

National News

Weinberger announces 'breakthrough' on SDI

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger has announced that the Army scored a breakthrough in an April 20 experiment related to the Strategic Defense Initiative, in which a missile packed with new guidance technology destroyed a target 12,000 feet over the New Mexico desert. Guided by a miniaturized radar homing device and 216 thumb-sized rocket motors, the missile destroyed its target by smashing into it at a speed of 3,000 mph. The target, an aluminum sphere 44 inches in diameter, was destroyed by impact; no explosive warhead was involved.

Weinberger told a Virginia Polytechnic Institute gathering on April 26 that the test "takes us closer to the guidance technology needed for non-nuclear intercepts of missiles within the atmosphere." He added, "This program is part of SDI research toward an effective counter to the tactical missile threat we and our allies face."

Anti-nuclear activist throws in the towel

Helen Caldicott, an Australian who is one of the founders of Physicians for Social Responsibility and author of such disarmament tracts as *Missile Envy*, says she is quitting the anti-nuclear movement because it isn't working.

"I'm not inspired anymore," she told a Mills College audience April 26. "I can't save the Earth by myself. I used to think I could, but that was arrogant."

She now believes that Reagan administration policies have made nuclear war inevitable: "I think the political situation in this country is grim. We haven't stopped one bomb from being built." She said that she will go into permanent retirement in Australia.

The kooky Dr. Caldicott is notorious for her view that the arms race is caused by the

sexual insecurities of males. In a speech to a conference of the World Council of Churches in July 1983, she said: "It is significant that missiles are clear phallus symbols . . . [that] rise and explode with a big bang." She described her efforts to frighten workers at nuclear energy plants into quitting, including an appearance before a group of Australian uranium miners, dressed in "my black velvet pants. The first thing I had to do was make sure they looked at me. . . . I immediately started in by talking about their testicles" and the dangers to those organs as a result of uranium mining. The men passed a resolution to close the mine.

Washington Times vs. the Renaissance

Washington Times commentator John Lofton on April 23, in an article entitled, "LaRouche a Renaissance Man?" denounced presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche as "a very dangerous man indeed," because of his adherence to the "individualism" of the 15th-century Italian Golden Renaissance. According to Lofton, the Renaissance was "one of the most wretched, immoral, and criminal periods in recorded human history." As the source for this characterization of the Renaissance, Lofton relied on the views of the 19th-century necrophiliac Jacob Burckhardt.

LaRouche replied, in a letter to the editor of the *Times* published April 28, that Burckhardt is a most dubious source indeed: His views developed under the tutelage of law professor Friedrich Karl Savigny, who fostered "malicious, Ruskin-like hatred of the Golden Renaissance" in Karl Marx, Burckhardt, and others.

LaRouche continued, "Yes, I am a 'Renaissance man,' in the Socratic tradition of St. Augustine's Christian Platonism, and of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa and Mr. Leibniz after St. Augustine. If Mr. Lofton had read any of my published writings on this subject, rather than a mere skimming of the disreputable Mr. Burckhardt, Mr. Lofton

might still regard me as 'a very dangerous man,' but he would know what he was talking about, as he did not when he wrote his crib in your April 23 edition."

This is not the first time that the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's *Washington Times*, bible of the U. S. "New Right," has been at loggerheads with LaRouche on crucial policy matters. Following the release in July 1985 of *EIR*'s Special Report entitled *Global Showdown: The Russian Imperial War Plan for 1988*, the newspaper abruptly broke its contract to run a paid advertisement for the report, with no explanation offered. Instead, it opens its pages to commentaries advocating the legalization of heroin and the withdrawal of U. S. troops from Western Europe.

That is not surprising, given the oligarchical pedigree of Editor-in-Chief Arnaud, Count de Borchgrave. He is a naturalized American citizen of noble Belgian birth, and served with British intelligence services during World War II. He has been a lifetime intelligence asset of those oligarchical European households which maintain a friendly relationship with the Soviet KGB, in their efforts to destroy the values of Renaissance culture in Western civilization—especially in the United States.

Local TV stations interview LaRouche

Lyndon LaRouche taped interviews by satellite hook-up with local television stations around the country on April 29. Here is a sampling of the repartee:

● **Atlanta ABC:** LaRouche was asked whether he knew Jerry Belsky, a candidate for U. S. Senate who is backed by the National Democratic Policy Committee and has been attacked by Georgia Democratic Party officials. LaRouche replied: "I understand there's a problem with a little bit of anti-Semitism against Belsky down there. . . . Georgia has the reputation of being the core of the Carter belt. We'd like to free it from that reputation."

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● **New York City CBS:** The interviewer said, "Supporters of yours are running in the school board elections, but they are hiding the fact that they are your supporters." LaRouche pointed out that the school board campaign in question was two years ago, and that no candidates associated with him are currently running.

● **San Francisco NBC:** Asked what he has to offer the "gay constituency" of San Francisco, LaRouche described the danger of an AIDS pandemic and said: "Under present policies, they are all condemned to die. I don't think they should die. . . . They believe that AIDS is a homosexual disease; they are wrong. It is a tropical disease, a pandemic. . . . As human beings, they have rights, but I don't believe in the homosexual rights movement."

The reporter demanded a list of LaRouche Democrats and Republicans running for office in the state. He was told, "They are not secretive. If you want to find the candidates, organize a candidates' evening, and invite all the candidates to come express their views. Then they'll show up. If the news media were really interested in covering the elections, you would know who the candidates are." When the reporter insisted on a list, LaRouche retorted, "It's much more fun this way. . . . The Democratic party no longer exists. It's a tradition, with a group of liberal dictators on top."

Soviets provide 'proof' for OSI anti-Nazi cases

Evidence supplied by Soviet authorities has played a major role in investigation and prosecution of alleged Nazi war criminals by the U. S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI), reported Robert Gillette in the *Los Angeles Times* April 27. The lengthy feature, first of a two-part series, confirms charges long since made by *EIR*.

Gillette reports that in January 1980, "under terms largely set by the Soviet side, Soviet judicial authorities agreed to supply

documents and eyewitness testimony to the Justice Department's newly created Office of Special Investigations . . . the bulk of evidence would have to come from the Soviet Union." Six years later, 19 naturalized Americans have been stripped of their citizenship and 9 deported, while 35 cases are in the courts and 300 investigations are under way. In many cases, there has been "little corroborating evidence" from non-Soviet sources.

The use of Soviet evidence has been condemned by ethnic organizations of Baltic and Ukrainian nationalities, Gillette reports. But the OSI "dismisses such criticism as reflexive anti-communism tinged with anti-Semitism and motivated by a thinly veiled desire to protect war criminals." The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith released a 40-page report in defense of the OSI last June.

Over the last three years, however, "largely without public notice, a number of federal court jurists and defense lawyers have voiced serious misgivings about the use of Soviet evidence, especially witness testimony, in American courts." The Soviets control U. S. access to their witnesses, and Soviet prosecutors supervise the taking of depositions, restrict cross-examinations, and urge witnesses to adhere to written summaries of their earlier interrogations by the KGB.

United Methodists back weapons ban

The bishops of the United Methodist Church have issued a pastoral letter denouncing nuclear weapons and the doctrine of nuclear deterrence. The statement was released following a meeting of the church's leaders the week of April 21 with a delegation from the Russian Orthodox Church, headed by Metropolitan Filaret.

The letter was adopted at the semi-annual meeting of the United Methodist Council in Morristown, New Jersey. It rejects St. Augustine's notion of the just war, saying that this cannot be considered valid for nuclear wars.

● **CASPAR WEINBERGER** has ordered a clampdown on books by Pentagon officials on the "inner workings" of the government. Richard Perle and James Webb, both assistant secretaries of defense, will not be able to sign book contracts until they leave the DoD. Perle was planning a "fictional" account of the Washington bureaucracy.

● **SARGENT SHRIVER**, the former Peace Corps director, Kennedy family in-law, and father-in-law of Arnold Schwarzenegger, was told by a supporter of Democratic Party presidential contender Lyndon LaRouche that LaRouche's movement was going to "take over your Maryland machine." Shriver replied: "Go ahead; we don't have a Maryland machine anymore."

● **STEVEN SOLARZ** could become a contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, according to the British weekly *Private Eye*. The congressman from New York played a major role in toppling Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos; if he "could add [Pakistan President] Zia's scalp the same year," he would have a shot at the nomination, according to the magazine's correspondent in Pakistan.

● **MICHAEL PILLSBURY** has been fired from his post as assistant undersecretary of defense for policy planning, on suspicion of leaking information to reporters about the shipment of anti-aircraft missiles to rebels in Afghanistan and Angola. Pillsbury reportedly flunked a lie-detector test. He was an aide to the Pentagon's Fred Iklé, who serves on the "208 Committee on Covert Actions."

● **A MOVE IS AFOOT** to field a Democratic presidential slate including Texas Gov. Mark White and former Virginia Gov. Charles Robb, insiders report. Does this have something to do with recent Republican attacks on White?