

National News

Deep Space Network slated for slashes

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) officially announced Oct. 28 that as of Dec. 1 it will shut down one-third of the capacity of its Deep Space Network. This move, which is supposed to "save" the space agency \$7.2 million per year, will make it more difficult for space scientists to gather data from planetary spacecraft missions and possibly cause an irreparable loss of scientific information.

The Deep Space Network is operated by NASA and consists of ground stations in the United States, Spain, and Australia. Through the series of large antennas at these three stations, scientists listen to data returned from spacecraft, such as the recent Voyager encounter at Saturn, and also relay commands to the craft. According to a spokesman in NASA's Office of Space Science, which relies on the Deep Space Net to monitor its mission craft, the only reason that this scheduled shutdown of capacity will *not* have catastrophic consequences is because so many future space science missions have already been canceled in the current budgetary retrenchment.

The move to trim the Deep Space Net was not motivated by whatever this year's budget may be, but by the expectation that next year's FY83 budget will be cut back perhaps by \$1 billion.

Speaker Clayton: investigate Williams frameup

The following statement was released by Bill Clayton, Speaker of the House in the Texas state legislature, on Nov. 11 to *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche, chairman of the advisory board of the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC):

"I have been told that certain information and documents were withheld from the discovery process pertaining to

the case of Sen. Harrison Williams. From information I have, it appears likely that the Senator was victim of entrapment. Since I have had personal experience with similar practices, I sincerely hope that all the facts will be discovered and the motives of all parties involved will be carefully scrutinized before any sanctions of any kind are considered against Senator Williams. Since the very foundation of our system of government is at stake, we can afford no less."

Clayton himself was acquitted earlier this year of charges stemming from a Brilab "sting" operation.

The NDPC on Nov. 12 released a still-growing list of 76 political, labor, and civil leaders from 12 states calling on the Senate to delay any action on the pending motion to expel Williams, a New Jersey Democrat targeted by "Abscam" because of his support for labor and the elderly. A vote on the motion has been tentatively set for Dec. 3. The NDPC also made public a full dossier on Abscam prosecutor Thomas Puccio's corrupt connections and unprofessional conduct. Excerpts from the material, much of which has not been in public circulation, will appear in next week's *EIR*.

Washingtonians reject tax-credit school plan

Voters in the nation's capital turned out overwhelmingly Nov. 3 to maintain public education as an essential part of the American way of life by defeating a proposal to establish tuition tax credits. This proposition represented a shell game, whereby parents, duly frightened by the disintegrating D.C. school system, would have been able to bank up to \$1,200 in tax credits on the chance that they could find private education.

On Oct. 31, about 750 citizens in Washington rallied against Initiative #7, including the American Federation of Teachers, the Federal Printing Workers, Board of Education personnel, and citizens' groups. School Superintendent Floretta MacKenzie told them: "If you destroy the public school system, you

destroy the backbone of America," and the school board president charged, "We will not tolerate outside organizations to come in and commit sodomic rape against the children of D.C.," referring to the National Taxpayers Union, which sponsored the anti-tax Proposition 13 measure in California and funded the Initiative #7 in D.C. to the tune of \$99,000.

The NTU sponsored the initiative as a pilot project for the Michigan-based Education Voucher Institute.

DOE ban on nuclear physicist backfires

National media, including the Associated Press, have scheduled coverage of the Nov. 5 Fusion Energy Foundation press conference at which Larry Freeman and Dr. Friedwardt Winterberg briefed reporters on Winterberg's new book, *Physical Principles of Thermonuclear Explosive Devices*, and the Department of Energy's attempt to prevent scientific and military personnel from attending Winterberg's speech on U.S. scientific and military capabilities.

Despite the ban issued by Assistant Secretary of Energy Herman Roser, head of the DOE's Office of Defense Programs, several Department of Defense staff members attended Winterberg's speech following the press conference. The DOE legal counsel, the source of the boycott order to DOE and DOD personnel, attended the conference as well.

At the press conference Mr. Freeman briefly traced classification and suppression against Winterberg's attempt to make public advanced contributions to laser fusion research since 1975, parallel to the similar attempts by RAND Corporation-linked scientific circles to suppress the suggestions of Soviet Academician L. Rudakov among American scientists since 1976.

Winterberg himself has never had access to classified data, yet hard-copy evidence was presented Nov. 5 that virtually every important contribution he has attempted to make to laser fusion research has been classified due to "national se-

curity implications.”

Winterberg then told the press that this process is directly threatening the national security of the United States and the prospects for peaceful development of fusion energy worldwide, by restricting to relative handfuls the number of scientists and engineers who understand advanced fusion concepts, and retarding progress toward commercial fusion development.

Also attending the press conference were Scripps-Howard newspapers and RKO Radio News, *Science News*, *Chemical and Engineering News*, and *National Defense* magazines, Naval Institute *Proceedings*, and a number of other military-related journals.

Washington seminar targets David Rockefeller

The National Anti-Drug Coalition (NADC), co-founded by *EIR* Contributing Editor Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., and *EIR*'s law-enforcement bulletin *Investigative Leads* held the final seminar in the three-part series on Capitol Hill. Over 50 people attended the Nov. 5 event, including representatives of the Republican Study Group, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, of Representatives McCollum, Roe, George Brown, Leach, Foglietta, Emerson, Sensenbrenner, Minish, Stump, Derwinski, Coughlin, Gonzalez, and Ireland, and Senators Mathias, Jackson, and Hawkins. Also represented were embassies and government agencies, including the State Department's Office to Combat Terrorism.

The seminar was preceded by a press conference in which the Mid-Atlantic Coordinator of the NADC, Dr. Debra Hanania-Freeman, detailed how District of Columbia Rep. William Fautroy, who sponsored the second seminar, had succumbed to pro-drug pressure and canceled the room for the seminar at the last moment. The members of Fautroy's D.C. Committee include Ron Dellums, a member of the board of advisers of NORML and the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee; Rep. McKinney

of Connecticut, who sponsored the medical decriminalization of marijuana bill now in Congress; and “free enterpriser” Marjorie Holt of Maryland, who has opposed the NADC'S work there.

West Coast nuclear future in doubt

The immediate effect of the Nov. 3 ballot proposition vote in Washington State is that three nuclear plants under construction by the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) will probably not be completed.

The passed proposition requires voter approval of future revenue bonds issued by municipalities for energy projects. Pro-nuclear forces have indicated they plan to contest the legality of the proposition itself.

The effort to get the proposition on the ballot was carried out by a grouping linked to the state Democratic Chairman, Karen Marchioro, a Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee operative, and former Gov. Dan Evans, a Trilateral Commission member.

WPPSS has been under attack by Wall Street financial interests advising investors to “disinvest” from nuclear-energy projects. The utility, which is an amalgam of nearly 100 power companies in the Northwest, faces bankruptcy.

EIR Latin America Editor Dennis Small began the seminar, which was titled “The Question of Foreign Policy,” with case studies of Mexico, Jamaica, and Colombia, charging that David Rockefeller and Alexander Haig are pushing for a drug-proliferation policy. Small announced that *EIR* will publish a Special Report on the Max Fisher/Sol Linowitz operation against the Central American nations conducted through United Brands.

War on Drugs Editor Nora Hamerman discussed the links of the old Italian nobility and the Italian Socialist Party to the heroin traffic and to terrorism.

Briefly

● **ROBERT MCNAMARA** has just been named head of the Arms Control Association, a Washington-based group favoring disarmament. The former Defense Secretary and World Bank chief, who recently stated that population growth is as dangerous a threat to world stability as nuclear war.

● **CARDINAL CODY** is under renewed attack from the depopulation lobby and the *Chicago Sun-Times*, which ran a banner headline Nov. 3 announcing that the U.S. Attorney's office in northern Illinois has issued subpoenas to five Chicago banks to obtain records of the Chicago Archdiocese's finances. Monsignor Jack Egan, a protégé of Saul Alinsky whom Cardinal Cody removed from his Chicago position, described this development as “a major breakthrough,” stating otherwise, “We have a terrible problem with population, especially in Latin America and Africa. I can't understand the Church's position on it.”

● **DON RIEGLE**, the Michigan Democratic Senator named by Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) to head an Emergency Task Force to Reduce Interest Rates, is reported to be having secret meetings with two heads of the Coalition for Lower Interest Rates set up by the AFL-CIO to press for credit controls. Riegle's friends include J. C. Turner, the Trilateral Commission member who heads the Operating Engineers, and Howard Samuel, a Club of Rome member who runs the IUD section of the AFL-CIO.

● **TEXAS VOTERS** on Nov. 3 rejected a constitutional amendment that would have established a statewide water plan, financed by a trust fund comprised of 50 percent of the state's annual budget surplus. Opponents of the plan included the Sierra Club, the League of Women Voters, the *Houston Chronicle*, the de Menil family, Lieutenant-Governor Hobby, and the state teachers' union.