian chauvinists are fixated on preserving the "Rodina," Mother Russia.

Dr. John Dunlop, a Sovietologist with the Hoover Institute and advocate of playing the "Russian nationalist card," will lead the seminar, which is part of a broader campaign being waged by a grouping in the intelligence community linked to the Anti-Defamation League and social democratic apparatus associated with the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), to open up relations with the Pamyat-linked "Russian Party." In May, a Pamyat-linked delegation including Gorbachov Presidential Council

member Valentin Rasputin and right-wing Russian nationalist Vladimir Volodin will be in Washington with State Department clearance.

The irrational logic behind playing the Russian nationalist card is that once they are securely in power, Gorbachov or not, they will no longer pose a military threat to the West. This logic extends to rationalizing U.S. non-intervention in Lithuania on the proposition that they are fed up with subsidizing these minority republics and will let them go as in Eastern Europe.

Bush advised Marcoses on funds, says attorney

Imelda and Ferdinand Marcos spirited millions of dollars out of the Philippines with the full knowledge of the CIA and invested it in U.S. real estate on the advice of Vice President Bush, Imelda Marcos's attorney told a court April 3.

Defense attorney Gerald Spence told the federal court he may seek to call President Bush as a witness in the racketeering, fraud, and conspiracy trial of the former Philippines First Lady.

Spence said the millions taken secretly out of the Philippines and invested in four Manhattan skyscrapers were a contingency measure to fund Marcos's return to power if communists took over the Philippines. Spence said the Marcoses moved millions out of the country, starting in the early 1970s, because they feared a communist takeover. "The CIA knew all about it. It was an open secret between the CIA and the Marcoses," Spence said.

He said that in 1981 the Reagan administration was concerned Marcos was about to invest in Libya, because Mrs. Marcos had become friends with Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi. "Then Vice President George Bush went to the Philippines. He said he didn't want the Marcoses to deal with Qaddafi. He said to them, 'Why don't you invest in American real estate?'" So the Marcoses, in an attempt to keep the goodwill of the United States, abandoned their idea of investing in Libya and began to buy real estate in Manhattan."

Briefly

● **THE DEFENSE** Department will no longer review exports of certain mainframe computers, telecommunications equipment, and medical equipment to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and thereby ease curbs on high-technology exports, the April 2 *Wall Street Journal* reported.

● **SEN. JOHN WARNER**, (R-Va.) who touts himself as a strong supporter of the War on Drugs, in September 1988 at the behest of his former spouse, Liz Taylor, successfully sponsored a piece of legislation to exempt her son Michael Wilding, from immigration laws which would have kept him out of the country because of a drug conviction in Britain.

● **BETWEEN THREE** and 3.5 million Americans are paid less than \$3.80 an hour, according to Department of Labor estimates which is the number of people that will be affected by the new U.S. minimum wage, which rose from \$3.35 an hour to \$3.80 an hour on April 1.

● **ONE-THIRD** of U.S. state legislatures are deliberating requiring warning labels on recordings of rock and rap music, the *Wall Street Journal* reported April 2. This has caused the record companies to agree on a voluntary industry-wide standard warning label, "Explicit lyrics, parental advisory," or the printing of the lyrics on the record jacket.

● **THE WHITE HOUSE** does not yet have a position on whether Most Favored Nation trading status should be renewed for Communist China when the current treaty expires in May, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said March 28.

● **THE DEFENSE** in the Iran-Contra trial of former White House national security adviser Adm. John Poindexter rested on March 28 without his attorneys calling him to testify. Prosecution witness Oliver North was deemed so effective that prosecutor Dan Webb shortened his case.