

National News

SDI director hails space research pioneers

Lieutenant-General James Abrahamson, the director of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), praised the scientific work of the late Dr. Krafft Ehrlicke, in an interview in the Rome daily *Il Tempo* on May 22, on "The Research Behind the Space Shield." Ehrlicke was a part of the Peenemünde team of German scientists, who came to the United States after World War II. The inventor of the Atlas-Centaur rocket, he made major contributions to the NASA space program, and laid the conceptual foundations for man's coming industrialization of the Moon and other planets.

"... The prospects [for civilian application of the technologies arising from research in the Strategic Defense Initiative] are exciting, apart from strictly national security considerations," Abrahamson said. "The only limit to the application of the new technologies, as Krafft Ehrlicke would say, is that of our creative capacity. In fact, the larger portion of great innovations in the field of production—those innovations which create new markets and form the basis of new industries—is the fruit of technological victories, more than of any specific market demand. . . . In this sense, I like to think of the SDI as an integral part of a new Renaissance in space. . . . Our activities in space have created new opportunities for us to expand our knowledge of the universe and improve the quality of human life. . . ."

Texas politician kills bill to feed Africa

Texas State Rep. Paul Ragsdale of Dallas has carried out his threat to kill a memorial resolution which called for a "Marshall Plan" to aid Africa, and economic recovery measures that would include the abolition of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The resolution, HCR 151, was drafted by the Schiller Institute, and introduced by State Rep. Samuel W. Hudson of Dallas.

The resolution points out that the presently idled capacity of Texas agriculture and industry could be mobilized to develop Africa, reactivating the underutilized Gulf Coast ports of Texas, and generating the revenue needed to avoid slashing state programs.

Ragsdale, a black Democrat who represents a generally poor district, carried out a personal crusade to defeat the resolution. On March 4, he distributed a memo to all members of the House, on his letterhead, in which he quoted slanders put out by the dope lobby's Anti-Defamation League, that the Schiller Institute and Lyndon LaRouche are "far-out conspiracy theorists and anti-Semitic allies of the Ku Klux Klan."

He had the resolution assigned to his committee, so that he could prevent it from being discussed or brought to a vote. Ragsdale has repeatedly defended the IMF, blaming the crisis in Africa on "communist African governments."

Court questions Weld's harassment of LaRouche

U.S. District Judge A. David Mazzone, in hearings in Boston on May 21, sharply questioned a representative of U.S. Attorney William Weld, concerning his conduct in the investigation into organizations associated with Lyndon H. LaRouche. "Mr. Small, what are you trying to do? Why are you bothering these people?" the judge asked.

Weld's office has targeted LaRouche and his associates for financial warfare operations, using charges of "a massive pattern of credit card fraud." Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Small insisted that two of the subpoenaed organizations—the National Democratic Policy Committee and the Fusion Energy Foundation—had made only "perfunctory" compliance with their subpoenas, which required them to present financial documents. In fact, their attorneys argued, they had produced so many cartons of documents that Small needed a cart to haul them all away!

Attorneys for the subpoenaed organizations have filed a Motion to Quash the sub-

poenas issued to Campaigner Publications and Caucus Distributors, Inc., charging that Weld's investigation "is being conducted for purely political motives and for the purposes of harassment and intimidation of citizens of this country in retaliation for their exercise of their right to political participation."

Doctor opposes bid to starve man to death

Dr. Richard Field, chief physician at New England Sinai Hospital in Dedham, Mass., told a probate judge on May 24 that he had seen victims of starvation in a Nazi death camp, and therefore could never deprive a patient of food and water. He was testifying in a case in which Patricia Brophy is demanding the removal of a feeding tube from her husband Paul, who suffers from brain aneurysm.

Dr. Field, speaking for the hospital, declared: "I saw literally thousands of people who had been subject to both dehydration and starvation, both dead and dying. I think Brophy is in good condition, and it's going to take a lot of starving to die." Rejecting the arguments of the self-proclaimed Right to Die lobby, which has made this case a national *cause célèbre*, he said, "As far as I am concerned, there is no 'dignified' way to die."

The Brophy family is being manipulated by two "experts," Dr. Ronald Cranford, professor of medical ethics from the University of Minnesota, and Fr. John Paris, S.J. Both testified that Brophy would feel no pain at being starved to death, and should be allowed to "die with dignity." Paris said that it was "morally wrong" to feed Brophy.

The new domino theory à la George Shultz

Secretary of State George Shultz, in an address at the State Department on April 25 titled "The Meaning of Vietnam," compared U.S. policy during that debacle to cur-

rent developments in Central America.

"Our goals in Central America are like those we had in Vietnam," he said. "In Central America, our policy of nurturing the forces of democracy with economic and military aid and social reform has been working—without American combat troops. And by virtue of simple geography, there can be no conceivable doubt that Central America is vital to our own security. . . .

"Just as the Vietnamese communists used progressive and nationalist slogans to conceal their intentions, the Nicaraguan communists employ slogans of social reform, nationalism, and democracy to obscure their totalitarian goals. . . . Like the Vietnamese communists, they have become a threat to their neighbors. . . . Here is your parallel between Vietnam and Central America."

Schiller Institute shakes up Capitol Hill

Three hundred and eighty lobbyists from the Schiller Institute converged on Capitol Hill on May 22, to nail their congressmen on three issues: 1) implementing the Strategic Defense Initiative for antiballistic-missile defense, on a crash basis, and reversing the treasonous Senate vote to freeze military spending; 2) ending U.S. support for the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and 3) the war on drugs.

Here are selected responses to this constituent organizing from a number of elected representatives:

● Cong. Howard Berman (D-Cal.): two aides met with a delegation, which informed them that the IMF's austerity policies would create the conditions for the spread of the deadly AIDS disease from Africa to the United States. Said one aide: "Are you saying the IMF is more genocidal than Hitler?" Told that the answer was "yes," he replied: "Then get out of here. We support the IMF."

● Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), asked if he would lead a fight against the IMF, replied flatly, "No."

● Sen. Robert Dole: His office called began to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

● Rep. Marjorie Holt (R-Md.): "The economy is fine!" Ninety percent of Savings and Loan banks had just closed their doors in her state.

● Sen. Ted Kennedy: His office called the police when a delegation from Boston arrived.

● Rep. Parren Mitchell (D-Md.) was seen escaping through a back elevator.

● Rep. Major Owens (D-N.Y.) met with a delegation from New York and agreed to introduce a resolution against the IMF into the Congress, on the model of one which passed the Alabama state legislature unanimously in April.

Rally organizer Tony Papert told the lobbyists, who gathered later for a noisy demonstration on Capitol Hill: "If we permit 300 million people to die, we will be judged for this. That is why we are here today. Today 400 people rallied to save civilization, and you can be sure your voices were heard, even if the aides and congressmen you met today were utterly immoral."

Senate votes to deliver 'Bolivia to drug mafia

The Senate voted on May 15 to terminate all aid to Bolivia, unless that country can demonstrate a 10% reduction in drug production and transshipment. Sen. Paula Hawkins (R-Fla.), sponsor of the measure, motivated it on the grounds that "Bolivia must be forced to accept its responsibility in this situation. . . . We in the U.S. must not accept this situation from Bolivia. With the enactment of this legislation, we would be saying to the Bolivians: You continue to produce and market your coca crop, you will lose U.S. aid, all of it."

Certain high-level U.S. officials who don't want to be named are furious about Hawkins's bill, which will throw Bolivia into the hands of the drug mafia—and the Soviet Union. The Bolivian government of President Siles Zuazo has attempted to fight a War on Drugs, under conditions of economic collapse and blackmail from the International Monetary Fund and other creditors.

Briefly

● **SIXTY AIDES** to U.S. congressmen attended a *soirée* at the Soviet embassy in Washington during the second week in May, the first time that this kind of thing has happened since 1974—the hey-day of the Kissinger era. So far as public reports of the evening have indicated, the aides were lavishly entertained with food and films.

● **JESSE JACKSON** improved his "foreign policy credentials" during his recent trip to Europe, and now emerges as a strengthened "potential candidate for President in 1988," the *New York Times* cheered on May 19. Jackson told the Europeans to resist being an American "colony" in the military and economic spheres.

● **THE WASHINGTON TIMES** reneged on its contract to print an advertisement from the National Democratic Policy Committee on May 22, a two-page spread consisting of the speech given by Lyndon H. LaRouche in Düsseldorf, West Germany on May 12. The speech was titled, "Prospects for Improvements in U.S.A. Cooperation with Europe on SDI Development." Instead, 20,000 copies of the speech were printed up and distributed in Washington, with the kicker: "This is the ad the Washington Times refused to print."

● **REP. JACK KEMP** claimed that he was unaware of the recent IMF decision to place the U.S. economy under surveillance. Asked by *EIR* on May 24 whether he would fight the move, he replied: "If it's true, I'll fight it. I can't believe that James Baker would endorse such a thing. The political process can't stand much more IMF austerity. We're losing our friends, like Sudan. . . . I don't favor the IMF substituting itself as an authority over the governments of the U.S., Israel, Sudan." We're ready, Jack.

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