

National News

Reagan moots space station

The landing of the fourth Space Shuttle test flight on July 4 ended a near-perfect mission where all of the objectives of the test program were completed.

The Getaway Special canister in the orbiter's payload bay contained nine experiments by students from Utah State University to test the effect of micro-gravity on plants and materials processing. The main payload was a Defense Department package to test new sensors in space.

Half a million Americans welcoming the Columbia back to Earth heard President Reagan praise the space program saying that it "recaptures the spirit of vitality and confidence" in the nation.

NASA leaders had hoped that Reagan would make a public commitment to a manned space station as the next step for NASA despite opposition from the office of the President's Science Advisor and the OMB. The President chose to refer to the possibility, by saying that the U.S. must "simultaneously look aggressively to the future by demonstrating the capabilities of the Shuttle and establishing a more permanent presence in space." NASA sources report that this at least opens the door for a push for funding of a space station effort in the 1984 budget.

California Baptists take on Global 2000

The Baptist Ministers Conference of Los Angeles and southern California, representing more than 400 black American-Baptist congregations in California, on June 28 endorsed "unequivocally and without reservation" the National Democratic Policy Committee in its efforts to oppose the imposition of genocide upon particularly non-Anglo-Saxons by governmental agencies and elected officials.

The Ministers Conference noted its explicit opposition to the "Global 2000" population-reduction policy and other such genocidal policies as euthanasia.

The Baptist Conference will join the NDPC in targeting the Hemlock Society, a Los Angeles-based organization which held a press conference June 15 to announce a national drive to legalize euthanasia. Hemlock's director, Derek Humphrey, a British citizen and leader of Britain's euthanasia society, Exit, went to California to escape prosecution for "assisting the suicide" of his wife, Jean.

The NDPC in California has sent a letter to the Los Angeles District Attorney requesting an investigation of the Hemlock Society "for conspiracy to commit murder and aiding and abetting in the murder of at least 20 individuals."

NDPC transforms LULAC convention

By the concluding gavel of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) convention July 4, the pro-Global 2000 faction of LULAC President Tony Bonilla had lost all but a handful of major initiatives and stands to lose control of the organization entirely at the next convention a year from now.

The convention unanimously approved three resolutions circulated by LULAC delegates associated with the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC), the political action committee of the LaRouche wing of the Democratic Party. LULAC went on record:

- vowing to fight for "removal of Paul A. Volcker as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board," and to replace his high interest-rate policy with "plentiful, cheap credit for . . . productive enterprises";
- calling for the "immediate firing" of California Governor Jerry Brown's Commissioner for Human Resources, Huey Johnson, for "the advocacy of racism and genocide against minority populations," and
- urging President Reagan to "rein-

state America's solemn treaty obligations to Latin America" in the wake of the Malvinas Islands conflict, and institute "urgent consultations" with the sister republics of the hemisphere "to reorganize the debt of the region on a basis which allows for renewed economic growth."

Tony Bonilla meanwhile organized a media circus for Walter Mondale. In a press conference immediately after, Mondale defended the Global 2000 report as a "respected study" of what would happen "if we continue to consume too much."

The one area seemingly free of Bonilla contamination was the LULAC Youth Assembly. Cheers and clapping broke out when NDPC-backed candidate Fernando Oliver, who is running for the seat of "enterprise-zone" advocate Bob Garcia (D-N.Y.) in the devastated South Bronx, charged it was shameful for the LULAC leadership to have invited a propaganda spokesman for the Israelis in the midst of the genocide occurring in Lebanon.

Frank Silbey typifies Reagangaters' pedigrees

The most interesting thing about the 18-month attempt to discredit the Reagan administration by destroying Labor Secretary Ray Donovan—which ended in June with a 1,000-page Special Prosecutor's report that fully exonerated the Secretary—is the dossier that *EIR* has compiled on the Reagangate operatives.

Along with the ubiquitous Walter Sheridan, who wrecked New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation into the Kennedy assassination and Permindex (Murder, Inc.) and is now Senate Labor Committee minority investigator under Ted Kennedy, the chief Senate investigator is a convicted felon named Frank Silbey.

Silbey was convicted for peddling lewd pictures and making obscene phone calls to women in 1961-64 in the Buffalo, New York area. He nonetheless moved

Briefly

● **FRED IKLÉ** said in a speech before the Foreign Policy Association on June 27 that the United States should garrison troops somewhere in the Persian Gulf. Although the idea has been circulating for some time within the Defense Department, this is the first open endorsement of the proposal by a government official. Iklé is Undersecretary of Defense for Policy.

● **ANGELO FOSCO**, head of the 600,000-member Laborer's International Union, was acquitted by a Federal jury on June 29 in Miami, of labor racketeering charges including the draining of millions of dollars in kickbacks from the union's insurance and welfare funds. The government's star witness was convicted insurance swindler Joseph Hauser, whose testimony in previous cases under the Federal Witness Protection Program also proved to be a swindle.

● **TOM HAYDEN** and Jane Fonda arrived in Israel July 2, announcing that Israel "has the right of self-defense against the PLO." Hayden went on to praise the Israeli "relief efforts" in Lebanon to assist the population Israel has destroyed. The duo also announced that they "deplore" the resignation of Alexander Haig and his replacement by George Shultz. "It could hardly have come at a worse time for Israel," Hayden commented.

● **AL HAIG** makes a comeback of sorts in the July issue of *Interview*, the "New Wave" fashion magazine published by homosexual drug cult idol Andy Warhol. Complete with 14 by 18-inch centerfold, the interview contains Haig's revelation that his infantile temper tantrums are actually "calculated displays of pleasure" and "a conscious management tool."

to Washington, D.C. two years later to begin a long career as a congressional investigator. Silbey has since been the object of a federal investigation to determine if he is an agent of the Israeli secret service, the Mossad, and if he was the source of the illegal release of classified documents to the Anti-Defamation League.

Silbey's rise to prominence in Washington has raised speculation that he may have been planted in the Congress as part of the mid-1960s build-up of an expanded espionage and blackmail network run out of the Kennedy Justice Department by Walter Sheridan.

Sheridan was the chief dirty tricks specialist for the Kennedy White House and Attorney General's office. By no later than the mid-1960s, Sheridan had made numerous alliances with the Meyer Lansky syndicate that have been deepened in recent years through Sheridan's deployment of half of his Justice Department staff into Lansky's Resorts International-Intertel. One organized-crime expert recently revealed that by no later than 1972, Sheridan had surpassed Lansky in the hierarchy of organized crime internationally.

NBC airs desperate smear of LaRouche

The following is excerpted from a release issued by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. on July 8. Mr. LaRouche is *EIR's* founder and Contributing Editor.

On a July 8 evening nationwide broadcast, NBC-TV News turned its channel over to the national drug-lobby, to broadcast a cascade of libelous and wild falsehoods against me and my associates. Many of the falsehoods broadcast are the subject of a celebrated multi-million dollars legal action currently in the State of Illinois, a legal action involving the close associates of the same drug-lobby figure, "Chip" Berlet, which the Chicago, Illinois office of NBC-TV used as its principal resource for this broadcast.

As Berlet himself stated in a broadcast section of his interview with NBC-TV, the purpose of the broadcast is to attempt to stop the growth of my international as well as national political influence, which Berlet stated he feared had become unstoppable.

NBC-TV was not duped in any fashion. Berlet is one of the most notorious of the drug-lobbyists of the Midwest region of the United States. He is principally linked to the Yippie national drug-pushing weekly, *High Times*, and has been given access to the pages of the *Chicago Sun-Times*. . . . Berlet's activities in cooperation with NBC-TV are directly linked to circles of mob lawyer Roy M. Cohn of New York City. . . .

Just a few days ago, in actions leading up to the July broadcast, a convicted felon, Ed Kayatt, organized a series of targeting operations against LaRouche. Kayatt, a Roy M. Cohn asset who served prison time in a counterfeiting and bond-scam organized-crime swindle, edits the weekly throwaway New York newspaper *Our Town*. . . .

. . . Roy Cohn is presently supervising the writing of a series of libelous hoaxes like the NBC-TV broadcast, one of which he is planning to drop into an early issue of *Playboy* magazine, and others into a major national newsweekly.

From undercover monitoring of relevant networks interfacing the controllers of both Cohn and Berlet, the current wave of orchestrated libels against LaRouche and his associates has been prompted chiefly by news of recent travels of LaRouche and his wife to various capitals, including New Delhi, India, Mexico City, where a series of meetings at the highest levels of government and other institutions were held. The general opinion picked up by undercover investigators is the argument that LaRouche must be stopped now or never.

As for NBC-TV, next time a child next door, or perhaps one of your own, dies of a drug-overdose or drug-related crime, why don't you telephone NBC-TV News to thank them for their part in holding down the size of our population in that way.