

coca leaf producer, with 48,600 hectares of coca planted. After years of gradual reduction, in 1998-99, there was a precipitous drop, down to 24,800 hectares — nearly half of the coca production was eliminated. Even more important, 1999 saw a sharp reversal of new land put into coca production: More than 12,000 hectares of coca was eradicated, and only 800 hectares of new plantings was added. This represents a drop in cocaine production potential during 1995-99, from 240 metric tons to 90 metric tons.

However, the key to the Bolivia coca problem, as *EIR* has documented, was something not officially discussed at the international conference: The rise of the coca trade in Bolivia was never an underground phenomenon, but a *deliberate* move by the financier oligarchy, whose tool, Harvard's Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, served as an economic adviser to the Bolivia government's privatization board in the late 1980s. Only when Bolivia got rid of Sachs, was it possible to decrease drug production. But now, Sachs is operating in Colombia, which has become the world's leading coca grower and cocaine producer. (Wherever Sachs goes, there has been a destruction of the physical economy in favor of dope and the black market. In Russia, Sachs administered "shock therapy," which resulted in setting up the mechanisms for the theft and looting of about \$100 billion by IMF and free market "reformers.")

Legalizers on a rampage

The Soros networks are on an unprecedented campaign to force through whatever facet of legalization they can muster under the rubric of "harm reduction" (see box). They are using falsified figures, and covering up clear advances in the anti-drug war, such as the coca eradication success in Bolivia, and similar success in Peru. The legalizers, who depend on their disinformation and a "clueless" electorate, are celebrating the gains of 1999, including the Nov. 2 vote that legalized the "medical use" of marijuana in Maine.

The clearinghouse for *all* legalization operations worldwide is the Drug Policy Foundation (www.dpf.org), which receives about \$5 million a year from Soros. The DPF and the Lindesmith Center, which operates out of Soros's Open Society Institute buildings in New York, provide funding to "harm reduction" (i.e., pro-legalization) groups, including in Central and Eastern Europe.

The DPF also announced that it is now providing "fiscal and political support" to the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws and other groups to establish the Medical Marijuana Network, "MMN," for a big push for ballot initiatives in 2000.

Nadelmann explains it like this: "Drop the 'zero tolerance' [i.e., that drug addiction should not be accepted and tolerated in a republic] . . . and the illusory goal of a drug-free society. Accept that drug use is here to stay, and that we *have no choice* but to learn to live with drugs so they cause the least possible harm and the greatest possible benefits."

McCaffrey has "zero tolerance" for this sophistry. On

Nov. 5, in answer to questions about the legalization drive in America, McCaffrey said, "This isn't going to happen. This doesn't make sense. This would be a violation of the human rights of the individual. . . . I would prefer to leave these decisions in the hands of the National Institutes of Health . . . and the physicians. I don't believe it is a wise exercise of democracy to vote on medicines, or to vote on air traffic control procedures," or in other cases where the "majority opinion" might endanger the lives of 270 million people.

Nat'l Missile Defense: a Lott of rotten pork

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Sometime before he leaves office in January 2001, President Bill Clinton will decide whether the United States shall proceed with the construction of a National Ballistic Missile Defense system; and, according to several well-placed sources in the defense establishment, the specific proposal being shoved down the President's throat has more pork in it than a "good ol' boys" Southern pig roast.

The deadline was imposed on the President in February, when the Senate, by an almost straight party-line vote, passed the National Missile Defense Act of 1999 (S. 257), a foolish piece of agitational propaganda that stated, "It is the policy of the United States to deploy as soon as it is technologically possible an effective National Missile Defense [NMD] system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack (whether accidental, unauthorized, or deliberate)." The bill mandated that President Clinton make a decision on deployment before his term expires.

Shortly after the bill was passed, Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche, the author of President Ronald Reagan's March 23, 1983 Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), penned a devastating exposé of the folly of the so-called NMD bill ("The New ABM Flap," *EIR*, Feb. 26, 1999), equating the proposed deployment of outmoded "kinetic kill vehicles" with the earlier anti-SDI efforts of the late Gen. Danny Graham's High Frontier organization, the Heritage Foundation, and other "strategically challenged" right-wing think-tanks.

LaRouche emphasized, "The issue of SDI as I proposed this in 1979 and 1982, and as President Reagan offered this to Moscow in March 1983, is still high on the agenda of nations today, but the circumstances are different. What remains the same, then and now, is that we must never permit any weapons-system to become so much a power over mankind's fate, that such weapons might doom us. . . . We must never permit the world, ever again, to be locked into a state

of relative technological stagnation in which nations are forced to resort to 'doomsday options.' We must never permit, ever again, a state of affairs in which we prevent the development of superior technologies, based upon higher physical principles, by means of which the defense might gain the assured ability to defeat any deployed offensive capability. In that sense, the principle of SDI lives on today, and will persist, in one form or another, forever."

Parenthetically, on Nov. 16, a Pentagon blue-ribbon panel, chaired by Gen. Larry Welch (USAF, ret.), issued a "National Missile Defense Review," in which they warned that the ground-based missile defense program is behind schedule, over budget, and poses too high a risk because of a persistent pattern of test failures. In conclusion, the panel said, "there is a legacy of over-optimism about the state of progress in developing reliable hit-to-kill performance." Cutting through the strained Pentagon lingo: The technology doesn't work.

A hoax and a ripoff

One source, who has spent decades involved with military research and development dating back to the period of President Reagan's original Strategic Defense Initiative, assessed the viability of the NMD proposal being pushed by Congressional Republicans. He said that the system being proposed would probably successfully shoot down one or two incoming missiles — as long as there were no decoys. In short, it would be totally ineffective against anything but the most primitive kind of missile attack against the territorial United States — i.e., the kind that is least likely to occur.

He explained that the program is being heavily pushed by some top brass in the U.S. Army, and by a group of Southern Republican Congressmen whose districts stand to pull in the lion's share of the funding for the construction of the nearly useless "defense shield." The Army's major missile program is headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama, and much of the work on the currently pending BMD system, consisting of ground-based intercept missiles, would be built there and at a string of defense industry facilities that dot the South. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.), House Majority Leader Dick Army (R-Tex.), and House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R-Tex.) are among the leading peddlers of this latest multi-billion-dollar pork barrel, whose effect would be to further jeopardize the national security of America.

The proposal is so ludicrous, the source continued, that the U.S. Air Force, which has been working for years on an airborne laser system, has weighed in strongly to oppose the NMD wing-ding, and continues its quiet, but underfunded work on systems that would at least utilize some "new physical principles."

More Bush hypocrisy

In his foreign policy coming-out party on Nov. 19, at the Reagan Library in California, Texas Gov. George "Dubya" Bush vowed that he would place national ballistic missile



The first laser lethality test of the vulnerability of liquid propellant ballistic missile systems, was conducted for the SDI on Sept. 6, 1985, at the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

defense at the top of his national security agenda, as President. The Bush foreign policy team is loaded with "heavies" from his father's administration, including Russia "expert" Condoleezza Rice, former Defense Department official Paul Wolfowitz, and the Reagan Pentagon's "Prince of Darkness," Richard Perle.

This entire crew, President Sir George Bush included, were adamant *opponents* of President Reagan's SDI proposal, which was adopted from Lyndon LaRouche's in-depth plan for a U.S.-Russian joint development and deployment of a global ballistic missile defense shield, utilizing the most advanced principles of science, engineering, and high-speed computing, to end the era of Kissingerian Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD).

The NMD proposal which has won the endorsement of "Dubya," has not even a dim relationship to the original Reagan SDI. It would fully preserve the insanity of MAD, and would, in fact, draw funding away from the research into laser systems and other "new physical principles" that could form the basis for a future global defense shield.

The present NMD plan would, in fact, provoke even deeper strains than already exist in the badly damaged U.S.-Russian and U.S.-Chinese relationships, thus, as LaRouche warned in February, possibly placing the world at the mercy of precisely the "doomsday scenarios" that the LaRouche-Reagan SDI plan sought to eliminate.