

National News

McBride joins coalition against high rates

The chairman of the National Coalition to Reduce Interest Rates, Stan Hoynitski, has announced plans for a June 22 round of Washington lobbying against the Federal Reserve's credit policies. Hoynitski also announced that Lloyd McBride, president of the United Steel Workers of America (USWA), has joined the coalition's steering committee.

"We are convinced that unless President Reagan takes this interest-rate issue as an immediate priority item," Hoynitski stated, "no matter what he does with the budget or other important questions, his efforts to get the economy moving again will fail."

McBride's membership in the coalition, which was founded in March, will add momentum to its effort. A former member of the board of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, McBride heads a 1.4 million-member union hard hit by the Volcker policies. Over 100,000 USWA members are now unemployed, as skyrocketing interest rates demolish the auto sector, and thus steel demand.

Lebanese-Americans applaud LaRouche

Six hundred Lebanese-Americans convened at a May 16 conference to deliberate and rally against the Syrian presence in Lebanon and demand U.S. action to restore Lebanon's sovereignty. The conference, which included members of the American-Lebanese League and the Syrian-Lebanese League, concluded with plans to translate into Arabic and circulate the policy proposal by *EIR* founder and National Democratic Policy Committee advisory council chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., titled "Emergency U.S. Policy Toward the Endangered

Nation of Lebanon." Earlier, mention of the document brought a standing ovation from the audience; it had been published on the front page of the Lebanese-American newsweekly *Al-Ittihad* and widely discussed at the conference.

LaRouche's proposal, published in the May 5 issue of *EIR*, centers on "full restoration of [Lebanon's] status as a sovereign, multireligious state, under the constitution and with the borders . . . existing prior . . . to April 1975," terminating the "asserted spheres of influence of both Syria and Israel within Lebanon's borders," and restoring a sovereign national government and military command to the country, as part of an overall economic development effort to turn the Middle East so-called Arc of Crisis into a zone of prosperity.

Congress to review animal rights?

Representative Ron Mottl (D-Ohio) is preparing to introduce legislation that would establish a congressional advisory committee to make recommendations on animal rights, according to *Feedstuffs*, an agribusiness weekly. The advisory committee would be given two years to study the issue and make recommendations to Congress ranging from meeting needs for research to regulatory action.

Knowledgeable Capitol Hill observers expressed surprise that Mottl, who has maintained a principled conservative progrowth congressional record, would lend credibility to a campaign widely known to be merely a new vehicle for an irrational attack on the U.S. livestock industry and high-technology agriculture generally. Observers note that Mottl has little familiarity with agriculture, and is probably being blackmailed around the 1982 election by the "consumerists" among his urban constituency.

Aides to the congressman confirmed that he has consulted with Dr. Michael Fox, director of the Humane Society's Institute for the Study of Animal Prob-

lems in Washington. Fox, a Briton, is a key mentor of the animal welfare activists and animal liberationists in the U.S., and author of *The Soul of a Wolf*.

Runcie lauds Global 2000 'consciousness'

Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, addressing the New York Episcopalian leadership at Trinity Church on May 11, gave his blessing to the Brandt Commission program for primitive technologies in the underdeveloped sector, and called for a British-American campaign for "global consciousness." Afterward, Runcie beamed when *EIR* correspondent Kathleen Murphy asked him about the *Global 2000 Report* and called it "an extremely useful document" and adding that the person who first showed it to him "must have been sent by God." The Anglican Primate lamented "the unfortunate conservatism of the Reagan administration," and insisted that "we citizens must have the will to force implementation of the Brandt Commission report."

Cyrus Vance, who attended the ceremonies, commented to *EIR* that both the Brandt Commission and *Global 2000* reports are "totally compatible and complementary," deploring what he termed the Reagan administration's lack of awareness that "one of the major problems we have to face is the North-South dialogue."

CFR urges increase in military outlays

The New York Council on Foreign Relations has issued a new report which calls for "substantial increases" in military outlays to bolster the ability of the United States to use force in unstable regions.

The report, issued May 13, recom-

mended a "sharp acceleration" in military spending to 6 percent of total national output. The Reagan administration has proposed an increase to 5.6 percent of GNP.

The 23-page pamphlet also urged sending arms to Afghan rebels, an "improved capacity" for covert action, and aid and training for regimes friendly to the United States to preserve their "internal security."

Citing the Persian Gulf as the most important strategic area in the world, the CFR document called for a rapid deployment force to protect it, adding that "the United States should again be ready and able to use military force in unstable or threatened regions.

On China, it warned against ruling out "the possibility of closer military collaboration" in the future.

Enterprise zone legislation ready

Sources in Rep. Jack Kemp's (R-N.Y.) office report that Kemp's bill to create "urban enterprise zones" will finally be introduced this month.

The bill, which would create urban zones of Hong Kong-style low wage industry in ghettos, is cosponsored by Democrat Robert Garcia, who represents the South Bronx. Kemp's office says that they expect prominent Democrats to line up behind the bill, including Illinois Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, who has been meeting with Kemp privately.

Kemp's office says that it expects administration backing for the bill. They say that a decision was made to delay introduction so as not to interfere with the consideration of the budget. But other sources report that Kemp's office has been troubled by "persistent charges that the enterprise zone bill has a hidden agenda." These charges are bolstered by spokesmen for the Washington-based Heritage Foundation and former Fabian Society Chairman Peter Hall, both of whom say that the Kemp-Garcia bill is a

"foot in the door" for a much more extensive program.

AEI unites with urban street gangs

The allegedly conservative American Enterprise Institute joined this month with ghetto street gangs, black cultural nationalist hoodlums, motorcycle freaks, and the Rockefeller Foundation in calling for establishing "free enterprise zones" in the nation's cities.

The AEI conference, which was funded by the ultraliberal Mott Foundation, featured speakers such as Sister Fatah of the House of Umoja in Philadelphia, a group closely linked to the Newark Temple of Imamu Baraka. Sister Fatah and her associate, gang leader "Fat Rob," explained to the gathering how they had successfully recruited many gangs into Umoja, and had begun to organize private security businesses using gang members as personnel. As a promotional effort for that project, Umoja has deployed its gang members to offer to change the house locks of anyone who wanted, though not many people have accepted yet.

Another gang present which expressed interest in getting into the protection business was the South Bronx-based Chitterlings, a motorcycle gang led by Flint Agosto. Agosto's ambitions were enlarged by Jimmy Hargrove, of the National Black Policemen's Association, who, after his retirement, intends to organize a string of protection companies nationwide using ghetto gangs.

The high point of the conference, though, was the final session featuring Bernard Anderson of the Rockefeller Foundation, Hugh Price of the *New York Times*, William Gray (D-Pa.), and White House adviser John McLaughry, who stressed the necessity of establishing urban enterprise zones, without licensing, zoning, or minimum wage laws, which would make businesses like Umoja possible.

Briefly

● **JAMES WATT** met recently with Audubon Society president Russell Peterson, although the Interior Secretary had previously declined a meeting. Peterson complained to James Miller, an associate director at Stockman's Office of Management and Budget, who then pressed through the meeting. Stockman is known to agree with the environmentalists on the question of water projects and other internal improvements.

● **RICHARD RICHARDS**, head of the Republican National Committee, has rejected Democratic Party Chairman Charles Manatt's call for a bipartisan investigation into curbing the activities of independent political action committees, a probe many feared would be turned into a witch-hunt against groups not controlled by the "Eastern Establishment." Manatt says he will launch his own investigation anyway.

● **ROBERT TAFT**, former GOP senator from Ohio, a member of the executive board of the Population Crisis Committee, spoke before the Senate Foreign Operations Subcommittee May 14, fully endorsing the *Global 2000 Report*. "A few dollars in population control programs is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars in economic development aid," he said.

● **THE FUSION** Energy Foundation held a major conference in Washington, D.C. on May 13 on the "National Security Implications of Fusion Technology." Among the attendees were representatives of most executive departments and agencies, and various congressmen. Among those embassies represented were Belgium, Korea, Italy, the Soviet Union, West Germany, France, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Indonesia and Australia. From corporations were Mitsui, Kansai Electric, Litton Industries, Fairchild, Rockwell International, Bendix, and Lockheed.