

National News

The anatomy of the 'crumbling empire' story

Will Washington ever wake up? As Henry Kissinger was appearing nationwide on *Good Morning America* Sept. 25, demanding that President Reagan make "painful sacrifices to the Soviet Union," the *Washington Post* hit the streets with the final article of a series entitled, "The U.S.S.R.:

Failed." The disinformation piece, written by Robert Kaiser, supported Kissinger's thesis that the Soviets were prepared to talk peace because "the Soviet Union today is powerful but isolated." The article charged that the Soviets' "friends are no longer friendly, China is a fearsome potential enemy on the Soviet border and the empire in Eastern Europe is in disarray, the victim of a crisis that is beyond Moscow's ability to manage. . . . The Soviet Union is back in a defensive crouch. . . . The wagons are circled, and Gromyko and his colleagues in Moscow are looking—so far without success—for a way to break out."

Robert Kaiser, the "author" of the series, was an official American delegate to the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Bilateral Exchange Conference, held in Minneapolis in May 1983. The conference, sponsored by the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), hosted 25 Soviet officials and leaders of the U.S. peace movement. At that meeting, the nuclear freeze movement was revitalized by IPS in agreement with KGB agent Fyodor Burlatskii, whose main demand was the destruction of President Reagan's then recently announced "Star Wars" initiative.

Kaiser's editor, Karen De Young, has been a teacher at IPS and an avowed sympathizer of the Sandinista government.

Grasshopper plague on the rise

A grasshopper plague hit Idaho and parts of Utah this summer, causing so much damage to rangeland that a federal disaster was declared. A scientist with a Department of Ag-

riculture experimental group assesses that this plague will be two to three times worse next summer, hitting the range states of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.

Dr. John Henry of the Agriculture Department explained that the disaster declaration and associated funds allocated to stop the infestation in mid-August were too late to affect the laying of eggs which will produce next year's "plague of the locusts."

Up until 1983 when it was discontinued, ranchers could apply for federal funding of at least a third of the cost of grasshopper-control spraying. At current beef prices, ranchers have not been able to afford the \$2 to \$4 per acre to spray the acreage at risk. Out of 41.5 million acres evaluated to be "at risk," only 217,000 were treated.

'Peace' movement endorses Hitler

The "peace" movement finally publicly embraced Adolf Hitler. Richard Falk, speaking at the Second Biennial Conference on the Fate of the Earth in Washington, D.C. Sept. 22, endorsed Hitler and his Nazi Party as the models the "peace" movement should emulate.

In the speech, Falk also pointed to Khomeini as a model. He told the gathering—which included the U.S.-U.S. Youth Exchange, Zero Population Growth, the Sierra Club, and the Club of Rome—that "We of the peace movement must examine the growth of alternative movements and ask ourselves how they achieved such dramatic success. For example, who would have predicted that Adolf Hitler's movement, once the exclusive concern of a tiny minority, would rise to answer the needs, real or imagined, of the people and become so successful? The same is true of Zionism and Khomeinism. These are the models we must have present in our mind."

Falk is the Princeton University professor of international law who helped the Carter-Mondale State Department overthrow America's ally, the Shah of Iran, to bring the Ayatollah Khomeini to power in 1979. He is also a member of the Council on For-

eign Relations, participating in its "1980s Project," which formulated all Carter administration policies.

Will U.S.A. fund Soviet think tank—again?

Soviet Academy of Sciences and KGB official Dzhermen Gvishiani and his partner in the founding of a Vienna think-tank, McGeorge Bundy, are undoubtedly smiling. According to the Sept. 23 *New York Times*, the U.S. government is backing off on its opposition to funding of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), established by Gvishiani and Bundy to promote "limits to growth" Malthusian ideology and to rig global food and energy shortages, operating to the overall advantage of Russian imperial aims.

The Reagan administration had cut off all federal funding for IIASA in 1982, when it was learned that IIASA computers in Reading, England, were passing on sensitive information to the Soviets that could have compromised U.S. defenses. Now, the *Times* reports, the Reagan administration "will not object if the Environmental Protection Agency . . . contributes to the cost of specific projects."

The director of the Environmental Protection Agency, William Ruckelshaus, is a committed Malthusian who has maintained back-channels to the Soviets in recent months on "environmental" matters.

The official American participant in IIASA is the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, run by the "Boston Brahmin" Lowell family to which Bundy is related by marriage.

Mondale-Ferraro thuggery in Baltimore

Protesters against the official Mondale-Ferraro presidential ticket of the Democratic Party and its chairman, Charles Manatt, were assaulted at a Mondale-Ferraro downtown campaign rally in Baltimore, Maryland Sept.

Briefly

● **A POLL** of Florida eighth graders found that 25.8% say they will use marijuana this year, 10.8% cocaine, and 7.7% heroin. Fifty-two percent plan to drink alcohol. "Our school district is no different than any in the United States," said Mary Ann Morck of the community group that conducted the poll in Pinellas County, which includes St. Petersburg.

● **PRESIDENT** Reagan charged Sept. 26 that the "near destruction of our intelligence capability," especially during the Carter-Mondale regime, was responsible for the lack of warning on the terrorist attack in Beirut. He told a Bowling Green University audience that prior administrations believed: "Well, spying is somehow dishonest and let's get rid of our intelligence agents, and we did that to a large extent. We're feeling the effects today." His remarks set off a wave of protests from liberal Democrats.

● **BILLY GRAHAM** concluded his 12-day trip to the Soviet Union with a preaching session at the Cathedral of the Epiphany, seat of Patriarch Pimen of Moscow. At a final news conference, he said that there is a "measure of religious freedom" in the Soviet Union, and also that "there is some element of truth" in charges that he is being exploited by the Soviets for propaganda purposes, but added, "it's worth taking a risk for peace in the world. . . ."

● **FATHER** Bryan Hehir, architect of the U.S. Catholic bishops' "pastoral letter" endorsing the nuclear freeze, and Eastern Establishment chief McGeorge Bundy, spoke at a New York University conference Sept. 24. Hehir, trained at Harvard Divinity School and then later by Henry Kissinger personally, argued that the Church must appeal to people's fears, in this case nuclear war. Bundy attacked U.S. development of defenses against nuclear attack. Hehir reported: "I've been lobbying in Catholic circles to get McGeorge Bundy a doctorate in theology."

25, with Geraldine Ferraro looking on. Goons belonging to AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland pushed and struck members of Baltimore's right-to-life organization, and groups of supporters of Independent Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. The goons tore up protesters' banners and in one case a protester's Bible.

The goons moved first against right-to-life demonstrators who were denouncing Ferraro's support for the abortion-on-demand policies of the international genocide lobby. Then supporters of candidate LaRouche unfurled a banner which slammed Mondale's appeasement of Soviet imperialism. As Ferraro looked on, the goons surrounded the LaRouche group, destroyed the banner and struck one organizer on the jaw. Next a Reagan backer who was denouncing Ferraro and Mondale to the crowd was seized by the throat, choked, and hit in the mouth by a Mondale campaign worker. Six assault charges were filed against Mondale "campaign workers." Witnesses are being lined up.

The local pro-Mondale turnout was led by Maryland Rep. Barbara Mikulski, the Global 2000 fanatic, Sen. Paul Sarbanes, and Rep. Parren Mitchell. Sarbanes set the stage for the gooning by attacking "extremists" who have heckled Mondale and Ferraro at every campaign stop.

The thug tactics, however, were not altogether successful. When Ferraro attempted to address the rally, she was interrupted by shouts of "Tax the Slumlords" and "Go Back to Mother Russia."

'Liberal media' not a myth

A study of journalists and broadcasters in the most influential media outlets shows that the epithets about the "liberal Eastern media mafia" are true.

The in-depth study conducted by S. Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman of Columbia University's Research Institute on International Change determined that a majority of leading journalists describe themselves as "liberals," 54% placing themselves as left of center. Fifty percent "es-

chew any religious affiliation," and 86% "seldom or never attend religious services." In 1972, when 62% of American voters chose Nixon, "81% of the media elite voted for McGovern."

Lichter and Rothman report that "three-quarters disagree that homosexuality is wrong, and an even larger proportion, 85%, uphold the right of homosexuals to teach in public schools." Furthermore, "54% do not regard adultery as wrong, and only 15% strongly agree that extramarital affairs are immoral."

The most liberal of these liberals were—hold on to your seats—television news reporters and producers.

The study also evaluated some underlying personality characteristics, comparing the media elite to a comparable business elite studied in the Fortune 500 companies. "The media elite scored significantly higher in power motivation, fear of power, and narcissism. The businessmen displayed higher achievement motivation and a greater capacity for intimacy."

Terrorism explodes in New York

A week after FBI director William Webster's public declaration in San Francisco Sept. 21 that domestic terrorism is *not* on the rise in the United States, terrorist groups set off two massive explosions in the New York City area, one at a Union Carbide plant in suburban Westchester, the other at the South African consulate in New York proper. Webster made the San Francisco statement on the same day that it became known that northern California military installations had been put on emergency alert for terrorist attacks.

The credit for the New York bombings has been taken by a group calling itself "Guerrilla Resistance," and by the United Freedom Front. The two, speculated by police to be the same group, is believed to be a radical coalition with links to the Brink's armored car robbery gang, and the terror groups FALN and the Black Liberation Army.