

ciate Justice of the Supreme Court over the success of the foul method which has been introduced to dominate the confirmation proceedings.”

Gallo to join Johns Hopkins AIDS institute?

Leading AIDS researcher Dr. Robert Gallo is reported to be seriously weighing an offer to leave the U.S. government's National Institute of Health/National Cancer Institute in favor of a proposed AIDS institute.

The special institute would gather government, industry, and academic resources from around the world under one roof. It is to be located at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University.

While Gallo was unavailable for comment on the Oct. 11 *Baltimore Sun* report, last

AIDS work is sometimes "impossible because of government constraints," and an approach outside government channels may be needed to speed a cure.

U.S.-Mexico anti-drug efforts behind schedule

Operation Alliance, the U.S.-Mexican anti-drug effort, is behind schedule, say U.S. drug enforcement officials. "We're about 50% to what we expected to be," said a Drug Enforcement Administration agent in San Diego.

Cocaine seized is up 460% from 1986, at 7,000 pounds; marijuana up 140%, and heroin 150% due to the effort. Better coordination among all the relevant agencies, and more federal prosecutors, have led to better intelligence, and better and more successful prosecutions, says a report in the *Christian Science Monitor*. But the smugglers, partly because of the crackdown in Florida, are increasing their operations nonetheless, and one-third of all drugs now

enter across the Mexican border.

In addition to *Operation Alliance*, Congress last year voted \$225 million each year for state and local police efforts against the traffic, but this year, the administration asked Congress to cancel these funds. In the end, Congress voted \$75 million.

Said Rep. Dennis DeConcini (D-"Everyone last year was talking tough on drugs. Now, nobody wants to stand behind it."

Kirkpatrick: INF treaty makes Europe vulnerable

Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.N. ambassador and spokesman for "neo-conservative" groups, warned Oct. 12 that the proposed treaty on removal of Soviet and U.S. intermediate nuclear forces (INF) Europe not only will render Europe more vulnerable, but has already begun to alter the climate on that continent.

"It seems unlikely that Reagan or Shultz intended to speed the disintegration of NATO or the development of a new framework for European defense. But the combination of Reykjavik and INF talks shook sober Europeans' confidence in American judgment and especially in the reliability of the United States as the leader of the Western alliance," she stated. "I do not believe that Ronald Reagan or George Shultz intended to render Europe more vulnerable, nor the Soviet Union less vulnerable, nor the Atlantic Alliance weaker. But that is what the proposed agreement does.

"Because the Pershing-2s and cruise missiles are what the Soviets fear most, they have become the centerpiece in deterring Soviet moves against Europe and a symbol of U.S. commitment to the defense of Europe. Their removal has a symbolic as well as military significance."

Kirkpatrick concluded, "The INF accord has not even been concluded, but the fallout from these particular intermediate-range missiles has already altered the climate of Western Europe."

Briefly

● **'GEORGE BUSH** is not a leader now, just as he was not in the 1980 campaign. Bush has been Bush for 63 years. He has been Ronald Reagan's errand boy for just the last 7," said an Oct. 8 editorial in the Manchester, New Hampshire *Union Leader* signed by publisher Nackey Loeb. She recalled the characterization of Bush by her late husband William, the long-time publisher: "incompetent, liberal, masquerading as a conservative, a hypocrite . . . preppie, a wimp, part of the self-appointed elite."

● **SURGEON GENERAL C. Everett Koop** has criticized as useless a pending Illinois lawriage license applicants to be tested for AIDS. Koop was questioned about the new law while in Chicago to attend a conference entitled, "AIDS: Corporate America Responds." On the legislation, which becomes effective Jan. 1, 1988, Koop stuck to his "risk groups" cover-up, saying that the groups most at risk for AIDS don't apply for marriage licenses any more.

● **THE HOUSE Agriculture Committee** was told by Congress to cut more than \$1.2 billion from the fiscal year 1988 farm program in order to meet deficit reduction goals and avoid Gramm-Rudman-Hollings automatic budget cuts. Rep. Dan Glickman (D-Kan.) has put forward an amendment that was accepted which would save the Agriculture Department \$1.2 billion by delaying the of the subsidies farmers to receive in advance.

● **68 SENATORS** previously opposed to a \$1 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia, have now announced that they have accepted a modified version of the package. While the compromise version excludes 1,600 Maverick anti-tank missiles originally proposed, well-connected Arab sources report that the crucial feature of the package, upgraded components for F-15 jet fighters, got through despite violent Israeli opposition.