

# National News

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## White House lies about heroin epidemic

The Bush administration is continuing to lie about the failure of its so-called war on drugs. A white paper recently issued by the White House Office of Drug Abuse Policy contradicts reports by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and other law enforcement agencies that the United States is being flooded with cheap, high-grade heroin.

An increase in heroin seizures in recent months, the paper claims, "may" be due to improved drug interdiction efforts. The report also claims that hospital emergency room reports of heroin overdoses and deaths, which are vastly underreported, have not increased sufficiently to warrant panic.

Over a year ago, the DEA had issued a report warning that heroin from the Golden Triangle region in Asia was flooding the New York City area, and that drug-trafficking organizations were diversifying into heroin because of plummeting cocaine prices. Since then, Ibero-American drug cartels, led by the Cali Cartel of Colombia, have started shipping heroin into the United States produced from poppies grown in countries like Brazil and Colombia, rather than traditional sources of supply in Asia.

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## Scowcroft: U.S. must dominate Europe

Defending the "new world order" project as a unique chance to revive the original Anglo-American agenda pursued under Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to impose "law and order" and firm "rules of conduct" throughout the world, National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft called for a revival of the alliance put together for the war against Iraq, in an interview with the Vienna daily *Die Presse* on June 11.

Scowcroft claimed that the United States does not want to play the role of the world policeman, but said that he viewed the United States as the "natural leader" of the alliance. "No other state can mobilize the democratic industrial nations, those that have economic and military power, in the interest of a world of 'law and order' and

appropriate conduct. We've done a good job in the Gulf war," he said.

"In these days after the Cold War," Scowcroft said when asked about Henry Kissinger's scenario of a new balance of power, "I rather think of America as the natural leader of a power collective, than in terms of *realpolitik* of the balance of powers."

On European integration, Scowcroft said that it is fine as long as the U.S. keeps control of it. European military cooperation, as envisioned in the European Corps project of France and Germany, he said, is good only to the extent that it does not interfere with NATO. If that is the case, however, "the U.S.A. has a problem." The role of the United States in Europe will decrease with greater European integration, Scowcroft admitted, "but the presence of the U.S.A. should not slide below the level of real influence."

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## O'Connor leads pro-life march, life threatened

New York Cardinal John O'Connor led a pro-life march in New York City in on June 14. Cardinal O'Connor told a mass before the march that the police had received a call the night before from a woman who threatened that if she saw him at the protest, "she would shoot me." (He added, "despite the possible pleasure that would give my auxiliary bishops.")

Instructing marchers not to respond to hecklers or carry signs, he led some 2,500 Catholics down Lexington Avenue, in a march where "prayer marshals" led recitations of the rosary in front of an abortion clinic. Several hundred abortion activists yelled "Nazis," and "keep your rosaries out of our ovaries" at the marchers.

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## Energy research funding skewed, report finds

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has issued an internal report on its fiscal year 1993 budget which concludes that science and energy projects tend to be budgeted in inverse proportion to their importance, the June 5 weekly newsletter of the American

Physical Society reported.

The projects funded by the DOE were ranked on their contribution to the energy supply and economic growth, ability to reduce imported oil vulnerability, and technical and market risk. The DOE will spend \$5.5 billion out of its total budget of \$19.4 billion this year on environmental cleanup of facilities, and \$0.5 billion on conservation and renewables, while nuclear fission, fusion, magnetohydrodynamics, and other promising technologies languish.

On June 2, the DOE and the Republic of Hungary signed an agreement for the U.S. to "help" the Hungarian Ministry of Industry and Trade with administrative and technical assistance on energy. It includes assistance in regulation of public utilities and low-level radioactive waste disposal, information systems to "support energy policy decisions," and other areas in which the U.S. has not resolved its own policy.

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## Black Caucus to fight 'death penalty' judge

The Congressional Black Caucus will "go full tilt" to defeat President Bush's nomination of Edward E. Carnes of Alabama to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals (Georgia, Alabama, and Florida), Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) told the June 11 *New York Times*. Conyers said the chances of defeating Carnes's nomination are excellent.

Carnes, the 41-year-old head of the Alabama Attorney General's Capital Litigation Section, is known for sending defendants into the arms of "Yellow Mama," the nickname for Alabama's electric chair. The Senate Judiciary Committee recently approved his nomination by a 10-4 vote. Carnes, who wrote Alabama's death penalty law, was quoted in the *International Law Journal* in 1991: "The problem defendants have is 99.9% of them are guilty as hell. I don't care what kind of defense strategy you have, the jury that hears the facts is going to give a death sentence."

In one case, where an Alabama district court found a black woman's death sentence illegal because the prosecution used jury strikes to eliminate 12 blacks and had secured an all-white jury, Carnes tried to have the ruling overturned by the Eleventh Circuit. Carnes has fought to limit the appeals death

row inmates can make to federal courts, where 40% of capital defendants succeed in having their convictions overturned.

Carnes would replace retiring Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., one of the two judges on the three-judge panel who struck down bus segregation in Montgomery, Alabama in 1956.

## ADL 'rights' award goes to judicial killer

Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry received the "Defender of Human Rights Award" from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) on April 16, the May 22 *UJF Virginia News* of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater, Virginia reported. At the time, Terry was engaged in a nationally publicized legal battle to force the execution of Roger Keith Coleman.

A week after she received the award, the Virginia Supreme Court refused a stay of Coleman's execution, and upheld Terry's position that "actual innocence" is not a legal ground upon which an execution can be halted. Coleman was electrocuted on May 20.

The award was presented to Terry at the annual luncheon of the ADL Virginia-North Carolina region. ADL Fact Finding Department director Irwin Suall was a special guest.

## 'Bloody Mary' jails political opponent Ascher

Rochelle Ascher, the first of 16 indicted political organizers associated with Lyndon LaRouche to be prosecuted by the Commonwealth of Virginia, surrendered to authorities in Loudoun County June 15, and began serving her 10-year sentence. Ascher joins LaRouche, who is still serving his 15-year sentence at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota, as the only other organizer confined to prison.

"A monster like Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, who would put to death a man like Roger Coleman with a colorable claim to innocence, obviously believes she is beyond the law when it comes to political prosecutions against the LaRouche movement," commented Nancy Spannaus, who is

running against Terry for Virginia governor in 1993. "She'll be boasting now, but eventually the population of Virginia is going to find her vicious lawlessness intolerable."

Ascher was tried in January 1989 on charges of borrowing money without registering as a "broker-dealer," fraud in soliciting loans, and conspiracy to defraud. The charges were blatantly political, especially since, at the time of the indictments, corporate loans had never been ruled by the Commonwealth to be "securities." That decision was made three months after the 1987 indictment of Ascher and her co-defendants.

Ascher's trial was equally outrageous, as she was subjected to a Loudoun County, Virginia jury which had been virtually brainwashed by hostile media coverage, and which was flagrantly prejudiced against LaRouche. The animus of the jury was writ large in its decision to sentence Ascher to an unprecedented 86 years in jail!

Ultimately, trial Judge Carlton Penn reduced the sentence to 20 years (with 10 suspended), and it was ruled that Ascher could remain free on bond while she appealed the decision. The Supreme Court of Virginia eventually heard the case, but upheld the verdict with an arrogant decision which ignored facts and law. In early June, the court refused to stay execution of the sentence while Ascher continues her appeals up to the Supreme Court of the United States.

## White FBI agents suing the bureau

An all-white association of FBI agents is suing the Federal Bureau of Investigation over its settlement of a civil rights suit by black FBI agents.

The group, FBI Agents Association, filed a civil suit on June 11 demanding access to personnel records and other material that might show that the FBI is carrying out reverse discrimination as the result of the tentative settlement of a complaint by a group of black FBI agents called "Badge," that they had been subject to prejudicial treatment by the bureau's hierarchy, the *New York Times* reported.

Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), a former FBI agent, told the *Times* that when he was with the bureau, there was definitely a "white old boys" clique that ran things.

## Briefly

● **WARREN LINDNER**, the U.S. head of Global Forum and an organizer of the Earth Summit, has been accused by environmental groups of diverting \$1.7 million in forum funds to his own organization, Our Common Future, the June 8 *Houston Chronicle* reported.

● **ARMAND HAMMER** was an "operative of the Comintern" during the 1920s, in charge of providing funds for the Communist International, the Milan daily *Corriere della Sera* reported on June 11, based on newly released information from the central archives of the Soviet Communist Party.

● **THE JUSTICE** Department and other Executive agencies falsified documents produced for the House Banking Committee, in order to cover up ties of the Bush administration to pre-war Iraq, new documents show, columnist Jack Newfield reported in the May 28 *New York Post*.

● **THE BUSH** administration has slashed the aid request for the Philippines by two-thirds over what had been requested previously, supposedly because Congress did not appropriate as much overall foreign aid money as requested, and other countries are higher priorities, the June 14 *New York Times* reported.

● **ROBERT GATES**, the head of the CIA, inadvertently confirmed that the Versailles system is over, at a Committee for National Affairs forum. When asked whether the U.S. would act militarily against Serbia, Gates said, "Sometimes I feel that we are back in 1908, and that it is more useful to get out my pre-World War I history books in order to better understand the situation which is evolving."

● **THE U.S. SUPREME** Court in early June upheld a lower court ruling in favor of states banning write-in votes. The court held that the bans are legal and not a violation of a citizen's constitutional rights. Many groups view the ruling as an attempt to kick all potential protest candidates off the ballot.