

Flora Lewis notes, of a meeting between Mr. [Richard] Allen, the first security adviser to the President, and a campaign official who apparently met with Iranian officials during that presidential campaign, and who may have been linked to Israeli shipments of weapons to the Ayatollah in the early 1980s."

Lewis's column quotes exiled former President of Iran Abolhassan Bani-Sadr saying that negotiation of arms sales was under way during the Carter administration in 1980, but was stopped because Iranian strongmen Rafsanjani and Ayatollah Beheshti did not want Carter to win the election. Then, "there was a meeting in Paris between a representative of Beheshti and a representative of the Reagan campaign," according to Bani-Sadr.

Writes Lewis: "Mr. Bani-Sadr says that these and subsequent events confirm for him persistent rumors that the Reagan campaign offered arms if the hostages were not released until after the 1980 election. In effect, they were released at the same time as Mr. Reagan was inaugurated."

Democrats get largest contribution ever

Joan Kroc, widow of McDonald's hamburger-stand founder Ray Kroc and owner of the San Diego Padres baseball team, has given the Democratic Party \$1 million, the largest donation the party has ever received.

Mrs. Kroc said she gave the money because she was concerned over President Reagan's use of the military, particularly in Lebanon, Libya, the Persian Gulf, and Central America.

Like her late husband, Kroc had been a heavy contributor to the Republican Party for decades. Now, however, McDonald's is trying to open up fast-food eateries in Moscow. Paul Kirk's Democratic National Committee has agreed to lobby Gorbachov for such arrangements.

Judging by Mrs. Kroc's own statements, the \$1 million will be used as part of

that lobbying, to mobilize against U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf on the Soviet government's behalf.

CDC issues new AIDS guidelines

New federal guidelines to protect health care workers against AIDS have been issued by the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control. The 18-page guide for doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel was formally released on Aug. 20.

The guide says that precautions such as use of gloves, masks, and goggles should be taken by health care workers at any time that "contact with blood or other body fluids of any patient is anticipated."

The CDC also said, "The increasing prevalence of [the AIDS virus] increases the risks that health care workers will be exposed to blood from patients infected" with the virus.

Dr. Harold Jaffe, head of the CDC's AIDS task force, was quoted in the Aug. 21 *Baltimore Sun*:

"The minimum level of infection-control precaution should be to assume that any patient might potentially be infected. And health care workers should follow precautions appropriate to protect them."

Rather than focus on AIDS, Jaffe said, the new guidelines emphasize "universal" precautions against exposure to blood and bodily fluids.

Jaffe's obvious purpose in the latter sleight-of-hand is to avoid admitting that AIDS, far from being a venereal disease, the implicit touchstone of the CDC's long-term cover-up of the AIDS epidemic and its "safe sex" campaign, can in fact be caught through "casual contact," i.e., contact by any number of means with the bodily fluids of infected persons. Hence, under intense pressure from terrified health workers, the CDC has recommended "gloves and goggles" precautions, while calling these universal, not AIDS-oriented.

Briefly

● **ALBERT GORE**, Democratic senator and presidential aspirant, has cited a study by a non-profit association to defend "junk bonds" as a "godsend" to industry. Gore said that the study "helps clear up the misconception that junk bonds are inherently bad and that they are used exclusively as a tool for hostile takeovers."

● **THE IOWA** governor's office is sponsoring a major conference on Aug. 28 in Cedar Rapids on expanding East-West trade. The idea for the meeting came out of Gov. Terry Bransted's visit to Moscow last year, spokesman Richard Vohs disclosed Aug. 14. Participants will include Soviet and U.S. officials and various American businessmen, discussing "joint ventures and eliminating some of the U.S. restrictions on trade."

● **MICHAEL LEDEEN**, a key "Irangate" figure, has started an intelligence consulting company, ISI of Chevy Chase, Maryland, with former Defense Department official Richard Perle, now a State Department adviser, intelligence sources say.

● **SABOTAGE** was not the cause of a Northwest Airlines plane crash in Detroit that killed an estimated 157 Aug. 16, says the FBI. But U.S. intelligence sources believe that the crash was probably a result of a "test" of capabilities by Soviet *spetsnaz* (special forces) saboteurs. Over the recent period, several unpublicized breakdowns of U.S. communications systems are believed to have been run by the Soviets to test their *spetsnaz* capabilities.

● **JONATHAN POLLARD**, the imprisoned Israeli spy, is very bitter at Israel, and according to intelligence sources, might soon divulge new facts about his activities, with dramatic results in both the United States and Israel.