

National News

Bush drags feet on money laundering law

The Bush administration has failed to reach agreement on measures to curb money laundering with 20 countries, as mandated in a 1988 law, a classified study by the Treasury Department conceded to Congress, the Dec. 16 *New York Times* reported. The law requires that the administration exclude from the U.S. financial system any country that does not agree to report U.S. dollar transactions of over \$100,000.

"The report is another indication that the administration refuses to make the tough choices needed to fight a real war on drugs," declared Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.), who sponsored the 1988 legislation. "Any time they have a policy failure, they classify it so that the American people won't find out."

NDPC condemns *Inquirer* push for Nazi eugenics

Twenty organizers and supporters of the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), the political action committee representing the Lyndon LaRouche wing of the Democratic Party, rallied outside the offices of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* Dec. 13 against an editorial which pushes a policy of Nazi eugenics against minorities and the poor. Protesters were joined by employees from the paper.

The editorial, which appeared in the Dec. 12 *Inquirer*, was entitled, "Can Contraception Reduce the Underclass?" It began with a reference to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of Norplant, a contraceptive that can keep a woman from getting pregnant for five years, and a story on black poverty. "Dare we mention them in the same breath?" the *Inquirer* asked. "To do so might be considered deplorably insensitive, perhaps raising the specter of eugenics," it admitted. "But . . . it's very tough to undo the damage of being born into a dysfunctional family. So why not make a major effort to reduce the number of chil-

dren, of any race born into such circumstances?"

The NDPC delegation demanded that the *Inquirer* repudiate the editorial and any suggestion of endorsement of the practice of eugenics, repudiate the idea that poverty is due to too many children, run a commentary from the NDPC, and that it investigate the railroad of Lyndon LaRouche who is a leading figure in the fight against genocide.

The Dec. 14 *Inquirer* reported on the rally, and its editorial board has reportedly agreed to run an NDPC reply.

Physicians with AIDS urged to tell patients

Dr. Howard M. Spiro, a physician who is a professor at the Yale School of Medicine, has urged his colleagues infected with the AIDS virus to go public. He first made his call in the February issue of *Drug Therapy*, a medical journal, and recently reiterated it in November in a Boston newspaper column.

He has found no support except among hospital employees who are not doctors, and in some cases, has received strong condemnation from his peers. One responded: "Doctors crazy enough to tell their patients that they have AIDS will lose any chance of making a living."

Dr. Spiro stressed the importance of doctors coming forward to break "the conspiracy of silence" around the AIDS infection "that keeps it mysterious and shameful and surely contributes to its spread." Dr. Spiro challenged his colleagues, saying that if they truly believe that AIDS is not spread by casual contact, then they should be willing to be open about their own infection.

ADL and Hollinger: truth is anti-Semitic

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the Hollinger Corp.-owned *Jerusalem Post* have attacked CBS "60 Minutes" anchor Mike Wallace for his Dec. 2 segment on

the Israeli massacre of Palestinians at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem (see *EIR*, Dec. 21, p. 70).

On Dec. 6, the ADL issued a press release and a fact sheet targeting the Wallace show as "biased" and failing to "meet accepted standards of journalistic responsibility." The ADL gives full support to the Israeli military's shooting of the demonstrators, blaming the rock-throwing youths for inciting the incident and dismissing the threatened march by Temple Mount Faithful fanatics as a mere excuse for the alleged Palestinian attack against worshippers at the Wailing Wall.

The international edition of the Hollinger-owned *Jerusalem Post* for the week ending Dec. 15, carried an "Eye on the Media" column by David Bar-Illan attacking Wallace as "not your run of the mill anti-Semite." Unable or unwilling to refute any of the "60 Minutes" story, the *Post* reverted to a personal smear against Wallace.

Powell withdraws from King Day parade

Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Gen. Colin Powell "decided not to serve as grand marshal" of the Martin Luther King day parade in Atlanta, Georgia "after some civil rights leaders questioned his selection," the Dec. 16 *Washington Post* reported.

Powell, the first black selected to be chairman of the Joint Chiefs, wrote a letter to Coretta Scott King, stressing that he felt his presence might detract from the Jan. 21 event. Mrs. King accepted the withdrawal, adding she is strongly opposed to U.S. military involvement in the Persian Gulf.

Powell's decision to withdraw followed protests by several black civil rights leaders, including Amelia Boynton Robinson, to Powell's participation.

"On Jan. 15, General Powell will be responsible for the direction of a war, authorized to begin as early as that date, in which thousands of young Americans will be killed," Mrs. Robinson wrote Coretta Scott King in a letter dated Dec. 11. "These young men and women are being groomed as human cannonballs for the purpose of destroy-

ing others in the Persian Gulf. It would make a terrible mockery of all Dr. King stood for and destroy the meaning of the past and present struggle of our great leader, were the King Center to honor General Powell on the day that he is set to commence a senseless, greedy, inhuman war," she wrote.

"I feel it wise to explain to General Powell why there has to be a change. If we succeed in stopping this war, the Martin Luther King Center can invite him next year to be Grand Marshal. If we fail to stop this war, we must answer to the masses of poor, unemployed and (particularly) African-American people who will be killed fighting against other people of color."

House committee seeks delay in SDI deployment

The House Government Operations Committee argued for a delay in the deployment of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) Phase I, in a report issued over weekend of Dec. 15-16. The report was opposed by 9 of 15 Republicans on the committee, the Dec. 17 *Washington Times* reported.

The panel's report was based largely on a Government Accounting Office study completed in July that concluded that the shift in emphasis to "brilliant pebbles" had changed the architecture of the first phase SDI system and that this had produced "chaos." The report predicted that SDI testing would not be completed in time for the President to make a deployment decision in 1993, as is now mandated.

The report referenced a March 1990 study by scientists at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, which concluded that "brilliant pebbles" is "highly unlikely" to be "cost effective." Lyndon LaRouche has argued that SDI must be based on advanced physical principles, and that the kinetic energy weapons systems upon which "brilliant pebbles" is based, are inferior and will not provide the full screen against intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) envisioned in President Reagan's original adoption of LaRouche's SDI plan.

'Odd' Boyden Gray, Bush relationship spotlighted

White House counsel C. Boyden Gray was the subject for attack by Neil Lewis in the Dec. 12 *New York Times*. Lewis's denunciation of Gray, in part, implicitly drew on material publicized by *EIR*.

"Boyden Gray, White House counsel and personal favorite of President George Bush, is a man who inspires people to come up with new and inventive ways of saying 'odd,' " Lewis wrote. After recounting an incident in which Gray snatched a piece of paper out of the hands of Bush cabinet member William Coleman, and tore it up, he wrote that Gray is the principal theorist behind Bush's veto of the recent congressionally approved civil rights bill, and the argument that Bush need not consult Congress if he decides to go to war with Iraq.

In describing the strange relationship between Bush and Gray, Lewis notes, "It is a relationship . . . born of what Mr. Bush might call 'the class thing,' " and adds that Gray is the "guardian of what may be Mr. Bush's most precious official secret: his behavior in the Iran-Contra scandal."

As counsel to then-Vice President Bush, Gray played a major role in the government operations against Lyndon LaRouche.

Professor warns of 'myth' of brainwashing

University of Virginia sociologist Jeffrey K. Hadden warned against "the myth of brainwashing" in the United States, speaking at a conference in Poland in mid-December, the Dec. 16 *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reported.

Hadden criticized "the myth of brainwashing because of its potential abuse as a legal clinical diagnosis and also because it provides a powerful metaphor which is ready-made for abuse in stereotyping and labeling unpopular groups and their leaders." He scored "anti-cultists" who used strategies of coercion against those who had joined what were considered "offbeat" religious groups.

● **THOMAS CLINES**, the Iran-Contra operative, has been sentenced to a 16-month prison term for tax violations relating to his arms deals with Oliver North. Clines had been a decades-long aide to Thomas Shackley, a former CIA official who had been Bush's 1980 speechwriter and reputed architect of the Iran-Contra policy.

● **ARMAND HAMMER**, a years-long Soviet agent and "guru" for Britain's Prince Charles, died Dec. 11 on the day of his planned bar mitzvah. Through a spokesman, Ted Turner, who had been chosen to head the bar mitzvah ceremony despite his professed paganism, said: "We just learned of Dr. Hammer's death, but we hope to continue with the ceremony anyway."

● **THE PERSIAN GULF** deployment could cost \$30 billion in fiscal year 1991, double the figure projected by Defense Secretary Cheney in October, the Dec. 11 *Washington Post* reported. The new figure does not factor in the cost of fighting a war.

● **THE ENVIRONMENTAL** Protection Agency wants to impose gas rationing in 1995, according to a recent EPA "option" memo cited in an editorial in the Dec. 11 *Wall Street Journal*.

● **MOBIL CORP.** has begun to attack the Clean Air Act amendments in an ad which argues that they are "remarkably unscientific, and terribly expensive for the minimal gains they would achieve." It points out that the mandated oxygenated gasoline is one not available in large supply and too highly polluting itself.

● **THE BUSH** administration has not yet submitted the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) Treaty signed Nov. 19 to the U.S. Senate for ratification for fear it will be rejected, the Dec. 17 *Washington Post* reported. The Soviets moved much of the equipment that was to be destroyed, east of the Urals to avoid treaty limits.