

# National News

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## CSIS study forecasts 'hollow' military force

A year-long study by a panel of Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) military experts, led by Adm. Harlan K. Ullman, concluded that even if the Congress grants real defense budget increases of 1.5%, it will force the United States to choose between "two unpalatable geopolitical futures," reducing commitments in either Europe or Asia.

The military will have to cut three army divisions, six tactical fighter wings, and three carrier battle groups by the end of the decade to maintain current levels of readiness, the panel concluded.

The more likely result of such budget restraints, the panel said, would be to cut readiness to the levels of the late 1970s, making the U.S. military "a hollow force."

Adm. Thomas Moorer, an intimate of Henry Kissinger, warned Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger against "intransigence" in the budget debate. He said the Pentagon "cannot afford to ignore fiscal or political reality, even though that reality may mean lower levels of defense spending."

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## McNamara criticized by congressman

Rep. Robert Dornan blasted former Secretary of Defense Robert "Body Count" McNamara for undermining President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative with his own outmoded mutually assured destruction (MAD) doctrine.

The heated exchange took place on ABC's Nightline show after the President's address to Congress on the Geneva summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachov. The format of the show allowed members of Congress to question U.S. and Soviet "experts" on the Geneva results. Moderator Ted Koppel had McNamara and Undersecretary of State Eagleburger representing the U.S. side. By satellite from Moscow, Georgii Arbatov was flanked by a So-

viet "scientist" and a party official.

The love-fest "cover" was ripped off when California Republican Dornan angrily attacked McNamara as the author of the MAD doctrine, and as the "body count" expert who "brought us the Vietnam war" that led to the "senseless deaths" of thousands of young men. Dornan demanded to know how McNamara could continue to justify MAD when Reagan had clearly enunciated a policy that could end the threat of nuclear war forever.

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## Green Party leader drops law suit

Attorneys for New Solidarity International Press Service learned on Nov. 25 that Petra Kelly, one of the leaders of the West German Green Party, has filed papers seeking to dismiss her own lawsuit against NSIPS, the publisher of *EIR* and *New Solidarity* newspaper.

Kelly sued NSIPS in June 1983, alleging that she had been libeled when the news service called her a "whore," "Nazi," "fascist," and "terrorist."

Kelly submitted an affidavit claiming that she was not continuing her lawsuit because she was "too busy." She submitted a 200-page report on Green Party activities to support the contention.

Kelly's affidavit contradicts the representations of her attorneys, who sought in August to negotiate a voluntary dismissal of the action because they admitted they could not succeed on the merits of the case.

*New Solidarity* and NSIPS are now exploring the prospects of a countersuit against Kelly for the damages suffered due to her frivolous lawsuit.

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## Weinberger defends Philippines bases

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger says the United States will not give away American bases at Clark Field and Subic Bay in the Philippines. Weinberger told Reuters editors that, despite the "substantial

insurgency" against President Ferdinand Marcos, he does not see "the risk to [U.S. interests] as unmanageable or anything of the kind."

Given stepped-up Soviet presence in Vietnam, Weinberger said U.S. bases in the Philippines "are extremely valuable facilities and we don't want to do anything that would add to the Soviets' ability to add any more bases or capability in that region."

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## Kemp says he is not a homosexual

Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) has denied reports that he is a homosexual. In an interview with the *Baltimore Sun*, a spokesman for the presidential aspirant confirmed that Kemp has again denied his involvement in a homosexual party in Lake Tahoe, California in 1967.

The late Drew Pearson had reported a "homosexual ring" operating in the office of then Gov. Ronald Reagan, and that "an athlete" was involved in a homosexual party at Lake Tahoe. Kemp, at the time a professional quarterback working part time for the governor's office, said he had an investment in Lake Tahoe, but never visited the lodge.

Kemp aide Roger Stone is quoted as saying, "I'd rather deal with it now than after he wins the New Hampshire primary."

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## Newspaper insists war on drugs is real

The Washington Times, at least, seems to have taken note of *EIR* charges that Attorney General Edwin Meese's "war on drugs" is a phony, because a deal has been made with financial interests not to prosecute for their laundering of drug money.

In a long feature article, the D.C. newspaper does everything possible to imply that the U.S. government is cracking down hard on drug-money laundering and that banks are rushing to comply with laws already on the books, which they just didn't know about.

The Nov. 24 article, "A Bank, Not a Laundromat," reports on the laundered

amount of money and the corresponding fines for four New York banks and the First National Bank of Boston. It also lists the banks which are being investigated. One IRS official estimates that "\$80 billion or more is laundered annually through the nation's financial institutions." But, says the article, banks are now rushing to comply with reporting laws to the point of holding "money laundering prevention seminars" for their employees.

## Senators legitimize Philippines guerrillas

Four U.S. Senators have sent a letter to President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines which implies strongly that the guerrilla insurgency against his government is a legitimate response to lack of political freedom.

Senators Richard Lugar, Claiborne Pell, Alan Cranston, and Frank Murkowski demanded that Marcos ensure "free and fair" presidential elections, scheduled for next February. They then said:

"We believe that the Philippines is at a crossroads. . . . If the elections are not free and fair, we fear that many Filipinos will despair of the prospects for peaceful political change and will conclude that they have no choice but to resort to violent means. . . ."

## Commission issues debate recommendations

The privately funded Commission on National Elections, chaired by Robert Strauss and Melvin Laird, has recommended party-to-party arrangements for televised debates between presidential candidates

The commission, which is affiliated with Georgetown's Center for Strategic and International Studies, held a press conference at which Democratic and Republican Party leaders Paul Kirk, Jr. and Frank Fahrenkopf, Jr. signed a document agreeing to party-sponsored TV debates between presidential candidates in the 1988 campaign.

Dorothy Riding of the League of Women Voters protested the move as leading to

exclusion of third candidates, and setting a forum in which either candidate could back out at the last moment.

## Congressmen reject aid to Savimbi

Congressional liberals have rejected aid to Angolan rebel Jonas Savimbi. Led by Rep. Howard Wolpe (D-Mich.), 101 congressmen have sent a letter to President Reagan urging that no overt or covert aid be provided to anti-government forces in Angola.

The letter claimed that such aid would "damage our relations with governments throughout Africa."

Wolpe also circulated a letter from David Rockefeller, who said that aid before all chances for negotiations had been exhausted "would promote a more confrontational and more direct involvement by the United States in the complex nexus of southern Africa."

On Nov. 25, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the President has not yet decided whether to authorize a covert aid program.

## Oregon voters to decide on marijuana

A proposal for the total legalization of marijuana for private use will be on the Oregon ballot in 1986. Oregon Secretary of State Barbara Roberts certified more than 70,000 signatures collected by the Oregon Marijuana Initiative and NORML to put a proposal on the ballot which "legalizes private possession and growing of marijuana for personal use."

Oregon State Police Superintendent John Williams said he was happy to see the issue on the ballot. It would give voters a chance to kill it once and for all. "I'm glad to see it there and I hope the responsible public in Oregon will speak with a loud voice and say 'no,'" he said.

"If we introduce another mind altering drug in our society, we are just going to add to the problems we already have with alcohol."

## Briefly

● **MEIR KAHANE** has reached a deal on his disputed U.S. citizenship which will allow him to travel to the United States on Nov. 28 on a "certificate of identity" granted by the U.S. consulate, indicating that his citizenship is under dispute. Kahane, the noted U.S.-Israeli terrorist and fascist, said he expects to meet with Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), whom he described as "very supportive."

● **THE U.S. NAVY** has identified the submarines to be dismantled should President Reagan decide to continue compliance with SALT II: the USS Nathan Hale and the USS Andrew Jackson, two Poseidon nuclear submarines. A decision by the President is expected by Dec. 31 when the unratified SALT II accord would have expired.

● **100 PERSONS** demonstrated outside as New Jersey congressional candidate Elliot Greenspan and *EIR* managing editor Susan Welsh took the stand before a grand jury in Boston Nov. 26. Mrs. Welsh was cleared of contempt charges stemming from an appearance two weeks earlier, when she asserted her right not to testify about her husband. Drug-linked U.S. Attorney William Weld convened the grand jury as a fishing expedition against Lyndon LaRouche, *EIR* founder.

● **DOCUMENTS** from the U.S. Justice Department of its prosecution of E.F. Hutton on check kiting charges will be subpoenaed by the House Crime subcommittee. The subcommittee, chaired by Rep. William Hughes (D-N.J.), cited "major gaps" in material provided so far, and asked the Justice Department to turn over the documents by Nov. 29.