

National News

L-5 cult issues death threat against LaRouche

The August issue of the *L-5 News*, the magazine of the KGB-linked cult that has infiltrated the U.S. armed forces and scientific layers, contains a death threat against Independent Democratic presidential candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche. The article, written under the byline H.T. Watcher, attacks LaRouche as "shrill, extremist, and anti-Semitic," and alleges that LaRouche's supporters carry out "obscene" attacks and physically attack opponents.

The article, which is now being widely circulated in Europe, states: "There would be more reason to worry about them, after all, Hitler started with less, but this kind of craziness is not likely to outlive LaRouche who is 62 and not in particularly good health."

The article directs readers to engage in "cloak and dagger work" against LaRouche and to "report local LaRouche activities to [L-5's] John Rees."

The editors emphasize that the slander and threat are official L-5 policy: "Responsibility for this article rests with the President of the Society and the Author."

Kissinger: Reagan needs back channel to Moscow

Henry Kissinger is proposing that the Reagan administration establish a back channel for informal communications and arms-control agreements with Moscow. He made the proposal in an interview in the *New York Post* published on Sept. 6.

This is required, Kissinger said, because "some people" in the Reagan administration are still opposed to arms-control negotiations. Furthermore, he said, the President hasn't yet focused on specific arms-control proposals to present to Moscow.

The Soviets, Kissinger claimed, are so "desperate" because of their own difficulties that they are now ready to make a deal with

the United States and are entering a "negotiating phase."

Kissinger said that Reagan has now come to accept the necessity of reaching a basic accommodation with the Soviet Union, and the main obstacle is the absence of a private channel of communication that bypasses the "ponderous bureaucracies of both sides."

Reagan, if reelected, will be "running for history," and not for any other office; therefore he will be more intent upon reaching arms-control agreements as his "legacy," said Kissinger.

New attacks launched against Reagan team

Less than a week after Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan was indicted on Oct. 3 on trumped-up racketeering charges, another key member of the Reagan "old guard" has been targeted for ouster on corruption charges.

On Oct. 9, the House Science and Technology Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation issued 41 subpoenas against Louis Giuffrida, head of the Federal Emergency Preparedness Administration, other top FEMA personnel, and FEMA contractors, to appear before the subcommittee Oct. 24. The subpoenas resulted from an investigation which the panel has been conducting into alleged mismanagement and corruption in FEMA's contracting procedures. The head of the subcommittee is Rep. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), whose father is a leading business partner of KGB asset and oil tycoon Armand Hammer. Gore has been among the most vociferous opponents of the MX missile and the Strategic Defense Initiative.

National Council of Churches visits Moscow

The National Council of Churches sent its governing board to the Soviet Union the second week in October for consultations with

Soviet religious and political leaders.

Before departing, NCC spokesman Tom Osborne called the trip "one of the most important we've ever undertaken." It is expected to result in a common NCC-Russian Orthodox Church declaration on "peace issues," he said, although the delegation's main focus will be on "theological, rather than strictly political matters."

Osborne reported that "there is a lot of hope there will be a major breakthrough during the trip, probably in the form of a joint communiqué announcing some kind of agreement" on theological issues which have been under discussion between the NCC and East bloc churches for years.

He said that plans will be made for a reciprocal visit by members of the Russian Orthodox Church as well as other Russians to the United States in 1985. During a similar visit last May, Russian Orthodox Church leaders preached against the U.S. beam-weapon program.

The delegation will be headed by Bruce Rigdon of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, who has led previous delegations to Moscow and worked with NBC-TV in producing a documentary on the "growth of religion" in Russia.

Shuttle gains new data on planet Earth

The results of the 13th Space Shuttle mission, with a record crew of seven, will provide scientists with new data on land and sea formations and the world's oceans.

The first day in orbit, Dr. Sally Ride deployed the Earth Radiation Budget Satellite, which will increase our knowledge of how energy from the Sun is absorbed by our planet and reflected back into space. This radiation "budget" determines the weather and climate on Earth.

During the mission, the Shuttle Imaging Radar equipment was able to take radar photographs of desert regions of the Earth, in search for the remains of ancient civilizations, whose artifacts may be buried under sand.

The Large Format Camera photo-

graphed meteor craters in northern Canada, which will be compared to craters on Venus, to be imaged by a future planetary mission. And Navy oceanographer Paul Scully-Power observed spiral eddy currents in the Mediterranean Sea which had never been seen before.

Despite annoying communication failures during the eight-day flight, most of the science objectives were accomplished. The mission marked the largest crew ever in orbit, the first spacewalk by a female American astronaut, and the first rehearsal for in-orbit satellite refueling to extend the life of spacecraft running low on rocket fuel.

White House reveals Soviet arms violations

The White House finally released an expurgated version of a report on Soviet violations of arms-control agreements the second week in October. The report had been withheld from publication in deference to the Sept. 28 meeting between President Reagan and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Prepared by the White House General Advisory Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament, the report accuses the Soviets of having followed a "pattern of pursuing military advantage" by selective disregard for arms-control commitments, including commitments made as early as 1962, after the Cuban Missile Crisis. It charges the Soviets with "deliberate deception, misdirection and falsification of data during negotiations." The report also accuses Moscow of "deliberate efforts" to counter U.S. verification techniques, which "strongly indicate a Soviet intention to persevere in circumventing and violating agreements" and to "pursue military advantage through selective disregard for its international arms control duties and commitments." The Advisory Committee also suggests that Soviet behavior in this area was aimed at "raising the level of U.S. confusion in order to hide more serious covert activities."

The most serious of the listed violations is construction of a mobile radar at Abalakovo in central Siberia, against the protocols

of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty.

Other violations listed include: introducing of offensive weapons into Cuba; deploying the SS-16, a long-range version of the SS-20, in northern Russia; testing of the SS-X-25 missile; concealing testing data; ignoring terms of the SALT agreements through the development, improvement, and deployment of weapon systems beyond negotiated limits.

Robert Morgenthau strikes again

On the intervention of Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, indictments against three New York City transit policemen were thrown out of court in October, on the technical grounds of misconduct by a member of the Grand Jury.

The case involved the death of a young black "graffiti artist" who was arrested by transit police in September 1983, collapsed, was resuscitated at Bellevue Hospital, but died two weeks later without regaining consciousness. Numerous injuries were evident at the time of admission, and the youth's parents and community groups demanded an investigation.

Despite the fact that there is a New York State Commission charged with investigating deaths in police custody, Morgenthau intervened to assert jurisdiction over the case.

The Grand Jury investigation was a travesty of justice from the start, since Morgenthau had granted immunity from prosecution to the officers who, the preponderance of evidence indicates, actually committed the assault, and so the indictment came down against three officers who were essentially bystanders.

In a previous case, Morgenthau immunized the guilty to indict the innocent; in his investigation into the crash of the American Bank and Trust Co. in 1976, Morgenthau wrested jurisdiction from the proper authority—in this case the federal government—then proceeded to grant immunity to the perpetrators of the swindle and had them testify against four lower-level employees who were set up to take the fall.

Briefly

● **CASPAR WEINBERGER** declared in an Oct. 10 interview to the *Christian Science Monitor* that the Reagan administration is against using the Strategic Defense Initiative as a bargaining chip in arms negotiations with the Soviet Union. "If we are able to obtain a thoroughly reliable strategic defense, then certainly one of the hopes is that you could have substantial reductions in offensive systems. But our obligations to Europe, our obligations to ourselves and to our own people—to free people everywhere—is to that kind of strategic umbrella that will deter the Soviets from using their immense and growing nuclear strength."

● **WATER PROJECTS** were cut from the federal budget during last-minute congressional debates, upon the intervention of David Stockman, the director of the Office of Management and the Budget. Despite the budget-cutting mania that has reigned in Congress in recent months, constituent pressure had persuaded Congress to authorize legislation for 60 new water development projects—the first starts proposed by Congress in over eight years.

● **JIMMY CARTER**, during a tour of Brazil, was praised warmly by the Socialist governor of the state of Rio de Janeiro on Oct. 9 for the "success" of his human-rights policies. Governor Brizola took Carter on a tour of Brazilian slums, where the former President observed: "The people here seem quite self-sufficient, happy, knowing how to survive under these conditions."

● **THE DALAI LAMA**, who is on a six-week visit to the United States, addressed a group of scientists in New York Oct. 10 on the Buddhist contribution to Western science. The event was arranged by New York Academy of Sciences director Dr. Heinz Pagels, husband of leading Gnostic "scholar" Elaine Pagels.