

National News

Harriman backed Nazis, was honored by Soviets

Averell Harriman was awarded the Soviet Union's "Order of the Patriotic War, First Degree" by the regime of Josef Stalin, for his "great personal contributions to the improvement and strengthening of Soviet-American cooperation" in World War II.

The *New York Times* carried this report as a news item underneath its extensive, excerpted coverage of Mikhail Gorbachov's V-E Day speech which extolled Josef Stalin's accomplishments in "The Great Patriotic War." The *Times* quotes Harriman saying that he was "proud to work with the Soviet Union in our common struggle" against the Nazis.

In point of fact, Harriman, who was U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union during the war, was a principal sponsor of Nazi race science propaganda during the 1920s and 1930s, and reportedly stated in 1933 that he viewed Adolf Hitler's assumption of power in Germany as a "personal accomplishment."

Chicago's Mayor backs Schiller celebrations

Mayor Harold Washington of Chicago has endorsed the May 11 international commemorations of the death of Friederich Schiller 180 years ago.

On May 9, Mayor Washington sent a letter of greeting to the Schiller Institute, on official stationery (addressed personally to institute representative Sheila Jones, his former mayoral opponent), as a token of recognition and endorsement of the Institute's activities.

"To the members and participants of the Schiller Institute, I send greetings and congratulations to the Schiller Institute's worldwide celebrations being held this Saturday, May 11, for the 180th Anniversary of the great German poet of freedom, Friedrich Schiller," read the Mayor's message. "I send my deepest regards to the Chicago Schiller

Institute's Saturday parade down Michigan Avenue. I support your worldwide demonstrations to save the millions of lives of starving Africans. It is important for the City of Chicago to be noted as supporting such a noble cause.

"Once again, I send my regards and great success in the future."

The Mayor's endorsement has a special importance, say representatives of the Institute. In 1905, Chicago was the site of the biggest celebration of the centennial of Schiller's death in the United States. The King of Wuerttemberg, Schiller's birthplace, sent his personal envoy to Chicago to participate in the festivities.

Ball attacks SDI in TV interview

George Ball, a former defense department official and Vietnam War architect, used a May 8 interview on television's McNeil-Lehrer Report to call President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative a "Star Wars fantasy" which will escalate the arms race.

Asked if President Reagan's reference to the deployment of a new "first-strike" mobile Soviet ICBM had changed his mind, Ball replied:

"Well, this was fairly transparent propaganda. The SSX-24 which he spoke about has been discussed and known about for the last five years. . . . As far as it being a first-strike weapon, we are producing two Tridents a year which are clearly first-strike weapons by the same standard. I think that this is a rather transparent effort to sell the Star Wars program, which by and large the Europeans now are looking at with very great doubt because they see it as . . . an almost over-open-ended escalation of the arms race. It certainly will defeat any proposals for serious arms control."

The State Department's Frank Palmer, however, pointed out, "Many European leaders have indicated support" for the SDI, including Chancellor Kohl of Germany. Said Palmer: "We are concerned, as the President said, that the Soviets have an enormous capability already to launch a first-strike against

our land-based missiles and this [new missile] will simply worsen that problem.

Ball replied:

"Well, I remember very well this following a familiar pattern. There was a time when we decided we would have to MIRV our weapons, which we now deeply regret—MIRV, meaning put more single warheads on a single bus—for the simple reason that the Soviets had two systems, the Galosh and Tallinn, which were defensive systems which were going to keep our missiles from getting through. Well, afterwards, we found that they didn't amount to anything. And I think that the tendency to exaggerate the Soviet performance . . . is simply following a very familiar pattern which I find rather fraudulent.

". . . I agree that the initial reaction in Europe might have been favorable among some of the leaders. The fact is that they are rethinking it. They are now deciding that this is simply going to result in greater escalation, and you will find, I am sure, that particularly as the Geneva talks begin to break down, which I think they will if we insist on pursuing this Star Wars fantasy, that, ah, the Europeans will feel very badly deceived by this whole project."

Metzenbaum nonplussed over Nazi kapos

"It's irrelevant" that leaders of the "Holocaust" organizations were kapos in Nazi concentration camps, Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) told *EIR* May 8. Kapos were Jews who worked for the Nazis, and often exceeded SS officers in their brutality toward inmates.

Asked whether he thought the fact that Simon Wiesenthal and other key members of the "survivors' network," who kicked up a storm over President Reagan's visit to Bitburg Cemetery in Germany, would impair the Holocaust movement's credibility, Metzenbaum replied, "I don't know the facts. I can't comment." When told that the KGB was blackmailing Wiesenthal et al., and using them against the Western Alliance, Metzenbaum snapped: "It's irrelevant," and hastily walked away.

Probe homicide attempt on Schiller organizers

Attorneys in Pittsburgh are preparing a criminal complaint for attempted homicide against Charles L. Jones, whose car rammed a vehicle being driven by Mrs. Dawn Manion of Pittsburgh on May 9. Mrs. Manion, an organizer for the Schiller Institute's May 11 rally in Washington, D.C., was hospitalized for spinal injuries sustained in the incident.

Witnesses reported that Jones's vehicle sped up and rammed Mrs. Manion's car as she was making a left turn, and an investigation is in process to determine whether this incident is connected to other harassment and death threats against Schiller Institute organizers and associates. The week before the incident, Reverend Towns of Philadelphia received a hand-written death threat warning, "We are going to get you, Reverend Towns."

Village Voice attacks opponents of OSI

"Supporters of the Office of Special Investigations' work fear that Attorney-General Edwin Meese . . . will join forces with [White House Director of Communications] Patrick Buchanan against the agency," the *Village Voice's* Joe Conason wrote in the second of a series portraying the opponents of the OSI as "Nazi sympathizers." The article is entitled, "Reagan and the War Crimes Lobby." Part one was headlined, "Bitburg: Tip of the Iceberg."

The OSI, an agency in the Justice Department, is proven to have based many of its "Nazi hunts" on information supplied by Soviet and East German agencies—hence, targeting individuals selected by the KGB—a charge previously carried in *EIR*.

Conason makes no mention of this, but does go out of his way to slander *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche, saying he has ties to "pro-Nazi" East European emigré organi-

zations in the United States opposed to the OSI's witchhunts against Soviet enemies. The alleged "anti-Semitic" individual whose name Conason gratuitously links to LaRouche, is one whom LaRouche had never even heard of.

Ohio rally hits Chem Bank takeover plan

The National Democratic Policy Committee called a rally in Columbus, the capital of Ohio, for May 15, to demand the legislature act on the NDPC resolution for Emergency Food Relief to Africa. NDPC spokesmen say only this policy, to end the economic dictatorship of the International Monetary Fund, will be an effective response to the takeover of Ohio savings-and-loan banks by the biggest Dope, Inc.-connected Wall Street banks.

Vernon Riffe, Speaker of the Ohio House, forced through the House a measure he and Gov. Richard Celeste drafted that will give Chemical \$208 million to take over Home State. Not only has Chemical asked for the entire \$79 million available in the Ohio Depositor Guarantee Fund, the private insurance fund that backed up non-federally insured S&Ls; Chembank also wants \$129 million from the state. Riffe's bill will use future revenues from state-run liquor stores to back bonds, to be handed over to Chemical.

Chemical is promising to pay \$20 million for Home State's equipment, local branches—and a big foot in the door in Ohio commercial banking.

The NDPC is demanding a full probe into the administration of Democratic Governor Celeste. For years, Celeste worked with dope banker Marvin Warner, one of the biggest funders of Democratic politicians in the state, who became Jimmy Carter's ambassador to Switzerland, haven of drug bankers. Warner's Home State Savings & Loan bank of Columbus went bust in March, due to dirty-money operations, and pulled with it most of the S&Ls in Ohio; Celeste covered up.

Briefly

● **WILLIAM SIMON**, the former treasury secretary, will head up the "Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters' Fund" that has been set up by Arnaud de Borchgrave and the Moonies' *Washington Times* to finance the Nicaraguan Contras' war effort. Other board members of the fund, which expects to raise \$14 million, are: former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick; Midge Decter of the Committee for a Free World; and Michael Novak of the American Enterprise Institute.

● **THE HARRIMAN** family's files and archives from the 1920s and 1930s have been placed either under lock-and-key in a warehouse under tight Harriman family control, or have been "destroyed by fire," according to a reliable source.

● **JIMMY CARTER'S** "Friendship Force" organization, based in Atlanta, is sponsoring two Soviet delegations to the United States in May. One is a "Georgia/U.S.S.R.-to-Georgia/U.S.A." delegation of 11 Soviet citizens; the other is a delegation of the "U.S.S.R.-U.S.A. Friendship Society," whose visit is being arranged by American Express. The "Force" is part of a "consortium" that includes the American Friends Service Committee and the "People to People" organization of Ann Catherine Menninger, who spends much of her time shuttling to Moscow for NBC-TV News.

● **GEORGE SHULTZ** was none too happy with the Bonn economic summit's decision to launch a war on drugs. President Reagan had reported that, following discussion of a coordinated international war against drugs, "never have I seen all my summit partners so united and so determined on a single subject." But Secretary of State George Shultz drily told the press, "We have picked up another assignment, which was unexpected. It wasn't particularly on our agenda."