

National News

Benedictines for Peace takes over Pax Christi

"Benedictinism all throughout history has been somewhat countercultural. It grows out of the heart of Benedictinism to challenge the American government. The Rule of Benedict, our charism, demands that we challenge the unjust structures," said a Benedictine sister who is one of the core organizers of Benedictines for Peace (BFP).

BFP specializes in "nonviolent civil disobedience," operating from its headquarters at the Holy Wisdom Monastery in Wake Forest, N.C., and is particularly active in the Midwest. Outgoing BFP head Sister Mary Lou Kornacki has just taken over leadership of the American branch of Pax Christi, a KGB-linked Gnostic-cult organization based in Vatican City. This takeover gives the Benedictines a strategically key position in the U.S. "peace movement," especially within the U.S. churches.

The cultist nuns are trained at "Madonna House" in Canada, which was founded by a Russian-emigré noblewoman named Katherine deWeck Dougherty. Madonna House has set up a cluster of "prayer houses" across North America modeled on the hesychastic "pustinias" in Russia.

Sen. Hawkins refutes NBC's lies on Mexico

Senator Paula Hawkins (R-Fla.) met with Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid recently and reported that he was shocked by her briefing on the international extent of drug trafficking.

She directly countered the attacks on Mexico by NBC and *Newsweek*, saying that Mexico runs one of the most aggressive wars on drugs in the world. The United States,

she said, gives Mexico a great deal of money to fight drugs because the present administration is serious about stopping them. She called for increased such funding to Mexico.

Georgetown study: SDI 'not realistic'

A 32-member panel put together by Henry Kissinger's Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies released a report on March 4 entitled "Reducing the Risk of Nuclear War," which asserts that "a ballistic missile defense that could protect American and allied populations with tolerably low leak rates does not now appear to be a realistic possibility."

It seems "illusory to expect that we can escape the condition of mutual vulnerability that has prevailed through much of the nuclear age," says the report, asserting that while the United States may engage in research on a "broad technological front," the U.S. focus in the near term should be on protecting missile forces and defense infrastructure, rather than population centers. It also insists that "the restoration of clear-cut [American] military superiority is . . . beyond our reach."

One of the report's signers is Alexander Haig, Jr. Henry Kissinger, although a member of the panel, chose not to associate himself with the report officially, hoping to protect his new "pro-SDI" image.

Jastrow: 'All normal people support SDI'

Astrophysicist Dr. Robert Jastrow told the American Legion's national conference in Washington on March 5 that "all normal people" support the SDI. "It's only academics and Ph.D.s" who oppose it, Jastrow said.

"They're hostile to it, but they refuse to admit it. Instead, they come up with 'scientific' arguments against it that any physics undergraduate could blow holes in."

Jastrow also reported on the results of a poll commissioned by the George C. Marshall Institute that came up with these intriguing findings: 83% of those polled did not know that the United States had signed a treaty (the ABM treaty) forbidding the development of a defense against nuclear attack; 90% wanted the U.S. government to develop such a defense; 75% support Reagan's \$26 billion request for the SDI; and more than 50% think that the United States should spend more on strategic defense.

Weinberger blasts 'military reformers'

In a speech to the American Legion national conference in Washington, D.C., March 5, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger took aim at the "military reformers" and "bookkeepers" who want to pare down the U.S. defense budget: "For 12 long years we have debated the merits of our new strategic missile. During those years the Soviets fielded three types of new fourth-generation ICBMs and flight-tested two fifth-generation missiles. Already, the Soviets have deployed six times more MX-like ICBMs than are contained in our entire MX program. Note that I said *deployed*. Not a single MX missile has yet entered our arsenal."

He had particularly harsh words for the "military reformers," a group of Congressmen and think-tankers set up by Georgetown CSIS and the Heritage Foundation to campaign for a return to cheaper, simpler weapons and equipment:

"Those who would have us do without this modern equipment and make do with cheaper, less sophisticated models have failed to add two things to their calculations—the quality of the Soviet equipment

they might have to face, and the value of human life. . . . But I have a responsibility. . . . I do not want to send our men out to fight with equipment we know is inferior to the Soviets."

Washington Post boosts Farrakhan

The *Washington Post* recently published a giant spread advertising Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, who has been implicated in Malcolm X's murder, as having perhaps the fastest-growing movement among blacks in the United States. The article, entitled "Black Separatist Farrakhan Widening Support," claims, "Black audiences around the nation are cheering and turning out—in increasing numbers and with increasing passion—for Farrakhan." Farrakhan has recently spoken to "unusually large crowds numbering in the several thousands in Detroit, Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Houston."

It was at one such Farrakhan conference in Chicago on Feb. 24 that Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi via satellite vowed to provide arms and financing to American black soldiers to desert from the army and "destroy America."

At a Feb. 28 press conference in Washington, Farrakhan said: "I agree with 95%" of what Qaddafi says. He denounced those who labeled Qaddafi's call "a lunatic suggestion": "If this suggestion is a lunatic suggestion, then that should be applied across the board. I think that Mr. Qaddafi is using the same logic that is used by the American administration." Farrakhan also admitted that Qaddafi has offered his Nation of Islam money: "We are hoping that he will help us."

Of course, should Qaddafi-funded terrorists in Europe succeed in their aim of bombing U.S. military installations, *it will in large part be black soldiers who are killed!*

DOD: SDI is solution to 'nuclear winter'

A new Pentagon report, "Potential Effects of Nuclear War on the Climate," says that although aspects of the "nuclear winter" theory may be true, since nuclear war may generate "significant" weather changes, this is all the more reason for the United States to push ahead vigorously with the Strategic Defense Initiative: The aim of destroying nuclear missiles before they reach their targets "may provide a greater mitigating effect on atmospheric consequences" of nuclear war than do arms control agreements.

"Nuclear winter" propagandist Carl Sagan responded to the Pentagon study by saying it was "sad" that the report agreed with the basic premises of his study to justify the SDI. A Sagan supporter in Congress, Rep. Timothy Wirth of Colorado, said: "All the Pentagon has done is use this as a soapbox for defending 'Star Wars.'"

Jackson leads march and covers for IMF

None other than Rev. Jesse Jackson showed up to lead a march commemorating the 20th anniversary of the bloody Selma civil-rights march of 1965. Jackson told attendees that "Nicaragua and South Africa" were the next civil rights causes, and, as usual, said not a word about famine in Africa, the International Monetary Fund, or any real issue affecting the lives of black citizens.

Six weeks earlier, the leader of the original march, Amelia Robinson, gave a speech to the Fourth Schiller Institute conference in Virginia on the events in Selma, and hailed the Institute's pledge to destroy the IMF as the new hope for civil rights of people throughout the world.

Briefly

● **FED ADVISER** Larry Marso, in a letter to the *NY Times*, says, "The austerity measures the United States supports [for Israel] are similar to those that would be mandated by the International Monetary Fund. . . ."

● **"MARTIN STANSFELD**, New York-based editor of a series on "The American Peerage" being prepared by the London-based *DeBrett's Peerage*, claims that America has evolved its own aristocracy which should "knock entrepreneurial America around a bit. . . . That's the way to deal with this 'Star Wars' . . . get the Rockefellers and their think tanks into motion, they're really good at slaughtering ideas."

● **THE DEMOCRATIC** Party of New Jersey isn't hiding much these days. It's holding its state convention at Resorts International, the leading representative of legalized crime in Atlantic City.

● **THE ADL** and Common Cause don't intend to let up their pressure on new attorney general Edwin Meese, now that he is in the position to carry out his pledge for a full war on drugs. The ADL has a lobbyist at the Department of Justice every day. And our sources report that ADL-controlled sections of the KKK and other racist militarist sects can be expected to be revved up.

● **FBI OFFICIALS** who were responsible for that agency's COINTELPRO operations against Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. are currently being deposed by LaRouche's attorneys in a suit brought by the former presidential candidate. So far, the individuals are showing very poor memories, thus putting principal defendant William Webster on the spot.