

# National News

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## Edgar Bronfman leaves Gore's sinking ship

Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and World Jewish Congress leader Edgar Bronfman had contributed the limit to Al Gore, Jr.'s Presidential campaign, but now he has shifted allegiance to Texas Gov. George W. Bush, according to the Jewish newspaper *Forward* on Aug. 27. "His defection bodes ill for Vice President Gore," the paper said.

Bronfman is infamous for his longtime collaboration with the former East German intelligence service, the Stasi, on such projects as tarring German scientists as "Nazis," mobilizing against the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, and smearing Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. as an "anti-Semitic cult leader."

Bronfman, "in a personal capacity," will be chairman of an Oct. 5 fundraiser for Bush in New York City. The event is being organized by Gov. George Pataki and by former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato. The latter had worked closely with Bronfman in the effort to make Switzerland pay up for Jewish assets it had allegedly secreted away for the Nazis.

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## Bush-man Armitage guns for war against China

The Aug. 31 issue of the *Australian Financial Review* played up inflammatory statements made by a top adviser to George W. Bush, former Bush administration Pentagon official Richard Armitage, in an interview given to that paper. Armitage was in Sydney for a meeting of the private Australian-American Leadership Forum. He said that Australia must stand ready to give military support to the United States if Washington goes to war with China.

Armitage reportedly emphasized that there was a danger that the ongoing crisis in the Taiwan Strait could lead to war between the two powers, and that the United States would expect Australia to contribute to "the dirty, hard and dangerous work." The *Financial Review* notes that Armitage could ex-

pect a very senior post in a new Bush administration.

While admitting a "low risk of deliberate war," Armitage added: "But when tempers are running high, as they are at the moment, there is always a danger of misjudgment leading to war. If we were taking casualties, we would not want our allies to stand by. You can bet the Commander in Chief of the Pacific Forces would be down here [in Australia] in a heartbeat. An alliance means we work together. It wouldn't seem to me to be appropriate in an alliance for Australia to pick and choose."

The *Financial Review* also quotes the U.S. economist and commentator, David Hale of the Zurich Group, supporting Armitage's arm-twisting of Australia. Hale is quoted as saying: "There is an unprecedented fear in Washington at the moment that China will try to take revenge against Taiwan. If Australia does not rally round the defense of Taiwan, it would be the greatest breach of the relationship [with the U.S.] since World War II."

Reacting to Armitage's statements, a China expert at the Australian National University, Dr. Greg Austin, said that his comments "are an orange light to us that the mood has shifted subtly in a dangerous direction, the battle lines are being drawn and pressure is being brought to bear on Australia. There is a circling of the wagons before it's necessary."

What is Bush-leaguer Armitage really up to, going behind the back of the U.S. President just before an extremely sensitive meeting with the Chinese President, in New Zealand, and outrageously claiming to speak for the United States, while spreading inflammatory statements and intimidating a U.S. ally?

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## In Memoriam: Col. Molloy Vaughn

Col. Molloy Vaughn (ret.), a friend of the Schiller Institute who worked with the LaRouche movement for the past 15 years, was buried with impressive military honors at Arlington Cemetery on Aug. 31. The ceremony included a 21-gun salute; a 75-person

honor guard; eight pallbearers in uniform; a riderless horse; an 18-piece drum and bugle corps; and a three-star general representing the United States.

Lyndon LaRouche sent the following message to Vaughn's family:

"On hearing of the death of Colonel Molloy Vaughn, nothing seemed more appropriate than to say what sprang to my lips then: As General of the Armies Douglas MacArthur said: 'Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.' In my opportunities to know him, as friend and collaborator, he typified the retired professional officer always at the call of duty when a fine job, calling for something extra, needed to be done. To my knowledge, he often did it, for no other reason than it needed to be done. For him, his career was a way of life, all the way to the end of it. I shall miss him very much."

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## U.S. does not support Kosovo independence

Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott underlined that the United States was not supporting any move for Kosovo's independence. Speaking at the Aspen Institute on Aug. 24, in a speech entitled "The Balkan Question and the European Answer," Talbott addressed the question of national sovereignty in this globalist era.

"In Kosovo," he said, "our task is different in one obvious respect: We have suspended Belgrade's powers as the administering authority over the province. But that does not mean we support Kosovo's independence. Quite the contrary, we feel that secession would give heart to separatists and irredentists of every stripe elsewhere in the region. Most of all, secession would encourage proponents of Greater Albania—a single state stretching across the Balkan peninsula from Albania proper to northwestern Macedonia, with its own sizable ethnic Albanian population. Greater Albania would be no less anathema to regional peace and stability than greater Serbia."

Even more serious, Talbott continued, would be the effects on the multinational states which already maintain a tenuous existence in the area. "In this regard, Macedo-

**EDWARD LUTTWAK**, a Washington think-tanker and strategic lunatic, called for the assassination of White House drug adviser Gen. Barry McCaffrey (ret.), in an interview to the Argentine newspaper *Pagina 12* on Sept. 8. "I would assassinate the person responsible for that policy," he said, speaking of McCaffrey's commitment to eradicating cocaine production in Ibero-American countries. Luttwak's answer to the drug crisis is to legalize cocaine.

**MILTON FRIEDMAN** praised the Internet for undermining the nation-state, in a speech to the Mont Pelerin Society in Vancouver, Canada, on Aug. 31, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* reported. Friedman cited the fact that the Internet can help to hide economic and financial transactions from regulators and tax offices, and thereby "liberate" the people from the nation-state.

**MARTIN FRANKEL**, the Toledo-born stock swindler, was arrested in Hamburg, Germany, on Sept. 6. He has been on the run since May and is accused of fraud and money laundering related to insurance scams. Frankel is linked to top Wall Street figures, the right wing of the Republican Party, and to organized crime (*EIR*, July 30).

**SANDY BERGER**, U.S. National Security Adviser, wrote in the *Washington Post* on Sept. 5 that standing by Russia is in U.S. interest. "The troubles in Russia," he wrote, "... should not obscure what U.S. engagement has produced for the American people."

**THE INTERNET** may transform political organizing, *U.S.A. Today* reported on Aug. 31. "One click can reach millions" and "getting on line [is] so simple a 'kid with an attitude can organize a political force,'" it said. This could "open up the political system in a way not seen in decades, creating new power centers while eroding the influence of the two major political parties and counterbalancing the influence of big money."

nia deserves special care and attention. It's a brave, young independent state that has made a real and promising effort at establishing multi-ethnic democracy and thus, so far, in escaping the worst pitfalls of the nation-state. If Kosovo were to become a catalyst for Albanian nationalism throughout the region, Macedonia would probably disappear from the map, and violently so."

## Bradley speaks out on Russian money scandal

Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Bill Bradley, in a campaign statement issued on Aug. 31, said that "recent allegations of Russian money-laundering by American banks are disturbing." He said that he was pleased to hear that the House Banking Committee, under the chairmanship of Rep. Jim Leach (R-Iowa), would hold hearings on the issue. Bradley said that he had "argued since the early 1990s that American assistance and lending policies toward Russia have been misdirected and ineffective." He said that Russia was struggling to become an "open, free-market nation," and that U.S. policy had done little to further U.S. "strategic goals, the needs of the Russian people, or the cause of Russian reform. Billions of dollars have been promised to Russians, but far too much money has been siphoned off by untrustworthy Russian 'capitalists.'"

Bradley concluded that the United States had to address issues it had failed to address thus far, e.g., "control of nuclear weapons, environmental degradation, ethnic disputes, and foreign debt."

## Boynton Robinson sues Disney Studios

Civil rights heroine Amelia Boynton Robinson, vice chairman of the Schiller Institute in the United States, filed an \$8 million lawsuit against Disney Studios on Aug. 17, in objecting to a Disney TV movie, *Selma, Lord, Selma*, which inaccurately portrays her role in the famous 1965 Bloody Sunday confronta-

tion in Selma, Alabama.

Mrs. Boynton and her late husband, Samuel, had led the fight in Selma for 20 years, for the registration of African American voters, and it was they who invited Dr. Martin Luther King to Selma.

The *Baltimore Sun* reported on Sept. 2 that "the film portrays her as a stereotypical 'black Mammy' whose main function was to make religious utterances and to participate in singing spirituals and protest songs, said Bruce Boynton, her son and a prominent attorney. 'My mother's depiction in the movie was drastically wrong,' the son said. The movie aired in January."

The Alabama *Dothan Eagle*, which also reported on the story, added that Bruce Boynton said that the movie's portrayal of his mother "doesn't bespeak the type of character my mother actually had at all—not only had but continues to have."

## Nanic to tour U.S. for Balkan reconstruction

Faris Nanic, the secretary general in Croatia of the Party of Democratic Action (SDA) and former Chief of Staff of President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, will speak at meetings across the United States in September, sponsored by the Schiller Institute and *EIR*, on the urgent need for reconstruction of the war-torn Balkans region.

Nanic is an initiating signer, together with Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, of an international call for "Peace through Development for the Balkans," which was drafted for worldwide endorsement during NATO's bombardment of Yugoslavia last spring. The statement called for a new "Marshall Plan" for the Balkans, in the context of a New Bretton Woods financial system, as proposed by Lyndon LaRouche.

Nanic was one of the five founders of International Parliamentarians Against Genocide in Bosnia. In October 1993, the organization succeeded in bringing to the besieged Sarajevo, for the first time, a delegation of ten members of parliaments throughout the world, including two U.S. Congressmen.