

National News

Clinch River breeder site preparation approved

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved in a three-to-one decision Aug. 5, a Department of Energy request to begin early site preparation work at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee location of the long-delayed Clinch River Breeder Reactor. This reversed the NRC's decision on the same request four months previously. The go-ahead allows only non-nuclear-related site preparation to proceed at this time, which includes construction of roads, railroad spurs, parking lots, water-storage ponds, and electric power cables. In all, over two million cubic yards of soil and rock will be excavated during this site preparation phase on the 290 acres at Clinch River.

This small step forward is the first positive motion in the construction of the 350 MWe breeder reactor, the nation's first prototype of this size, since Jimmy Carter halted all construction work on the plant in 1977.

Kraft leaves NASA an era ends

Dr. Christopher Columbus Kraft, Jr. stepped down on Aug. 7 as the director of the Johnson Space Center in Houston. Dr. Kraft had led the manned space flight work for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston since 1972, and has been involved in the manned space effort since its beginning in 1958.

Upon leaving Kraft stated that he hoped that the Reagan administration would be "reawakened" to the need for space and all advanced technology in the nation. "I frankly believe that there needs to be more emphasis on technology," the veteran space leader stated.

Kraft was flight director for the early Mercury program and for much of the two-man Gemini effort which preceded the historic Apollo flights to the Moon. He spent much of his early space career defending the need for man in space against those who argued that sophisticated unmanned machines could do space exploration.

In 1963 as the Apollo effort was just getting underway, Kraft commented, that, "man is the deciding element. As long as man is able to alter the decision of the machine, we will have a spacecraft that can perform under any human condition, and that can probe into the unknown for new knowledge."

Kissinger team dominates Schultz seminar

Henry Kissinger's re-emergence in power in the U.S. government has reached the point that Secretary of State George Shultz could openly convene a reunion of the old Kissinger policy team for a five-hour seminar on Soviet policy Aug. 21 in Washington. Among those in attendance were Helmut Sonnenfeldt and William Hyland, Kissinger's former policy aides on Soviet and East Bloc affairs; Brent Scowcroft, his former National Security Council deputy and currently president of Kissinger Associates, Inc.; Rear Admiral Jonathan Howe, his former military assistant at the NSC; and Peter Peterson, his former Nixon administration associate as Secretary of Commerce.

Besides some other Reagan administration officials, the only cabinet member in attendance besides Shultz was Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, also a Nixon cabinet member and former deputy to Shultz at the Nixon Office of Management and Budget.

Packwood blackmailing GOP candidates?

Conservatives have been wondering why Kissingerian liberal Republican Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) is still tolerated as head of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee (RSCC), a post from which he controls funds to be channeled to Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate. Although from this same position two years ago Packwood toed the line and acted as a loyal Republican, he is now following pro-

file and using his power to help his style of Republican candidate at the expense of traditional conservatives.

This journal has learned that there have been recent attempts to unseat Packwood; Packwood countered with blackmail. It seems he threatened to expose certain things about the use of the so-called "combo account," a special fund created by the RSCC out of campaign contributions which the Committee gives to Republican senators to supplement their general office accounts. Since each Senator avows that he is using this money for "official purposes" and not for his re-election effort, the use of this money is not subject to Federal Election Commission scrutiny—a big plus for any politician.

The FSCC staff is sensitive to questions about the use of this money, and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee does not mind raising questions, since they do not have enough money to even consider creating such a combo account.

Our sources indicate that the Packwood blackmail is not based on his knowledge of any actual illegalities. Rather, he has threatened that he will reveal matters that could be made "to have the appearance of impropriety"—and with the general weakness in Republican Party leadership in this election year, no one has dared to call his bluff.

Club of Life effort launched in Los Angeles

An international symposium held in Los Angeles Aug. 21 launched the Committee Against Genocide of the Club of Life, proposed by European Labor Party Chairman Helga-Zepp-LaRouche in January of this year as an international counterpole to the genocidal, cultural pessimism promoted since 1968 by the Club of Rome.

The symposium, initiated by the Club of Life founders against the upsurge of racist, genocidal policies within the Democratic Party in particular, drew approximately 40 participants. The symposium was endorsed by 20 area representatives of right-to-life groups, the National Democratic Policy Committee, and the Baptists Ministers' Conference of southern California.

The conference was addressed by *EIR* Contributing Editor Nancy Spannaus, the U.S. coordinator of the Club of Life, who stated that a new institution is necessary at this time because the fundamental conception of the Judeo-Christian tradition, man's goal of mastering nature, is being destroyed by deliberate promotion of genocidal policies. Spannaus was followed by Mexican Labor Party Executive member Cecilia Estévez, who discussed the current political crisis in Mexico as the next phase of International Monetary Fund policy—to demand the depopulation of the most rapidly developing Third World nations.

The later session of the symposium featured former Democratic senatorial candidate William Wertz describing how the Averell Harriman eugenicist wing of the Democratic Party took control in California in the early 20th century, and spread their policies from this base throughout the nation. Wertz was followed by National Democratic Policy Committee Fact-Finding Division West Coast Coordinator Khushro Ghandhi presenting the proposal of great enterprises as the means for reversing the current global economic and population collapse.

Genocide lobby attacks Constitution

The Global 2000 lobby has publicly endorsed the destruction of the American Constitution, the only national constitution based on the natural law conception of human development.

Dr. Gerald Barney, co-author of the *Global 2000 Report*, which advocates the reduction of world population by 2 billion persons by the year 2000, held a press conference on Aug. 25 to present law professor Arthur Miller as the featured speaker at the Woodlands Conference on Sustainable Societies, to be held in Woodlands, Texas Nov. 7-10. Barney is Executive Director of the conference.

Professor Miller first came into public prominence as chief consultant to Sen. Sam Ervin's Watergate Committee in the 1970s. Watergate, following the assassination of President Kennedy, was a total assault on the institution of the powerful, centralized

American presidency, one of the fundamental features of the U.S. Constitution. Miller called the Constitution "obsolete" and expressed agreement with Lloyd Cutler, the former Carter adviser and Secretary of State George Shultz's legal counsel, who has praised the Confederate Constitution and called for such a parliamentary system for the entire country. Miller then stated, "I would change the presidency itself. Why have one person head of state and of government? That's why it was so hard to impeach Nixon. Let's have a ceremonial head of state and a parliamentary system."

Interestingly, the previous privately acknowledged acceptance of Vice-President Bush to be keynote speaker at the Woodlands Conference, has been reversed, as Barney noted at the press conference. *EIR* contributing editor Nancy Spannaus had sent a letter to President Reagan demanding that Bush not be allowed to attend this pro-genocide conference. But, the White House will allow a special assistant to the president, Ralph Bledsoe, to address the meeting.

Manatt cries 'conspiracy' over interest rate fall

Prominent Los Angeles banker and current Chairman of the Democratic Party Charles Manatt implied that the administration and the Federal Reserve are behind the recent drop in interest rates, during a meeting with reporters on Aug. 25. "Far be it from me [to charge collusion]," said Manatt, "but the timing was interesting. They [the Fed] want to do it now rather than in October, when it would be more obvious" that they were acting with political motivations.

Democratic Party members familiar with recent party positions on the economy and with Mr. Manatt's own record on such matters suspect that Manatt's concern is actually GOP-Fed collusion or its effect on the November elections. "Manatt never complained about the collusion to keep interest rates high," one well-informed conservative Democrat commented.

These suspicions were confirmed when Manatt asserted that the only real factor in elections is fundraising. "Money alone can buy 10 to 12 seats," said the chairman.

Briefly

● **BRUCE W. WEINROD** has just been hired as a new head of the Heritage Foundation's national security division. Weinrod will fit in well at this British-run penetration operation in Washington, where, as a Capitol Hill insider put it, "everyone is awfully close to David Rockefeller." Weinrod comes to Heritage from the office of liberal Sen. John Heinz (R-Pa.), after a legal career with Chase Manhattan Bank and membership in the high-level British think tank, the International Institute for Strategic Studies. His published articles include "Curing the English Disease"; were he serious about this, he will have his hands full at Heritage.

● **ALEXANDER HAIG** has accepted positions with the Hudson Institute for Policy Research and with Princeton University. At Princeton, the former Secretary of State will lecture alongside Richard Falk, the supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood who helped bring the Khomeini regime to power in Iran.

● **JOHN HUGHES**, who speaks with a heavy British accent, has been named the new official Spokesman of the U.S. Department of State in a move that at least could be applauded for truth in packaging. A native of Wales, Hughes comes to State after a brief stint heading the Voice of America. He worked for many years for the Eastern liberal *Christian Science Monitor*, serving as its editor and manager from 1976 to 1979. His previous experience as a journalist included posts in the Far East (he's a "lifetime member" of the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Association and author of a book about the 1965 coup in Indonesia) and South Africa, where he was bureau chief of the local *Natal Mercury* paper, and reported for the London *Daily Mirror* and Reuters. While his South Africa connection helped make him marketable to the right wing as Reagan's VOA chief, his establishment background—he was also president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors—and British orientation should make him an appropriate spokesman for the new Secretary of State.