

## National News

### Cuomo asks life for 'crack' dealers

Feeling the political pressure from the President's War on Drugs, New York Gov. Mario Cuomo (D) has proposed legislation under which anyone convicted of selling crack could be sentenced up to life imprisonment.

"We will accept nothing less than the toughest penalties for those who would sell this addictive, destructive drug to our children," said Cuomo, a 1988 presidential hopeful.

A Cuomo spokesman said that he is trying to get the "law to change as quickly as the drugs are changing." Several New York district attorneys, including Mario Merola and Elizabeth Holtzman, praised Cuomo's proposal.

### Warner, Nunn attack President's SDI

Senator Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) teamed up with Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) on Aug. 17 to deliver a bipartisan assault on President Reagan's conception of strategic defense.

Interviewed on "This Week With David Brinkley," Nunn declared that "it's incredible" that President Reagan says the U.S. should deploy the SDI "when it hasn't even been developed," while Warner opined that the program's emphasis should be shifted from the "large umbrella" concept (i.e., population defense) to site defense.

While claiming to believe that the House version of the defense authorization bill is unacceptable, Nunn said that the administration's failure to move ahead on arms control created a "vacuum" which the House is now filling. Both Warner and Nunn are closely associated with Georgetown's Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Brinkley also interviewed former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane, who also said that the United States should agree to an "offensive-defensive tradeoff" and make the SDI a site or missile-defense

program. If the U.S. could persuade the Soviet Union to cut back on its offensive strategic weapons, the U.S. "wouldn't need as much defense," he opined. He also said that the United States should limit SDI to "some kind of site defense," at least for the next 20 years.

McFarlane also now works out of CSIS at Georgetown University, where he runs a task force, with Henry Kissinger's clone, Brent Scowcroft, that is supposed to be devising a new "arms control regime" to succeed SALT II.

### Drug tests for state legislators?

Assemblywoman Marian LaFollette (R-Northridge) called yesterday for mandatory drug tests for members of the California legislature. The proposal was immediately criticized by her Democratic colleagues.

Immediately after LaFollette's press conference announcing her resolution, ACR 165, the opposition held its own press conference. Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco) dismissed it as "an election year ploy." State Sen. Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles) said, "It's a ridiculous thing." Senator Art Torres (D-Los Angeles) said drug testing should be voluntary: "I would welcome the opportunity to do it." Another senator, Herschell Rosenthal (D-Los Angeles) derisively said of the proposed urine samples, "I suggest we put it all in a common pit." Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti (D-Los Angeles) asserted the measure "shows not an iota of concern about due process, probable cause and the right of privacy."

However, the Senate Minority Leader, James Nielsen (R-Rohnert Park) said it sounded like "a good idea." Assembly Minority Floor leader Pat Nolan (R-Glendale) said, "If it's good enough for Reagan, it's good enough for me."

LaFollette's resolution calls for urine tests by the end of next week and the results to be reported to the Joint Rules Committee by Aug. 29. The tests could be administered by the lawmakers' own physicians and cov-

er heroin, cocaine, marijuana, and other illegal drugs. Results of negative tests would be made public on an initial testing. For positives, a second test would be allowed before results were released.

### Qaddafi and Solarz: not-so-strange bedfellows

Representative Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.) on Aug. 15, demanded that the United States cut off all aid to Pakistan—despite its position as a front-line state against Soviet aggression from Afghanistan—until the Zia government frees opposition leader Benazir Bhutto. Bhutto has been placed under detention for a month.

Only last winter, Solarz played an instrumental role in toppling U.S. ally Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines. Bhutto's movement is a pawn in the "New Yalta" strategy of the Kremlin and its Western interlocutors, to disintegrate Pakistan and its neighbor India.

Solarz was joined in his protest from Tripoli, Libya, by Muammar Qaddafi, who sent Zia a message demanding the Pakistani President lift "cruel measures" against Benazir Bhutto. Bhutto's arrest, the Libyan dictator said, could be construed as "personal persecution" or as an "anti-democratic act."

Qaddafi hopes that "all restrictions and all kinds of persecution will be lifted from Bhutto and from the People's Party, which includes friends of ours."

### Stevenson comes out against war on drugs

Adlai Stevenson III, the ill-starred Democratic nominee for governor of Illinois until he dropped out of the party rather than run with a LaRouche supporter, issued what his campaign called a "challenge" to Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson (R), and what turned out to be, instead, a defense of a pro-drug position.

Stevenson is now running for governor

the "Illinois Solidarity Party" ticket.

On Aug. 14, Stevenson declared that he opposed mandatory AIDS testing as proposed by LaRouche, and that drug-testing for himself and his cabinet would be "inappropriate unless there is some evidence of a problem." This is in direct opposition to President Reagan's declared War on Drugs measures.

Stevenson challenged Governor Thompson to say where he stands on the two issues; a spokesman for Thompson dismissed Stevenson's "challenge" as "his usual dippy campaign rhetoric that we've been hearing all along." Perhaps so, but some are wondering where Thompson does stand on the issues of drugs and AIDS testing.

## Alabama Democrats nominate the loser

Alabama Democratic officials awarded the party's gubernatorial nomination to Lt.-Gov. Bill Baxley—the loser in the primary runoff! The state's Attorney-General, Charles Graddick, received 8,756 more votes than Baxley.

Graddick, a former Republican, declared after the apparent contradiction of accepted democratic practices, "I want the millions of Alabama voters to know that I'm mad and I won't let them down. Only in Russia does the party pick the candidate."

Graddick should have been forewarned. A month earlier, "LaRouche Democrat" Glen Thompson, a lifelong registered Democrat, sought to become Democratic chairman of Madison County, Alabama, through the traditional means of seeking election to the job. But Thompson was barred by the Democratic County Executive, because he was supported by associates of LaRouche.

The State Party Executive, the body that chose loser Baxley over winner Graddick, upheld the decision against Thompson.

In neighboring Georgia, the Democratic hacks carried out a similar action against "LaRouche Democrats" seeking election to party posts. Commented one member of the state executive who voted against the exclusion: "I'm just back from Russia and this action is just like the politics practiced there."

## Judge nixes Jersey 'nuclear-free zone'

A U.S. district court judge in Union County, New Jersey ruled Aug. 12 that the ordinance passed by county freeholders declaring Union County a "nuclear-free zone" was unconstitutional.

Judge John Bissell said that the ordinance was preempted by the federal Atomic Energy Act and the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and that it also violated the commerce clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The ruling came in the case of a lawsuit filed by Radiation Technology, Inc., the flagship food irradiation firm in the United States, which had planned to build a food irradiation plant in Elizabeth, the county seat, but found itself at odds with the unconstitutional ordinance.

## Brooklyn police nab Israelis dope dealers

Police arrested five Israeli nationals for drug trafficking in Brooklyn, New York Aug. 20, Police Lt. Ronald Naimoli announced. "It was a major ring and this will take a lot of drugs off the street," he said.

Police said the group dealt in heroin and some cocaine, primarily imported from Israel, Indonesia, and Europe. They imported \$50 million a year in heroin and cocaine.

Three cars were seized, along with \$10,000 in cash and a pound of heroin. The bust, assisted by Hebrew-speaking police officers who translated taped telephone conversations, capped an 18-month investigation that led to 25 undercover purchases from ring members totaling more than \$140,000 worth of narcotics.

The arrests are the beginning of a renewed attack on a certain faction of the Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence arm, in the United States, according to intelligence sources. The Brooklyn ring is just one of dozens in the country, which finance Israeli intelligence operations, arms purchases, and the corruption of government officials.

## Briefly

● **PLAYBOY** magazine has "been significantly hurt on the newsstands," Christie Hefner, Playboy Enterprises president, said Aug. 20. She was referring to the impact of the report of the U.S. Commission on Pornography established by Attorney-General Edwin Meese. She estimated that the magazine had lost 15,000 retail outlets since the issuance of the report.

● **WILLIAM WELD**, the Massachusetts U.S. Attorney who has been nominated to head the Justice Department Criminal Division, used a conference in Boston Aug. 20 to call for death sentences for two types of people: "drug lords" who are leaders of rings doing more than \$10 million in business a year, and law-enforcement officers who "betray their trust." Commented one wag: "Weld should clearly commit suicide."

● **JEFFREY HART**, the conservative columnist, praised Aristotle in the Aug. 19 *Washington Times*, but for some reason, doesn't mention the name of Lyndon LaRouche, today's leading philosopher in the tradition of Aristotle's deadly enemy, Plato.

● **TRANSPORTATION** Secretary Margaret Dole, in the wake of President Reagan's announcement that NASA responsibility for launching commercial satellites will cease, called a press conference Aug. 19 to discuss prospects for a new commercial launch industry. She confirmed that the President's decision was based on clearing the way for the Shuttle, the Space Station, Strategic Defense Initiative and scientific research.

● **THE ACLU** said Aug. 18 it will go to court to challenge a new law that requires twice-convicted child sex offenders to register with local police agencies. "This is a case . . . [that] goes against the whole idea of rehabilitation and reintegration into society upon release from prison," said ACLU spokesperson Jane Wicher.