

National News

Governor rejects *Global 2000* for Texas

Texas Governor William Clements released his *Texas 2000 Commission* report the week of April 5, rejecting completely the limits-to-growth premises of the Carter administration's *Global 2000 Report* of 1980.

In the report, Clements, a Republican, endorses nuclear power development, including the development of fusion energy, and calls for large-scale projects to bring desperately needed water into the state.

Clements is facing re-election this year. His report was prepared by a 23-man bipartisan commission.

The report states that "We have accepted population growth . . . as the driving force that will, to a large degree, influence Texas's future." It calls for the creation of 170,000 jobs annually, pointing to the effects of high interest rates and the national economic crisis as a threat to continued growth in Texas. Recognizing that a rapid leveling off of the oil boom is imminent, the report bases its growth projections on the development of nuclear energy, infrastructural expansion, and oil-for-technology trade with Mexico.

'Green Mole' at NRC predicts core meltdowns

The *New York Times* is promoting absurd and dangerous charges of an imminent "core meltdown" in some U.S. nuclear reactor, made on the op-ed page of the *Times* March 29 by Demetrios Basdekas, an NRC "safety engineer" who claimed to be writing as a private citizen.

Basdekas appeared April 7 on the nationally televised "Today" show to repeat his fraudulent claims that embrittlement of nuclear reactor containment vessels by neutron flux, a phenomenon known long before the first nuclear reac-

tor was built, would soon cause some reactor to "break like glass." Basdekas has been called an "employee without portfolio" by those familiar with the anarchic internal situation of the NRC, where anti-nuclear agents known to be complete frauds even by their fellow employees are able to produce "NRC reports" for a loyal following of media journalists.

Monroe Doctrine on Malvinas

Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) issued a press release April 7 calling upon Great Britain to accept Argentina's sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and upon the Reagan administration to mediate the dispute from this standpoint. While Helm's statement does not necessarily reflect the position of the full Senate, as chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere and a ranking Republican Senator, he has significant influence upon the administration. The following are excerpts from the statement which is titled, "The Falkland Islands Dispute:"

"The United States faces more than a simple controversy as a result of Argentina's assertion of its claims to the Falkland Islands [Islas Malvinas]. What we face is a possibility of severe strains to the Inter-American System as a result of the dispatch of the British fleet to the Western Hemisphere.

"U.S. diplomacy has failed in allowing even a highly regarded European ally to display force in the South Atlantic, thereby polarizing the Americas. For more than 20 years a variety of Argentine governments, of widely differing political ideologies, have sought to negotiate that country's claims to the strategic islands. Yet, Great Britain has refused to respond. . . .

"Britain's intervention into the Western Hemisphere in 1832 violated the Monroe Doctrine, specifically pro-

claimed to contravene interventions by Imperial Russia in Alaska and from the British, French, and Spanish Empires into Latin America and the Caribbean.

"The Rio Treaty to which Argentina has appealed was envisioned as a tool to use against the Soviet and Soviet-backed activities in the Hemisphere. It was cited by the OAS in its resolution against Cuban aggression and by the United States in going to the aid of the Dominican Republic, but legalistic interpretations of the Treaty will be of little avail in preventing most of the nations of the Americas, left and right, in uniting against British Imperialism. . . . Can Britain's claim to a colonial outpost 8,000 miles from London be upheld in the face of the overwhelming trend against colonialism?"

LaRouche proposes reform military policy

Lyndon LaRouche, Advisory Committee Chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, issued a policy discussion memorandum, *Only Beam-Weapons Could Bring to an End the Kissingerian Age of Mutual Thermonuclear Terror* in March. Citing the discovery that recent and current Soviet military expenditures have been approximately 50 percent more than the largest estimates of the Central Intelligence Agency, made by the combined staffs of the *EIR* and the Fusion Energy Foundation, and first presented at a conference in Washington, D.C. in February, LaRouche warns that "at the same time that U.S. policy has been committed to attempts to roll back Soviet-bloc borders and . . . destroy the Soviet Union from within through promotion of insurrections from so-called national minorities, . . . Federal Reserve Chairman Paul A. Volcker has been doing Moscow's work of destroying the military capabilities of the Western Alliance." Calling this growing economic weakness, accentuated by the eruptions of strategic "hot spots" throughout the globe, which could culminate in a Eu-

romissile showdown with Moscow in early 1983, a "totally unacceptable strategic shift for the United States," LaRouche emphasizes that these are the very conditions threatening political subordination of the United States to the Soviet Union that could even make thermonuclear confrontation thinkable.

The only solution to this balance of nuclear terror, LaRouche insists, is the development by at least one of the superpowers of a capability to destroy all threatening thermonuclear missiles. Such a capability, for a relativistic-beam anti-missile weapons-system, now exists in principle. A crash program to develop such a system must be the reformed military policy of the United States. LaRouche identifies the dangerous fallacies of the anti-technology "nuclear freeze" advocates and discussed how nations have historically developed genuine war-winning capabilities through commitment to the most advanced technologies, combined with the political commitment to a republican nation-state, the very policies that the international "peace movement" is attempting to destroy.

NDPC spokesman tours North Dakota

Lyndon LaRouche's National Democratic Policy Committee held its first series of public events in North Dakota from March 31 to April 2.

The tour by NDPC National Political Coordinator Anita Gallagher included two taped television interviews and three public meetings, one in Minot, and a two-part seminar on Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker and the genocidal *Global 2000 Report* in Bismarck.

The NDPC representative also addressed the Kiwanis Club and the Sertoma Club, both service organizations in Bismarck. The NDPC public meetings, around the theme of "Kicking Out Paul Volcker and Stopping the Global 2000 Policy of Genocide," drew homebuilders, right-to-life networks, farmers, and small businessmen, as well as two former

candidates for office.

Planned entirely by the NDPC chapters in Bismarck and Minot, the tour made a notable impact on the state. At the present time, incumbent Sen. Quentin Burdick, a Democrat, is being opposed by Republican Gene Knorr, who has worked in Washington, D.C. for the past eight years for the Charles Walker Company, whose corporate clients adhere to the Global 2000 strategy of "locking up" Western resources. At the same time, there is a strong environmentalist, anti-corporate wing of the North Dakota Democratic Party.

The NDPC's program of throwing out Paul Volcker, building the gigantic "water from Alaska" project, constructing 100 nuclear plants by 1985, and building up U.S. exports to a level of \$200-\$400 billion per year defines the way the Democratic Party can take on both the anti-development Republicans and the Democratic Party's environmentalist wing. This political vacuum means rapid NDPC growth in the state, Gallagher said.

Pennsylvania passes 'slave labor' legislation

The Pennsylvania legislature passed the most extreme "workfare" bill of any state in the nation at the beginning of April. The bill would slash general assistance welfare rolls by 50 percent, requiring those cut off to work at minimum-wage jobs to receive only \$172 per month in benefits. 140,000 recipients of Aid to Dependent Children would also be forced to take jobs or lose their welfare benefits.

The bill grants tax benefits to businesses hiring welfare recipients at the minimum wage; businesses could get up to 90 percent of their Pennsylvania taxes written off under the provisions of the bill. Speculative trading of unused tax credits among businesses is permitted, encouraging use of welfare labor in a state faced with a collapsing steel industry, user fees on its waterways threatening the economic base of Pittsburgh, and accelerating unemployment.

Briefly

● **SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY**, despite his Irish origins, issued a statement April 6 endorsing the use of the British Navy to forcibly retake the Malvinas Islands from Argentina. "The Senator finds the Argentine use of force totally unacceptable," his statement read.

● **THE KEMP-GARCIA** "free-enterprise zone" bill has gained the support of 95 members of the House and 24 Senators. The bill, which will set up unregulated sweatshops in designated areas of U.S. cities, is strongly backed by the White House.

● **THE CALIFORNIA AFL-CIO** officially endorsed Gov. Jerry Brown for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate March 31. During Brown's eight-year environmentalist tenure in California, unemployment has grown to the current 9.4 percent, above the national average.

● **McGEORGE BUNDY** met a challenge by *EIR* correspondent Stanley Ezrol at the April 7 press conference in which Bundy and three other Council on Foreign Relations spokesmen proposed a "no first strike" nuclear policy. Ezrol accused Bundy of supporting protracted conventional warfare as a means of population control, and cited Bundy's collaboration with Club of Rome founder Aurelio Peccei. Bundy chuckled, "You have the wrong man," then after persistent questioning conceded that he had helped Peccei found the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis.

● **SOURCES** close to the House Banking Committee report that it will soon come out with a report highly critical of the Fed's monetary policies. The prospect so upset Fed Chairman Volcker, a banking committee source claimed, "that he has called every member of the committee to try to block its publication. The Fed doesn't like to be told what to do."