

National News

New 'Atoms for Peace' program proposed

Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, former Manhattan Project scientist and Atomic Energy Commission director, and Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, former Chief of Naval Operations, called for a new "Atoms for Peace" policy to develop the world, utilizing nuclear fission technology and emerging fusion energy systems. They spoke at the Second International Symposium on Aneutronic Power, held in Washington, D. C. April 28-29.

The "Atoms for Peace" program was initiated by the Eisenhower administration to develop the Third World through peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

The conference was being held to announce the positive results of a three-year Air Force-funded research effort to demonstrate an advanced approach to harnessing nuclear fusion based on colliding beams. According to presentations from leading scientists and engineers, this new approach to fusion appears capable of rapid development and would provide a cheap, clean, and high-quality energy source for the world. The latest developments in "cold" fusion were also presented at the conference.

FEMA to command local law enforcement

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has drafted plans for a vertical integration of its command over state and local law enforcement agencies, according to its "Semi-Annual Agenda" published in the April 24 *Federal Register*.

FEMA has drafted a rule change entitled the "Comprehensive Cooperative Agreement (CCA) Policies, Procedures, and Associated Programs," which would formalize the vertical relationship that has operated until now only under the general provisions of the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950,

and by "presidential emphasis on grants consolidation."

The new rule is still open to public comment from state and local government, which FEMA says is welcomed and should be submitted to the Rules Docket Clerk.

Meanwhile, a plan for paramilitary forces to act in lieu of the National Guard is quietly being prepared in 23 states, according to the May 2 *San Jose Mercury*.

"California and 23 other states are quietly preparing to have paramilitary volunteers quell civil disorder and battle subversives, should National Guard forces be unavailable," says the *Mercury*. Called State Defense Forces, they are prepared to "assist civil authorities in the preservation of order . . . suppress subversive activities . . . protect critical industrial installations, [and] assume control of state armories."

A public scandal erupted in Utah in 1987 following revelations that some paramilitary officers belonged to the neo-Nazi group Aryan Nation. The governor then purged the ranks of convicted felons and avowed Nazis. The Virginia Defense Forces also purged hundreds of officers and enlistees after "abuses were reported to the state legislature," the *Federal Register* reports.

SDI needed for defense against space debris

Dr. Edward Teller, known as the father of the H-bomb, told an international conference on supercomputers in Santa Clara, California May 2, that supercomputer technologies developed for the Strategic Defense Initiative should be used to track incoming meteorites and asteroids.

Nuclear weapons technology developed under the SDI program could destroy them before they enter Earth's gravitational field. "This is no science fiction," he said. "This is something that can be done and must be done."

Teller said the U. S. should initiate the program and encourage other nations, including the Soviet Union, to join. An asteroid capable of wiping out whole cities passed

within 500,000 miles of the Earth in March, closer than any asteroid since 1937. It was only discovered after it had passed the Earth.

Other presentations to the conference noted that the United States is losing out in the advanced development of computers. When Control Data Corporation withdrew from the field in April, it left a single U. S. company in the supercomputer field, Cray Research, Inc.

The Japanese have recently unveiled a new series of computers considered the fastest in the world.

Anti-Satanism bill advances in Texas

The Texas state legislature took a step toward becoming the first state in the nation to explicitly outlaw Satanic, ritualistic crimes when the Senate Criminal Justice committee approved S. B. 803 by a 5-0 vote on May 2.

The bill defines the crime of ritual child abuse, and establishes severe penalties for the crime. The sponsor of the legislation, State Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo), promised that the legislation is only the first step in a broader war against Satanism. At one point in the committee hearings, she held up Satanic computer bulletin board messages which were attacking 803. "They are afraid of this bill because they think this is just the beginning. Well, they are right. They are afraid of it for the same reason I am for it. It's just the beginning," she said.

At the hearing, a coalition of law enforcement officers, parent groups, and legislators, many organized into action by the National Democratic Policy Committee, presented the committee with descriptions of how Satanic cults operate, and evidence of the connection among Satanism, narcotics, and the entertainment media.

The *Houston Chronicle* gave prominent coverage on May 3 to the committee hearing on S. B. 803, in an article entitled, "Children 'Bred' For Sacrifices, Senators Hear."

Zaffirini said she introduced the bill at the request of Lee Read, an Abilene police detective, who said ritualistic abuse was

"very systematic and organized" and "much worse" than other child molestation cases.

"I'm teaching classes on this all over the state and hearing this wherever I go," Reed said. He said some offenders are members of Satanic cults, while others are pedophiles who use ritual as an excuse.

Walker Veal, director of the Killeen (Texas) Police Academy, testified that he had seen a "Satanic calendar" on which some days were marked for human sacrifice, with the sex and age of the desired victim specified. "Based on their calendars, we have reason to believe they are actually performing human sacrifices. . . . Some of these women are breeders. They breed that child specially to be used in a ritual or ritualistic sacrifice," Veal said.

On May 1, Rep. James Cain, members of an independent caucus, and other state legislators introduced H.R. 928 into the Louisiana state legislature, prohibiting the ritualistic practices of Satanism.

Noting that the Constitution is "not a neutral document," Cain, in a press release upon introducing the bill, called upon parent groups, school principals, teachers, ministers and rabbis, and the local police to work together "to make sure everyone is alerted to this danger. And be determined to defeat it." Cain urged citizens "to band together" to ensure that Satanic literature is not sold on magazine stands, and to ensure that no Wicca or other cult members "are on the staff of your local school."

Financial probe targets Los Angeles mayor

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley has become the latest victim of scandals targeting big city black political machines.

Bradley, the first black mayor of the city and long a symbol of potential upward mobility to the city's large black population, is the target of a probe into his personal financial dealings.

The Los Angeles City Attorney's office and the police department's "bunco" unit,

are looking at his connections to Far Eastern National Bank, which paid Bradley \$18,000 in fees during a period when the bank conducted roughly \$2 million in business with the city. Documents released under the state public records act are said by the press to indicate that Bradley used his position with the city to steer business to the bank.

Press reports of April 29 also claim that one of Bradley's daughters, convicted of using the drug PCP, was hired by a Bradley-established "Task Force on African-American Relations" to a \$19,000-per-year job as secretary only seven days after the group was set up by the mayor, with over \$400,000 in city money.

Bradley has announced that he is setting up a "blind trust," effective immediately, to take over all his personal investments.

Rules worked out for presidential succession

George and Barbara Bush met with Dan and Marilyn Quayle on April 18 to hammer out specific circumstances under which the Vice President would take over as President in the event of Bush becoming disabled, according to the *Washington Post* April 28.

The unprecedented oval office meeting, announced by a White House spokesman on April 27, was apparently held to preempt the open confusion that followed President Reagan's wounding by an assassin's bullet in March 1981. With Vice President Bush out of town, Secretary of State Al Haig delivered his infamous "I'm in charge here" statement.

The specific itemized circumstances under which the 25th Amendment, which governs presidential succession, would be invoked were not released by the White House.

Rep. Henry Gonzalez (D-Tex.) has repeatedly introduced legislation to repeal the 25th Amendment, for fear that a cabal of White House aides could effect a "cold coup" against the President. Gonzalez has repeatedly cited the actions of Henry Kissinger under President Richard Nixon as an example of the danger.

Briefly

● **'HARROWSMITH'**, an environmentalist magazine, advocates terrorism in its March-April issue. Author Noel Perrin asks, why not "drive spikes in the great helpless trees, so that when the loggers come, their chain saws will fly apart. . . . Hidden spikes may endanger loggers' lives," but "spiked trees get the public's attention in a way that petitions never have and never will.

● **THE SAN FRANCISCO** *Chronicle* reported May 2, "The *New Federalist*, a newspaper published by supporters of Lyndon LaRouche, carries word of a campaign to free music from the evil forces that are raising its pitch," and that the Schiller Institute "is hosting a series of concerts 'to support the international campaign to lower tuning pitch to A=432,' as preferred by Giuseppe Verdi."

● **THE SPACE SHUTTLE** *Atlantis* was launched successfully on May 4. Its primary objective is to launch the Magellan spacecraft, the first planetary launch in nearly 11 years, which is scheduled to arrive at Venus in August 1990. Magellan will carry a synthetic aperture radar capable of detailing objects as small as a football field through the thick Venus atmosphere.

● **DEFENSE** Secretary Richard Cheney predicted that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachov will fail and be replaced by someone "far more hostile" to the West, on an Evans and Novak television broadcast April 29. The White House and President Bush immediately emphasized U.S. support for Gorbachov's reforms.

● **ROGER PORTER**, a White House aide, admitted to reporters that consideration is being given to hiking the gasoline tax which is low compared to other countries, according to the May 2 *Wall Street Journal*. "If you're going to do something on energy, I'm not sure you'd want to limit it just to gasoline," he said.