

# National News

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## Senate to investigate Abscammers' misconduct

The Senate passed Resolution 350 on March 25, jointly sponsored by the Republican and Democratic leadership, to create a Select Committee to investigate government misconduct in Abscam and related "sting" operations.

Although details had not been made public at press time, the decision of the Senate to investigate is itself the direct result of the fight waged by Sen. Harrison Williams, Democrat of New Jersey, who insisted that the Senate Ethics Committee recommendation for his expulsion based on Abscam-created charges be debated before the full Senate. Williams, Sens. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii) and John Melcher (D-Mont.) forced that debate to focus on the threat to the Senate and the U.S. Constitution posed by operations such as Abscam. After a week of debate, Williams resigned on March 11.

What the Senate investigation achieves against the Abscam frame-up network in the Justice Department will depend on constituent pressure. An intense fight is known to be going on over the scope and composition of the Select Committee. To consist of four Democrats and four Republicans, the committee will probably include Senator Inouye as its ranking Democrat. It is widely rumored that Senators Baker and Byrd, Majority Leader and Minority Leader, respectively, have been doing everything they can to limit the jurisdiction of the probe.

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## NATO Ministers rebuff Brezhnev missile freeze

In a development that is sure to help fuel the so-called peace movements in Europe and the United States, the NATO Nuclear Planning Group issued a particularly strong rebuff to Soviet Premier Brezhnev's proposed freeze in the deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles.

The NATO Defense Ministers were hosted by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger at a meeting on March 23-24 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The ministers concluded the session by rejecting the Brezhnev offer and affirming plans to deploy Pershing II U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe starting next year.

The NATO decision reflects the position of Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Weinberger. NATO Secretary General Luns issued a strongly worded communiqué which emphasized that if the alliance did not proceed to deploy the missiles, "You can forget about negotiations" with the Soviet Union.

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## Press in violent defense of Nancy Kissinger

Following an incident at Newark airport in February for which Nancy Kissinger now faces assault charges, the gallants of the press have taken up a very peculiar form of defense of Mrs. K. The charges stem from a lunge that she made at the throat of Ellen Kaplan, an organizer for the pro-nuclear Fusion Energy Foundation, after Miss Kaplan had asked Dr. Kissinger about Henry's policy of prolonging the Vietnam war, and whether it was true that he slept with young boys at the Carlyle Hotel in New York City.

"Nancy Kissinger made one mistake in etiquette when she allegedly tried to choke that woman in Newark airport: Mrs. Kissinger did not stomp on the woman's face," wrote syndicated juvenile Bob Greene in the *Chicago Tribune* on March 9. *New York Times* columnist Russell Baker was another of many columnists advocating violence.

The *Bergen* [New Jersey] *Record* and a lead editorial in the *Denver Post* both carried the tale that the FEF is part of a bizarre anti-Semitic right-wing network, associated with FEF board member Lyndon LaRouche.

Investigators for the FEF and LaRouche's International Caucus of Labor Committees (ICLC) have established direct links between the press campaign to

incite violence and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League (ADL). Bob Ewegen, author of the *Denver Post* editorial, admitted that his source was Barbara Cooper Smith of the ADL.

The ICLC and FEF filed a joint complaint with the Department of Justice on March 12, but were informed that no action would be taken. Nancy's court date is May 26.

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## Media, NRC: 'Remember Three Mile Island'

New York City WINS news radio and other media outlets combined with environmentalist-inspired regulations of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to turn a routine clean-up incident at the damaged Three Mile Island Unit-2 nuclear plant into a "low-level emergency" on March 22.

In the course of removing a filter for cleaning, workers at the plant deliberately spilled 150-200 gallons of slightly radioactive water into storage drums. NRC regulations require plant operators to declare an "unusual event" whenever coolant is spilled at a rate higher than 1 gallon per minute. The "low-level emergency" was over within two hours. The press used the incident, declared to pose "no danger" by the NRC official on the scene, to build for the March anti-nuclear demonstrations on the second anniversary of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident.

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## Global 2000 crew plots Reagan 'policy takeover'

The Committee for the Year 2000, the elite group of "prominent citizens" and former government officials who support the Malthusian doctrine of the *Global 2000 Report* met secretly in Washington in March to plot a "policy takeover" of the Reagan administration.

The Committee is chaired by Arco chairman Robert O. Anderson and World Wildlife Fund President Russell

Train, and includes former Ambassador Elliot Richardson, and former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Members plan to use the growing policy paralysis in the administration as their vehicle. A committee spokesman reported that the group has been quietly working with a half-dozen cabinet officials, including Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, and Vice-President Bush. "These are people who cannot come out publicly on support of issues like limiting resources and population control," said the spokesman, "but they can help us work over the decision-making process." An informal dinner was held in March at Vice-President Bush's home to discuss these plans.

To the Reagan people under attack, the committee offers sympathy and understanding, the source said. "We have their profiles. We have our allies in environmental and other lobby groups attack them. This helps us."

## Why population reducers are becoming peaceniks

"Many leaders of the population-control movement are now moving into the movement for the nuclear freeze, because it is the only way to change the thinking in Washington," a leader of the Draper Fund/Population Crisis Committee told an interviewer March 23. According to Philander J. Claxton, Jr., figures such as General Maxwell Taylor, Dean Rusk, Cyrus Vance, and Robert McNamara are "moving against the President's nuclear arms budget for this reason."

While none of the former hawk notables have actually signed the statement for a freeze on nuclear weapons, Claxton said, General Taylor is contemplating doing so because a nuclear freeze "is necessary to implement [his] new strategic doctrine. . . . Kill the MX missile and roll back the entire nuclear program, because you can't use nuclear weapons in the Third World, and that is where all the fighting is going to be. . . . It is overpopulation in the Third World which will be

generating most wars that America has to fight from now on."

"We must free money up for population control programs, and for labor-intensive jobs programs at the World Bank and for the IMF. The only way to do this is a massive wind-down in the defense budget. . . . I'd begin the unravelling of all the world's problems at that point," Claxton observed.

## Justice Department tries to take over IBT local

Eyes are on the U.S. Department of Justice's attempt to use the Racketeer-Influenced Corrupt Organization (RICO) statutes for the first time to replace a legitimately elected union leadership.

The latest move in the DOJ case against flagship Teamster Local No. 560 in Union City, New Jersey, came in Federal Court on March 22, when Judge H. Curtis Meanor refused the DOJ's request for a temporary restraining order. The order would have stripped local president Salvatore Provanzano (who is also state head and an international vice-president of the union) and six other board members of their positions.

The DOJ case is not based on any criminal record of the seven, but rather on an attempt to tag Local 560 as a "criminal enterprise" under RICO, based on earlier indictments of Provanzano family members and associates.

In denying the DOJ demand, Meanor noted, "I have the haunting fear that if new elections are held, and new officers installed . . . if reversed on appeal . . . I think that would be a disaster for this union." The Justice Department gameplan is to turn the union over to government-appointed trustees while a "dissident" leadership can be cultivated in preparation for new elections.

Although acknowledging that "nothing expressly" stated in RICO allows for court-supervised trusteeship of a union, Meanor set August of this year for a non-jury trial to decide on the government's bid to take over Local No. 560.

## Briefly

● **THE STATE** Department, CIA, and Pentagon were involved in the terrorist assassination of Lord Mountbatten in 1979, said the head of the Irish Ulster Union Party, Northern Ireland M.P. Molyneux, at a press conference in London March 23. He asserted that these U.S. agencies ran a coordinating center in Ireland to use the IRA for its own ends, and stated that he is preparing to release documents proving his charges. The State Department has denounced the allegations.

● **ANGELO CODEVILLA** probably knows about that," stated an aide to Sen. William Roth (R-Del.) after being briefed on the plans to instigate an insurrectionary coup in Sicily discovered in part by this news service. Codevilla, a top staff member for Sen. Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyo.) has been identified by *EIR* as involved in attempts to oust West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

● **THE REPUBLICAN** National Committee has announced an effort to solicit labor support, attempting to counter the alliance between the AFL-CIO and the Democratic National Committee signaled by the DNC's newly formed Labor Council. The RNC intends to form a labor liaison group drawn from unions, including the Teamsters and some professional unions, which endorsed Ronald Reagan in 1980.

● **SANDRA CLIMACO**, a 29-year-old registered nurse, pulled 10 percent of the vote in the March 16 Illinois Democratic primary for the 22nd C.D. seat of 38-year veteran Mel Price, the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. Climaco's 4,500 votes came largely from a door-to-door campaign emphasizing an all-out fight against the Fed's high interest rates. She was backed by the National Democratic Policy Committee. Price's victory margin was six points lower than his 1980 primary vote.