

National News

Weinberger sets record straight on SDI

"We're not trying to protect any target in the United States. We're trying to destroy Soviet missiles before they can get into the atmosphere. We're not interested in site defense, We're not interested in protecting the missiles. We're interested in protecting the people," Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger told reporters June 17.

He continued: "I want to knock down any hint that it is developing as a terminal defense. The major thrust, 99% of the effort, is to get them as they come out of the silos . . . then to get them in the separation phase" before the missiles deploy their warheads in early flight. "We want to destroy them any way we can. But it was designed to destroy them as effectively, as thoroughly, as reliably, as quickly as possible."

Weinberger's insistence that the Strategic Defense Initiative is directed toward population defense, not terminal defense, was prompted by statements made by Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Perle on June 3. Perle said that a leakproof defense against missiles "is not a short-term proposition, and it may not even be possible in the long term." The SDI's goal is "not the defense of the nation as a whole, not of every city and person in it, but the defense of America's capacity to retaliate."

Said arms-control negotiator Paul Nitze of Perle's statement: "I know for a fact, that it is contrary to the White House view of the matter. Maybe it's his view, but I can't understand the rationale for it."

Bodansky to be cited in Pollard case?

"Yossef Bodansky will be identified as the unnamed associate of Jonathan Pollard, who introduced Pollard to the Mossad," an Israeli source has told *EIR*.

Pollard, a civilian employee of Naval Intelligence, was arrested in November 1985

in possession of classified U.S. documents on his way into the Israeli embassy in Washington. An unnamed associate was cited in court papers filed by the Justice Department at subsequent hearings.

"It's got to be Bodansky. He was acquainted with Pollard, and was a former Israeli Air Force officer. He would be the obvious person to have introduced him to Air Force General Aviem Sella, Pollard's first control," said the source.

Bodansky is an employee of Arnaud de Borchgrave, Robert Moss, and John Rees at Mid-Atlantic Research. He is a Russian-Israeli emigré formerly employed by the Defense Department. *EIR's* recent special report, *Moscow's Secret Weapon: Ariel Sharon and the Israeli Mafia*, identified him—and Pollard—as a "false flag" agent, a Soviet operative working for the Israeli services.

Also identified as such by *EIR* was Stephen Bryen, an underling of Richard Perle at the Defense Department's Technology Transfer Branch, where Bodansky also worked. Said a former senior Justice Department official, "I don't know if Pollard was associated with Steven Bryen, but there was a connection through his wife," Shoshana Bryen, director of the Jewish Institute of National Security Affairs.

Public Health chief asks plan against AIDs

"Clearly, a national, coordinated response is necessary," said Dr. Donald I. Macdonald, director of the U.S. Public Health Service, in reference to the spreading of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). "We are suggesting that a national commission representing public, private, and voluntary sectors, as well as all levels of government, be set up to look at anticipated needs and resource availability, and to make recommendations on how all sectors of our society can handle this major crisis.

"In the absence of a cure or vaccine for the disease," Macdonald stated, "our most powerful tool for the next few years will continue to be the traditional public health

infectious-disease control measures. . . . This is a major problem, probably bigger than the Public Health Service. . . . Our work must be intensified."

On June 15, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* went on record demanding traditional measures of quarantine and prevention. "The nation is facing a public-health problem of staggering proportions," stated an editorial, "The AIDS Hydra." It charged that "instead of stopping the spread of the virus through mandatory testing and quarantines, officials of some cities, including the District of Columbia's City Council, seem more concerned about protecting the civil liberties of persons in AIDS high-risk groups. . . . Moreover, a preliminary paper drafted by Justice Department staffers opines that persons with AIDS should be categorized as 'handicapped individuals,' with full protection of civil rights laws."

It closed by quoting a doctor: "The individual's rights to avoid becoming infected with and dying from AIDS must have the highest priority."

Brzezinski book: Give away Europe

Zbigniew Brzezinski calls for giving Europe to the Soviet Union and limiting the Strategic Defense Initiative to point defense of missile silos, not population centers, in his widely publicized new book, *Game Plan: A Geostategic Framework for the Conduct of the U.S.-Soviet Contest*.

Brzezinski, National Security Adviser to Jimmy Carter, maintains that the current American force deployment is wrong, because it places the majority of ground forces in Western Europe, which he calls the least volatile front in the U.S.-Soviet conflict. The United States should reduce its forces in Western Europe and encourage the allies to bear a greater share of the defense burden.

He also insists that using the SDI for population defense is impossible. The program should be redirected into defense of retaliatory capabilities only.

Interviewed by the *New York Times* on June 17, Brzezinski said that he wants to sell a "no-win" policy to President Reagan. "Our

task is to design a longer-range geostrategy which enables us to compete with the Soviets on an enduring basis . . . and perhaps even eventually prevail. However, I have to add immediately that prevailing has to be viewed as something quite different from traditional victory. . . ."

NASA cancels Centaur rocket program

NASA canceled the Centaur rocket program June 19. The liquid hydrogen-fueled rocket was to be used to launch scientific satellites from the payload bay of the Space Shuttle.

Since the Challenger accident in January, a handful of congressmen, including Edward Boland (D-Mass.) who heads the subcommittee which appropriates NASA's budget, have attacked the Centaur and related programs as hopelessly dangerous Shuttle payloads.

The Centaur was designed in the late 1950s by German rocket scientist Krafft Ehricke and has been used for 25 years as an upper stage on expendable rocket vehicles. It was scheduled to be used with the Galileo probe to Jupiter, the European Ulysses satellite to study the Sun, and the Magellan probe to Venus. Any alternative to the Centaur will mean at least a two-year delay, possibly longer, in launching any of the three payloads.

Indiana officials confused by 'Stop LaRouche' role

The Indiana Securities Commission proved to be in a state of disarray after filing a cease-and-desist order early in June against Caucus Distributors, Inc. (CDI) and Ron Fredman, an associate of presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. The order alleged that CDI and Fredman were selling "unregistered securities."

The so-called securities are actually political contributions and loans to organizations which support the programs of La-

Rouche. Indiana is one of five states to file cease-and-desist orders against such political fund-raising, at the instigation of the Anti-Defamation League, the organized-crime front group, which is spearheading a nationwide "Stop LaRouche" drive.

One such order filed in Minnesota even called a political loan to a LaRouche presidential campaign committee an "unregistered security."

Indiana officials, however, seemed to be confused by the very illegality of what they have been told to do to aid the ADL. After initially postponing a hearing, which Caucus had demanded, the State Securities Commission notified CDI's Indiana lawyer that the hearing would go forward the very next day. The hearing officer, who is also the prosecutor, ruled against CDI's motion to dismiss, but then said the case would be postponed indefinitely.

He told CDI's lawyer that he expects CDI to file for an exemption from the securities law. One reporter told the lawyer: "This certainly appears to be a victory for CDI."

Georgetown group to seek more 'arms control'

Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) has set up a new "discussion group" to assess the "full range of issues of deterrence, force structure, and arms control," initiated by former Reagan National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane.

In plainer English, the group's purpose will be to devise and foist upon the President a new, "post-SALT arms-control framework," to provide more time for the transition to a "New Yalta" world order dominated by the Soviet Union. Sources say the group is working closely with White House Chief of Staff Don Regan for this purpose.

The group includes Kissinger Associates partner Brent Scowcroft; Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.); Carter-era Pentagon chief Harold Brown; Rep. Richard Cheney (R-Wyo.); Sen. William Cohen (R-Maine); Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.); James Schlesinger; and Adm. James Woolsey.

The group says it wants no publicity.

Briefly

● **AMA DELEGATES** convened in Chicago for the American Medical Association's annual meeting June 15-19 and adopted a five-point program: 1) Put AIDS-infected children into public classrooms. 2) Close gay bathhouses and adult bookstores to stop AIDS' spread. 3) Cut back on the number of medical school admissions and restrict foreign students. 4) Reduce advertising for alcohol. 5) Adopt a voucher system for Medicare to place it on a basis of "sound fiscal principles."

● **350,000 SOLDIERS** could be eliminated if Gramm-Rudman's automatic-cuts provision is triggered, could be eliminated if Gramm-Rudman's automatic-cuts provision is triggered, the Congressional Budget Office head warned June 19. Rudolph Penner told House-Senate budget negotiators that defense accounts would be hurt much more than domestic spending. If the deficit exceeds the target by \$20 billion, U.S. military personnel accounts would be reduced "11% below the level needed to support current manpower strengths," he said.

● **ROBERT BYRD**, Senate Democratic leader, introduced a resolution June 19 to have the United States invoke the U.N. Genocide Treaty on Soviet atrocities in Afghanistan. The Senate also unanimously approved a resolution that praises the Afghan rebels' "valiant struggle." Both resolutions were prompted by the visit to Washington of Afghan alliance leaders who met with the President and lawmakers.

● **PRESIDENT REAGAN** told Congress June 18 that Saudi Arabia has met conditions for receipt of AWACS radar planes purchased from the United States in 1981. In a letter to the House and Senate, Reagan said that the Pentagon and State Department had negotiated "agreements and other actions" with the Saudis to fulfill requirements dictated by Congress for the sale.