

National News

Biography says Reagan had 'dim view' of Bush

A new biography by Edmund Morris, *Dutch: A Memoir of Ronald Reagan* (Random House, 1999), maintains that President Reagan had a low opinion of his Vice President, George Bush, according to the London *Sunday Times* of Sept. 26. The book reportedly details the "tension" in the White House between George and Ronald, and says that these revelations "cast a shadow over the Presidential campaign of Mr. George W. Bush, the Texas Governor."

Morris writes that Reagan formed a dim view of Bush while they were both candidates in the New Hampshire primary in 1980. After agreeing to a one-to-one debate with Mr. Bush in New Hampshire, Reagan invited other candidates to join in. Instead of objecting, Mr. Bush sat silently by. According to Morris, "Reagan was a man who admired strength. I think he perceived Bush, when Bush wimped out, as a man who gave in to pressure. . . . I sensed very strongly that Reagan thought Bush was not all man."

The book quotes Bush in 1988 saying that Reagan "never seemed to want us upstairs in the White House." Apparently, Nancy and Ronald Reagan regarded Barbara as "the help," and both of them as "downstairs people, not upstairs people."

CIA to host anniversary of fall of Berlin Wall

A spokesman for the CIA's Office of Public Affairs said that the historical branch of the CIA, the Center for the Study of Intelligence, will co-host a celebration of the tenth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, at Texas A&M University, with the George Bush School of Government and Public Service and the George Bush Library, which are both located near the university campus. The conference will be held during the week of Nov. 13.

The CIA official said that many of the surviving leaders of the Cold War would be in attendance. This would include all the sur-

living former Directors of Central Intelligence, including the current one, George Tenet. The official said he believed that former President George Bush would speak, and that there is a possibility that his son might as well.

George Bush has also been invited by the German government to attend a celebration of the fall of the Wall that will be held in Berlin.

Hillary Clinton sounds alarm on AIDS in Africa

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton convened a meeting on Sept. 7 at the White House, to mobilize international health officials amid deepening concern over the unchecked spread of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa and the epidemic's growing threat to Southeast Asia and eastern Europe, according to a press release *Harvard World Health News* issued on Sept. 9.

"Reports from Africa describe a catastrophe in the making that threatens an entire generation of children and two decades of economic development," according to the statement. "Average life expectancy is plummeting by 20 years in some areas, as aggressive new strains of HIV decimate the continent."

The meeting with Mrs. Clinton followed the release in July of a little-noticed White House report which warned, "As goes Africa, so will go India, Southeast Asia, and the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, and by 2005, more than 100 million people worldwide will have been infected with HIV. Leadership and resources are desperately needed if we are to turn the tide."

"The report presents findings of a March 27-April 5 Presidential Mission on Children Orphaned by AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, and paints a grim picture of the situation facing children," the Harvard release continues. "In nine countries, between one-fifth and one-third of all children will be orphaned by AIDS by the end of this year. . . . Over the next decade, the report projects that more than 40 million children will be orphaned by AIDS. The report describes fragile health care systems buckling under the weight of

the crisis, with AIDS patients already occupying 50-80% of all hospital beds in some areas."

Waco lawyer hits DOJ permanent bureaucracy

Tucson lawyer David Hardy says that the real villains at Waco, those who caused the death of members of the Branch Davidian sect, and who perpetrated the coverup afterward, are the "omnipotent peons" at the FBI and the Department of Justice, according to the *Arizona Republic* of Sept. 20. This is the grouping that *EIR* has called the DOJ's "permanent bureaucracy."

"The government isn't run by Cabinet members or department heads," Hardy said. "The government is run by middle-level and lower-level peons who do what they damned well please."

Hardy has filed numerous FOIA suits on Waco, and he has worked closely with filmmaker Mike McNulty on unearthing evidence of the government coverup around Waco.

"I doubt that Janet Reno or Louis Freeh had any idea of the coverup we've been discovering," Hardy added. "But I believe subordinates of theirs did. And the people who were on the scene certainly did."

Hardy said that when he used to work for the Department of the Interior, he worked with many of these "omnipotent peon" bureaucrats. "We were under orders from our bosses not to report anything to the head of our department. He was supposed to be kept completely in the dark."

Mosquito-borne disease poses threat to N.J.

There is less mosquito-borne disease prevention now in New Jersey, than there was in the 1940s, according to the *Newark Star Ledger* of Sept. 7. The issue has become a focus of concern, because of the outbreak of encephalitis in New York City, which claimed several lives.

ROBERT RUBIN, the former Treasury Secretary, warned, "Don't Give Up on Russia," in a commentary in the *New York Times* on Sept. 21. "The United States has a critical interest in Russia's stability and economic success and in its transition over time to a market democracy," he wrote. "Given the challenges Russia faced, it would have been unrealistic to assume that Russia could shake 70 years of Communist baggage and become a full-fledged market democracy in less than a decade."

A FEDERAL JUDGE in the District of Columbia ruled on Sept. 17 that the city's Board of Elections must tabulate and release the results of last year's ballot referendum on the legalization of "medical" use of marijuana. The referendum, part of a nationwide drive bankrolled by George Soros, was blocked from even being counted by Congress, but the ACLU sought a court order, which has now overridden the Congressional action. The initiative is believed to have passed by a large margin.

PHIL GRAMM (R-Tex.) denounced the exercise of national sovereignty, in a Sept. 16 press release. Gramm, the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, complained that the White House had urged Federal bank examiners to "drum up political support for the Community Reinvestment Act. . . . This is vivid evidence of the danger posed by the administration's proposal to take regulatory power away from the independent Federal Reserve and give it to the Treasury Department. The proposal is a political power grab that must be defeated."

BRUCE BABBITT, Secretary of the Interior, has joined environmentalist groups like American Rivers and a "green" faction in the Army Corps of Engineers, in a campaign to tear down dams that allegedly pose a threat to fish populations. Ultimately, they plan to "deconstruct" America's network of 75,000 dams, upon which farming, manufacturing, clean water provision, and flood control depends.

The paper reported, "This outbreak was completely predictable and completely preventable, but waiting until people start getting sick is too late," said Wayne Crans. The Rutgers professor has been monitoring New Jersey's mosquito population since 1949, when a different strain of encephalitis claimed 21 lives along the Jersey Shore.

"Mosquitoes have been transmitting diseases since the beginning of time. It is incomprehensible to me that one of the largest urban areas in the world has no mosquito control program," Crans said."

Helicopters sprayed the pesticide Malathion across a four-square-mile area of New York City over Labor Day Weekend, and Fire Department employees handed out \$115,000 worth of insect repellent. Operators fielded more than 7,000 phone calls on a mosquito complaint-information hotline.

Professor Crans said that the outbreak never should have happened. "We know there are urban-adapted mosquitoes. They are extremely pollution resistant and love standing water from sewers and storm drains. In the past, there have been outbreaks in St. Louis, Chicago, Houston, and the Camden-Philadelphia area.

"It is no surprise that it happened in New York. Only that it took so long," Crans said."

The key to preventing encephalitis outbreaks, he said, is to "know where the problems are in advance. Every place should have a mosquito control commission, with educated scientists whose job it is to treat the problem areas." But, Crans said, the urban areas of New Jersey are "absolutely unprepared."

Labor calls for fixing up decrepit schools

Lacking the leadership and political strength to fight for a thorough-going solution to the nation's education crisis, organized labor is joining the Clinton administration in rallying to repair and rebuild schools around the country.

According to a press release from the AFL-CIO's Building and Construction Trades Council dated Sept. 13, Robert A. Georgine, head of the Building and Con-

struction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, led a rally in support of legislation now pending in Congress to use \$25 billion in Federal tax credits to rebuild and repair public schools. The legislation, the Public School Modernization and Overcrowding Relief Act of 1999 (HR 1660, S1760, S1454), is supported by both parties.

Speaking at the rally at Perth Amboy, New Jersey's Peterson Elementary School, Georgine said, "We are honored to be able to help keep Peterson in good repair, but we would love to be able to build a modern, state-of-the-art school, the kind of school the children deserve." He cited a report by the American Society of Civil Engineers, which estimates that one-third of all schools need extensive repair or replacement, nearly 60% have at least one major building problem, more than half have inadequate environmental conditions, and 46% lack basic wiring to support computer systems.

Maryland's Young acquitted on all charges

Former Maryland State Senator Larry Young was acquitted on all charges of bribery and tax evasion on Sept. 24, by a jury in Anne Arundel County. This is a major defeat for the U.S. Department of Justice's notorious "Operation Fruehmenschen" ("Operation Primitive Man")—the judicial harassment of African-American elected officials and other leaders.

The campaign against Young was initiated in December 1997 by allegations from the *Baltimore Sun*, which led to his expulsion from the Maryland Senate in January 1998, even though he had not at that time been charged with any crime, and eventually to his trial in September 1999.

LaRouche Democrat Lawrence Freeman, who ran for governor in 1998, was the only political figure in the state to attack the *Sun* and the DOJ for this dirty operation against Young. The Schiller Institute organized a Town Hall meeting in Baltimore on April 24, 1998, exposing the racist practices of the DOJ, at which Senator Young and several other elected officials spoke (see *EIR*, May 15, 1998).