

National News

Weinberger rips Zbig's troop pull-out plan

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, in a commentary published on June 23 in the *Washington Post*, denounced former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski's argument that the United States should redeploy 100,000 troops out of Western Europe to the Persian Gulf. "It is the very presence of our forces in NATO Europe that has ensured stability there and allowed critics to call it the 'least likely' threat area," Weinberger wrote. "Remove that strength and it becomes the 'most likely' area to be attacked.

"I doubt that a troop withdrawal would increase Europeans' incentives to do more for their own defense," he wrote. "It would convey a signal that the United States believed the Soviet threat in Europe was diminishing. It could only reinforce existing pressures to cut back on defense expenditures.

"Brzezinski's pronouncement that NATO has now condemned itself to the status of 'regional alliance' is curious. NATO has always been a regional alliance, avowedly and by treaty. This, while regrettable, is understandable, but it does not preclude cooperative effort in the Persian Gulf nor prevent us from continuing to work toward a greater share of responsibilities in the Gulf region by individual allies.

"To talk of weakening Europe's conventional strength at a time when we are about to remove part of Europe's nuclear deterrence seems to me to court the worst kind of danger."

Washington Post covers radio weapon 'zap gap'

After *EIR* broke the story of Soviet advances in radio-frequency weapons, other U.S. publications have begun to pursue this critical line of investigation into the technology that could make nuclear weapons obsolete.

The *Washington Post* on June 21 pub-

lished a full-page article, "The Modern-Day Death Ray," by former Cable News Network correspondent Chuck de Caro. "RF weapons can blow out computers, radios and anything else using microchips—leaving the weapon, vehicle or device useless," he writes.

The article quotes biophysicist James Fraser, who says that radio-frequency weapons are easy to construct, have enormous power, and could be "truck-size" soon. Fraser spent 10 years researching the biological effects of electromagnetic radiation for the Air Force, and proposed a battlefield RF system years ago. "You could make an antenna that could be carried by a helicopter and this could be expected to produce a wide variety of symptoms by humans who happened to be standing in the beam," he told the *Post*.

"Many scientists . . . believe that such technology is well within the realm of off-the-shelf reality and could be made into a truck-sized tactical system within a year," the *Post* concludes.

Village Voice: LaRouche target of FBI vendetta

In an unusual departure from the left-liberal media's customary lying coverage of Lyndon LaRouche, *Village Voice* columnist James Ridgeway on June 30 described the FBI's unconstitutional campaign against LaRouche and associates, as revealed in pretrial motions filed by the defendants in the ongoing federal case in Boston, *U.S. v. The LaRouche Campaign, et al.*

The article is titled, "Col. North, Do You Have a License for Your Minkey?" It characterizes the government's actions as the work of "White House amateurs" running dirty tricks reminiscent of the bumbling film character Inspector Clouseau portrayed by actor Peter Sellers.

Quoting from documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and filed by the defendants, Ridgeway compares the unconstitutional actions of Lt. Col. Oliver North's Irangate network to the FBI's collaboration with Henry Kissinger and members of the President's For-

eign Intelligence Advisory Board to hoke up a criminal prosecution against LaRouche's associates.

Ridgeway reports the irony that, "During the early 1980s, while LaRouche was unaccountably being welcomed at the CIA and National Security Council as a purveyor of intelligence . . . the FBI thought that he might have been a representative of a hostile intelligence agency, and were seeking ways to prosecute him."

Grand jury abuses laid to Justice Dept.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time the grand jury brings back the indictment on the counts that the prosecutor wants because he is able to control and manipulate the grand jury," according to Lennox S. Hinds, a Manhattan lawyer who is chairman of the criminal justice department at Rutgers University. Hinds was quoted in a June 23 *New York Times* article by E.R. Shipp.

The Justice Department has recently been forced to drop indictments against former NASA administrator James Beggs, while former Labor Secretary Ray Donovan was acquitted by a jury of the corruption charges filed against him.

Shipp reports the arguments of the defense lawyers in the Donovan case, that Bronx, New York District Attorney Mario Merola "had manipulated the grand jury into bringing the charges to garner publicity for himself." Also quoted by Shipp is New York's Chief Judge Sol Wachtler: "A grand jury would indict 'a ham sandwich' if asked to do so by a prosecutor."

Bill would boost status of independent counsel

A Senate governmental affairs subcommittee has approved a bill to strengthen the law governing the status of an independent counsel, and make it permanent, reported the *Washington Post* on June 23. The nine-member committee was polled by letter, aft-

er the Justice Department had attacked the system of appointing special prosecutors. According to an incomplete tally, the legislation was endorsed 6-1.

The Justice Department and other Iran-gate principals are highly critical of Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh, whose investigation of the Iran-Contra scandal is leaving no stone unturned.

The new bill includes a provision to protect an independent counsel from being removed if he refuses to obey a presidential order, if the order "would compromise the independence" of the investigation. Another feature would make past records of independent counsel investigations available under the Freedom of Information Act.

General Rogers, Shultz clash on zero option

Following a series of outspoken criticisms of the proposed "zero-option" arms-control deal by outgoing NATO Supreme Commander Gen. Bernard Rogers, Secretary of State George Shultz denounced Rogers as "way out of line" and called his statements "ridiculous" and "entirely incorrect." In remarks made during a visit to Australia, Shultz charged that Rogers had been in Europe too long to know what was going on in Washington, and said, "General Rogers can put that in his pipe and smoke it."

Rogers left his NATO post on June 25, to be replaced by Gen. John Galvin.

The attack from Shultz did not silence Rogers, who proceeded to give the following interviews, among others:

● To the *Times* of London June 19: "The cardinal principle under which we operate at SHAPE [Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe] is: accept no agreement which impacts on the credibility of our deterrent. And the fact is, that zero INF does reduce the credibility of our deterrent. . . . I just think that we have moved too damned fast without projecting forward what the consequences will be, and I think the United States has put too much pressure on the allies to get an agreement for agreement's sake."

● To the *New York Times* June 24: Rog-

ers said he now accepted an arms-control agreement as "inevitable," but a mistake. He said NATO could resist a Russian attack for "days, not weeks," without nuclear arms. NATO must resist "sliding any further down the slope of denuclearization," he said, and called for a halt in new nuclear disarmament negotiations while "we look at the long-term implications for Western Europe." "I'm convinced the Soviet Union is going for the denuclearization of Europe," Rogers said, adding that it would leave Western Europe vulnerable to "intimidation and blackmail" from the Warsaw Pact's superior conventional forces.

● To the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* June 24: The zero option is "a severe flaw in security policy" that will expose Western Europe to Soviet blackmail. "The day will come, that the Soviet Union will test our will somewhere—in northern Norway, maybe, in eastern Turkey, in Hamburg or in Berlin, just to probe our reaction to that."

Pentagon raises budget for superconductivity

The Defense Department has increased its budget for research on the new principles of superconductivity, from \$3 million to \$12.5 million. The program will concentrate on developing new materials.

The Air Force has already developed and tested a very lightweight high-power-density superconducting generator to provide electrical power for an airborne laser. Providing that the new superconductors can be made radiation insensitive, the size of a nuclear submarine could be cut at least in half while doubling its speed, according to a report to the Congress.

Meanwhile physicists from the University of Houston and the University of California at Berkeley reported that they have developed materials showing signs of being superconductors of electricity near room temperature. They told an international conference in Berkeley on June 23 that they have solid evidence that some materials lose all resistance to electricity in the range of 65°F.

Briefly

● **LYNDON LAROUCHE** arrived in Rochester, New Hampshire on June 26, for his first speaking engagement there in the campaign for the 1988 presidential nomination. LaRouche is a native of the state. Organizers for the LaRouche Democratic Campaign have been active in New Hampshire for several months, building support for the candidate's programs on AIDS, defense, and the economy.

● **TOP REPUBLICAN** officials, including Sen. Robert Dole (Kan.), met with President Reagan in mid-June to communicate their opposition to the zero-option arms-control deal, according to U.S. intelligence sources. They reportedly told Reagan that there is a bloc of congressional votes opposed to the deal.

● **MS. MAGAZINE** has named Lyndon LaRouche number one on its list of the 15 "dumbest" men in America. Founded by Gloria Steinem and others, *Ms.* is a platform for radical lesbian-feminists and other perversions. LaRouche, described as "an extremist for all seasons who can't tell his left from his right," is followed by Gary Hart. Number three is Ronald Reagan.

● **A JUDGE** in Fresno, California ordered his courtroom closed June 19 for the arraignment of a woman, charged with prostitution, who was diagnosed as positive for AIDS-Related Complex. She has been accused of willfully spreading a disease. During the hearing, bailiffs wore rubber gloves, and the defendant a surgical mask. "It's my courtroom," said the judge, "and I have to protect the public."

● **THE HOUSE** adopted a \$1 trillion budget for FY88, which calls for \$19.3 billion in new taxes and freezes defense spending at near-current levels, unless the President agrees to further tax increases. The vote was 215-201, with only 3 Republicans voting for the budget, while 34 Democrats opposed it. The President has threatened to veto any budget which raises taxes.