

National News

Meese grilled on his anti-drug fight

Attorney General Ed Meese stiffened slightly and rocked forward when *EIR* reporter Nick Benton confronted him in front of 500 delegates to the national convention of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on April 29 concerning the status of his War on Drugs efforts against the banks and financial institutions laundering billions in drug money.

It was the mention, specifically, of the recent raid against the offices of Shearson-Amex in Philadelphia, that caused him to flinch. However, the reference to this, the Bank of Boston case, the 40 banks under official investigation, and other cases did not deter Meese from quickly regaining his composure and outlining the programs he has undertaken to go after the drug trade.

He cited the new powers granted under the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984 to go after laundering, and how those can now be used to seize all the assets and property of guilty institutions. He also said that there is now much more cooperation coming from governments offshore and overseas to open up previously hidden accounts to scrutiny from the United States.

Meese was very forceful in asserting that "there are no neutrals in the War on Drugs." The only troubling aspect of his remarks was that he made no mention of the investigations into laundering until Benton reminded him of it.

We'll chalk it up to a memory lapse, pending some major announcements soon about Justice Department probes into Henry Kissinger's American Express.

Billy Graham will 'crusade' in D.C.

Why did evangelist Billy Graham announce that he is coming to Washington, D.C. for a crusade? Some would contend that now that he's been to Moscow to get his marching orders, Billy is coming to this nation's capital to carry those orders out.

However, the timing of the announce-

ment may also be related to the impact of the Schiller Institute, led by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, among churches in the District of Columbia since January, when 10,000 people, mostly from churches, participated in a Schiller Institute-led march on Martin Luther King's birthday.

Massive harassment, including church firebombings, has occurred since then to curb the growing ferment. Jesse Jackson has even been hauled into town. But the devastated D.C. population is in a state of simmering revolt against the drug scourge, and with the help of the Schiller Institute, they are beginning to wake up to the "whos" and "hows" of who is running the dope trade. At an anti-crime community meeting early in May, a Schiller spokesman signed up over 60 prominent citizens for a march against the International Monetary Fund and related financial networks that are fostering the drug plague.

Could this explain Billy Graham's sudden decision to come to Washington, and work with Dr. Ernest Gibson, an arch-enemy of the Schiller Institute, to draw the attention and energies of the area churches away from the war on drugs, and in support of Graham's new "nuclear freeze" and related sympathies?

Justice Department to investigate 'kapos'

The U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) is "investigating concentration camp kapos, including Jews," a Washington, D.C. source has revealed. The kapos were inmates who collaborated with the Nazis in running the concentration camps.

"To the extent a person is defined as a Nazi war criminal, if that person committed atrocities in the camps, despite ethnic background, including Jews who were Nazi war criminals, that person can be investigated," the source noted.

"I do know of cases of Jewish kapos in the United States. . . . The law makes no distinction between Nazis and Nazi collaborators. To the extent a Jewish kapo was a collaborator of the Nazis, taking into account that individual's claim that he was

also a victim of the Nazis," the Justice Department will "pursue this person as a war criminal."

Another Washington insider claims that an amendment to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Act, sponsored by former Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman, could be used against former Jewish kapos. "The act is aimed against those who committed acts against others in the camps, for reasons of race, religion, and other selective criteria. If Jews committed such acts," he said, "they would be as liable as any other Nazi war criminal."

TFP cult infiltrates Reagan administration

A former adviser to President Reagan is working closely with Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP), the terrorist cult that has been implicated in plots against Pope John Paul II. Morton Blackwell, who spent the first three years of the Reagan administration as project officer of the White House working group on Central America, and was co-author of the President's voluntary prayer amendment, was the guest of honor at a TFP dinner held at the Foundation for Christian Civilization in Bedford, N.Y. earlier this year.

The TFP was expelled from Venezuela in 1984 for its cult activities, which include brainwashing youth and terrorism. The Vatican has officially declared that TFP has no proper affiliation with the Catholic Church.

According to an article in the TFP's newsletter (Vol. 4, No. 11, 1985), Blackwell has set up a new think tank, the International Policy Forum. TFP founder and cult leader Plinio Correa de Oliveira is on the IPF board of governors.

Blackwell first attended an American TFP event in the fall of 1981, the article reports, and "American TFP has come to appreciate his well-founded opinions and timely advice and was so pleased to invite Mr. Blackwell to once again address members and supporters during his weekend visit last February. . . ."

"Mr. Blackwell wrote that in his three years with the Reagan administration, he had been able to observe the TFP firsthand,

that the TFP members had always acted with utmost responsibility, and that the frequent support given by the TFP in the United States had prompted President Reagan to write a letter of appreciation in early 1984 to Mr. John Spann, president of the American TFP."

Warnke: SDI a big porkbarrel

Paul Warnke, director of ACDA (Arms Control Disarmament Agency) during the Carter administration, at a Washington, D.C. press conference April 29, demanded "an objective, independent review board, to oversee the SDI [Strategic Defense Initiative]."

"What we see happening today is the rapid conversion of the President's 'Star Wars' proposal from stardust and moonbeams to that great porkbarrel in the sky. . . . Congressional members with home districts or states with a large financial stake in 'Star Wars' will have an additional incentive to vote in favor as funding for the program increases," Warnke complained.

"This incentive will gain momentum as pressure from in-built constituencies based on jobs and other benefits begins to mount."

Warnke was addressing a luncheon-press conference called to release a new report by the Council on Economic Priorities, an anti-SDI thinktank.

Alabama legislature: U.S. must dump IMF!

The Alabama state Senate and House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution on April 11 calling on the President and the U.S. Congress to "initiate action to end the International Monetary Fund system because of the economic collapse, through a new development-based international monetary program." The resolution was forwarded to President Reagan and the Alabama congressional delegation for action.

Titled "Immediate Actions Related to Emergency Food Relief to Africa," the resolution was spearheaded by Rev. Houston

Anderson of Selma, Alabama, who is a national leader in the drive of the Schiller Institute for emergency defense and economic measures to save the Western alliance and restore world economic growth.

Forces allied with the Schiller Institute are circulating similar resolutions in 25 states. Resolutions have been officially introduced in Maryland, Texas, Oklahoma, and soon will be introduced in Illinois.

The two-page Alabama resolution gives facts and figures to demonstrate the current world food shortage, and states, "The agriculture output potential of the developing sector nations is being destroyed through the International Monetary Fund system."

It calls for vastly increasing food production in the advanced-sector nations; a stay on all farm foreclosures; a freeze on farm debt; the issuance of production credits at 2-4% rates for maximum spring planting and buildup of meat herds; and government-to-government food commodity trade commitments to guarantee cost-of-production parity prices to farmers.

The resolution condemns the monopoly control over international food trade and shipping exercised by "a small number of world food cartels and private family trusts," and states that this "poses a threat to national and western security by making agreements to guarantee Soviet food stocks while creating food scarcities in the West."

Philadelphians protest against MOVE cult

Philadelphia's Mayor Wilson Goode has come under attack from constituents in the West Philadelphia neighborhood where members of a group involved in a 1978 shootout that killed a policeman, are terrorizing residents. At a press conference May 1, residents declared that they could no longer coexist with members of MOVE, and condemned the mayor for taking no action against the atavistic group.

The complaints center around a series of incidents involving MOVE, including three cases of assault, numerous burglaries, "religious" harangues by MOVE members over a loudspeaker, and health problems caused by unsanitary living conditions.

Briefly

● **HITLER-LOVER** Louis Farrakhan has been offered a \$5 million, interest-free loan by Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi. The money would go to Farrakhan's People Organized and Working for Economic Rebirth (POWER).

● **SENATOR METZENBAUM** (D-Ohio) is reported to have held a private meeting in his Washington, D.C. office the week of April 29 with Richard Garwin, of IBM and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a chief antagonist of the Reagan administration's Strategic Defense Initiative.

● **A EUTHANASIA** accounting system for Medicare, put in effect in 1983-84, is pushing tens of thousands of elderly out of hospitals prematurely. Called the Prospective Payment System (PPS), it has led to more cancer patients, stroke patients, and patients who need intravenous feeding or breathing tubes in their tracheas, being forced home early from hospitals, according to Harley Tabak, administrator of the Annaburg Manor Nursing Home in northern Virginia.

● **BALTIMORE MAYOR** Schaffer and the city's financial board were urged at a taxpayers' meeting on April 30 to declare a "state of emergency" in response to a significant increase in Baltimore's rat population. A representative of the Schiller Institute testified that a health threat is posed to the city by the rodent infestation, warning of the possibility of the spread of epidemics, easily transmitted by rats.

● **A ROTHSCHILD** family scion, prior to President Reagan's trip to West Germany, had been telling his patrician intimates that Reagan should at all costs go to Bitburg Cemetery. He termed opposition to the Bitburg visit by major Jewish organizations "abominable."