

National News

Arthur Burns leaving ambassadorial post

Arthur F. Burns, the U.S. ambassador to West Germany who was acting behind the scenes to decouple Western Europe from the United States, will be leaving his post this May, an embassy spokesman said Jan. 24. The spokesman said he had no information to release on who will succeed Burns.

In a Washington, D.C. address on Jan. 2, 1984, European Labor Party head Helga Zepp-LaRouche had demanded the recall of Burns. She charged:

- that Burns was advising "any West German who will listen" that the Federal Republic should leave NATO;

- that Burns was promoting the idea that the U.S. defense budget must be slashed—starting with cutbacks of U.S. military commitments to Europe;

- that Burns was openly promoting the Nazi-modelled West German Green Party. The State Department even organizes tours for Green leaders in the United States, and Burns was reportedly responsible for hushing up a report by the German law enforcement services proving massive Soviet funding of the German "peace movement."

- that Burns, who had helped to topple the government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt in 1982, was now attempting to undermine the government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl by putting out the word that the West German mark would eminently collapse;

- that Burns was a factor in the near assassination by terrorists of Vice-President George Bush in Krefeld, West Germany in May 1983 because he had minimized the danger and encouraged the reduction of Bush's security in West Germany;

- that Burns was lying to European leaders that President Reagan's beam weapons defense initiative would lessen the U.S. commitment to the defense of Europe.

Engineers: New York needs nuclear power

New York State faces an electrical power shortfall in the next 10 years, and the least expensive "best option" for filling the gap is nuclear power, the New York State Society of Professional Engineers said Jan. 23. The Society released a study showing that the state's electric generating capacity of 30,000 megawatts has to expand 10% by 1995.

The study was designed to provide a "fresh, unbiased look at the future demand for electric power." The most viable options for meeting the increased demand are the development of nuclear and coal power, increased imports of oil, and import of electricity from Canada, with nuclear power being the best option, the study said.

The study said that protests against nuclear power had led to widespread public perception that nuclear power is unsafe, which has led to excessive regulation of the nuclear industry. The study calls on state officials to take the lead in correcting the "false impressions and unnecessary fears" about the safety of nuclear power. "No member of the public has been killed as a result of a safety accident at a nuclear power plant. That's a pretty good record, and it's not just luck," a society spokesman said.

Spanish *Dope, Inc.* released in Washington

A Washington, D.C. press conference Jan. 25 releasing *Narcotrafico, S.A.*, a Spanish update of the 1978 bestseller *Dope, Inc.*, drew representatives of the U.S. Customs Office and the intelligence community, diplomats from five Ibero-American countries, and reporters from six news services.

The event was addressed by counterintelligence specialist Jeffrey Steinberg, one of the authors of the English-language first edition of *Dope, Inc.*, which was commissioned by *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche.

Steinberg delivered a sharply worded message from LaRouche, that should there be an attempt on Pope John Paul II's life during his Ibero-American tour, the blame will be laid on the doorstep of the oligarchical families Thurn and Taxis and Bragança family oligarchs. These families, Steinberg detailed, presently control the narco-terrorist and cult networks which are deployed to attempt the Pontiff's murder.

Steinberg reported that when *Dope Inc.* in 1978 named the names of the politicians and bankers who direct the international drug monopoly, its charges were initially greeted with skepticism. "The skepticism is vanishing," he said, since the premises have now been verified by investigations carried out by agencies of various governments.

He then reported on the results of intensive investigations since the publication of the first edition, which uncovered the role of the Soviet dirty-money empire, the major Swiss banks, and the Nazi-communist syndicate which runs "narco-terrorism" worldwide.

Reporters covering the press conference were from CBS radio and television, the German press agency DPA, Berns News Service Bureau, Accuracy in Media, and *Spotlight*. A representative from the Organization of American States was in attendance, diplomats from Peru, Venezuela, and Trinidad/Tobago, an Ecuadorian military attaché, and a representative from the Bolivian military.

From government and law enforcement agencies came representatives of the Council of InterAmerican Security; the Sheriff's Department of Loudon County, Va.; U.S. Customs Service; the Arlington, Va. Police Department; the Association of Former Intelligence Officers; and others.

Goldwater: U.S. living standards must go down

Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater (R) urged President Reagan on Jan. 24 to adopt a series of severe austerity measures. Speaking on the Senate floor, Goldwater proposed that

these measures include deep domestic spending cuts and a possible tax hike, even though this would mean a sharp decline in the American standard of living.

In late December, Goldwater had proposed that the same thing be done to the defense budget, but he reversed himself on Jan. 11, stating that this "would seriously damage U.S. national security" (see article, p. 54).

"The possibility of national bankruptcy is a distinct reality if we persist in unabated spending across the board," Goldwater said in his Jan. 24 speech. The senator called on President Reagan

and tell them that "Social Security is in bad shape, that civil service retirement is in trouble, the retirement funds of all the military personnel stand in jeopardy, and there are many, many welfare performances we are funding today that need to be cut down or eliminated completely."

Goldwater added: "The wage earner, the wealthy and the middle class, the retired people and particularly the people living on the wages of others have to know that everyone is going to have to make a change in life. It is not going to be easy and I recognize that," he said. "It is not easy to tell someone to lower their sights and lower their way of living."

ACLU upholds 'right' for poor to freeze to death

The American Civil Liberties Union announced on Jan. 23 that it would bring suit against New York Mayor Ed Koch for ordering that homeless people wandering the streets in sub-zero temperatures be taken to city shelters even "if it means by force."

"They have a right not to go inside," howled the civil libertarians; they have a "right not to go into those dirty shelters."

Mayor Koch retorted: "If you think I'm going to let these people freeze to death, you're crazy. I couldn't look at myself in the mirror in the morning if I did that."

The New York-based Coalition for the Homeless on Jan. 24 jumped in to back up

the ACLU. It claimed that the reason why the former mental patients—now funneled out of state mental hospitals because these facilities were too "dehumanizing"—and others wander the streets is because the shelters are "unsafe" and "dirty." The gutters of New York are presumably safe and clean.

Marianna Wertz, vice-president of the Schiller Institute sent Mayor Koch a letter of congratulations on Jan. 24, and offered the Institute's help "to actually make New York City a suitable place for human beings."

ADL covers its flank, attacks the Nazi Greens

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith published an editorial in its newspaper *The Messenger* on Jan. 11 attacking the West German Green Party as anti-Semitic.

Titled "The Greens' Anti-Jewishness," the article notes that Jews all over the world "are becoming increasingly concerned about the Green Party" and the "parallels . . . to the rise of the Nazi Party in the Weimar Republic more than a half century ago."

The editorial focuses on the Green Party's selection of author Luise Rinser as its presidential candidate, noting that Rinser's books have "anti-Semitic overtones."

A second article in the *Messenger*, a news item datelined Bonn, reports "disturbing evidence accumulating on the anti-Semitic tendencies of the Greens."

The ADL's sudden adoption of anti-Green polemics is a panicky attempt to cover for its own actual support of the Greens, a focus of growing concern within the American Jewish community and in Israel. The ADL is backing Rev. Jesse Jackson's anti-apartheid campaign, in an effort to build a Green Alliance in the United States, with the help of European Greens (see "The fraud of the new anti-apartheid drive," *EIR*, Jan. 8).

The ADL's support of the Greens should come as no surprise to anyone who remembers that organization's sabotage of anti-Hitler activities among American Jews in the 1930s.

Briefly

● **PAULA HAWKINS**, senator from Florida and chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, has announced that the first Western Hemisphere Conference on Narcotics Control will be held in Washington Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Its goal is "to raise international narcotics control to a higher foreign policy priority through an exchange of ideas by the senior narcotics-control officials of the Western Hemisphere."

● **MORT DOWNEY**, the talk-show host who sponsors the nightly "Executive Intelligence Report" utilizing the resources of this news service, relocated from Sacramento, California to radio station WERE in Cleveland eight weeks ago and the Cleveland station's rating has now jumped to number one. The well-known conservative talk-show host received the American Life Lobby's 1984 award for excellence in media.

● **LOWELL WOOD**, head of the laserphysics department at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, believes that "there are people who say that the X-ray laser does not propagate in the atmosphere; they belong to the category of uninformed scientists. People should not confuse their own limitations with natural law." Wood was quoted by Prof. Antonio Zichichi, a scientific adviser to the Vatican and director of the Erice institute in Sicily, in a Jan. 24 interview with the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera*.

● **NORMAN PODHORETZ**, publisher of the American Jewish Committee's *Commentary* magazine, has jumped on the bandwagon for the Strategic Defense Initiative. In an op-ed printed in the Jan. 26 *New York Times*, Podhoretz derided arms control as the "great superstition of our time," and called the SDI "the rational hope of an escape from the threat of nuclear war."