

National News

Thornburgh running political hit team

A syndicated column in the June 4 *Pittsburgh Press* by Knight-Ridder Washington correspondent Sandy Grady, suggests that U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh is running a political witchhunt. Focused on the FBI investigation targeting Rep. William Gray (D) of Philadelphia, Grady's column is entitled "Has Mr. Thornburgh's Justice Department Turned Into a Political Hit Team?"

Grady, a long-time Philadelphia reporter, points out that "recent FBI leaks have targeted six Democrats—Congressmen Jim Wright, Tony Coelho, Gus Savage, Walter Fauntroy, and Bill Gray, and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. Four of the six targets are black politicians."

Grady quotes Republican minority leader Rep. Bob Michel (Ill.) saying, "This is conduct on the scale of Watergate." Grady comments, "When top cops use their clout to muscle politicians, it's banana republic stuff."

Grady asks, "Does Mr. Thornburgh have a mole buried in his agency—a Meese hold-over or a macho ex-Harrisburg operator—leaking FBI reports?" Thornburgh brought many of his former staff while he was governor, who are known and despised by many in Pennsylvania, with him to the DoJ.

Grady refers to Thornburgh's presidential ambitions, then to Nixon's Dirty Tricksters, and ends, "The heat's on Dick Thornburgh. Find your trickster and fire him."

Hemlock head: What Satanic murders?

Gerald Larue, founder and president emeritus of the Hemlock Society—the most aggressive euthanasia group in the United States which will soon launch a campaign for lethal injections in four states—told *USA Today* in an April interview that the Matamoros killings were not Satanic because "there are no symbols of Satanism associ-

ated with these killings."

Larue claimed, "The Satanic churches do not indulge in any kind of sacrificial offerings."

Larue, who is professor emeritus of biblical history and archeology at the University of Southern California, says the killing and dismemberment came from very sick people. Asked if we should fear for our teenage children, Larue said no, this cult would not be interested in teenage children, "except as potential sacrificial victims if they happened to be in the right place and at the right time. But most teenagers will not have any contact with these people at all." Larue went on to say that Satanism is "kind of a fad . . . like the Hula-Hoop. You know, you do it for a while, and if you want to shock your elders, you have a Satanist symbol on your jacket."

Larue, who was given the Humanist Award last year, finished by saying, "We find no network" of Satanism across the country. "You get some extreme situation where somebody is killed . . . by teenagers who are disaffected . . . [and] using drugs."

McNamara targets 50% cut in defense budget

Former defense secretary Robert McNamara, a supporter of the Satanic Lucis Trust, told a journalist on June 1 that if, as he hopes, President Bush continues to accept arms control proposals advanced by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachov, then within six to eight years it will be possible to cut the U.S. defense budget by 50% or \$150 billion per year. He noted that Gen. Andrew Goodpaster (ret.), a former NATO Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, has called for a similar 50% cut in the U.S. annual commitment to NATO.

McNamara acknowledged that he had recently discussed with Henry Kissinger a replacement for the NATO strategy he had developed of "flexible response." He said that a new strategy with new force levels is necessary, especially since Gorbachov is developing a strategy of "reasonable sufficiency."

Asked how many people supported his 50% defense budget cut simply because of the rottenness of the U.S. economy, McNamara said that this was the motive for many people. Security has three components: military strength, economic strength, and social cohesiveness, he said, adding that the United States had serious economic difficulties and insufficient social cohesiveness to maintain defense spending at its current levels.

A source close to the Inter-Action Council of former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said that there was nothing new in McNamara's 50% budget cut, as McNamara, Gerard Smith, and Paul Warnke had been pushing this line for six years or more. What is new, this individual said, is that President Bush seems to be accepting Gorbachov's disarmament proposals, thereby opening the door for significant cuts in defense spending.

More Iran-Contra documents missing

More evidence is emerging that the Reagan White House withheld crucial documents from Iran-Contra investigators.

A missing 1987 National Security Council document has now turned up at the Reagan library in California. It shows that President Reagan personally approved a plan to make increased American aid to Honduras contingent on that country's support of the Contras. President Bush has adamantly insisted that there was no *quid pro quo* of increased assistance to Honduras in exchange for that nation's aid to the Contras.

Additionally, the House and Senate Iran-Contra committees signed receipts for a batch of documents which showed that Reagan had personally approved the airdrop of rifles to the Contras. But those documents are now missing from the files of both committees, and also missing from the Senate computer list which indexed all documents received. Moreover, documents taken from North's safe were kept in a non-secured room, available to numerous officials without clearance.

Observers note that the pattern of miss-

ing documents suggests that massive obstruction of justice has been committed, and may be continuing.

Anti-Satanism bill passes Louisiana House

The Louisiana House of Representatives passed House Bill 928 to halt the spread of Satanism by a vote of 101-0 on June 7.

Fred Huenefeld, Schiller Institute leader and Democratic Party activist, said, "There's to be no Voo-Doo in New Orleans. Look out, Devil, here we come."

Bill sponsor Rep. James David Cain (D-Dry Creek), and co-sponsors among the Independent Caucus which includes Democrats and Republicans, were elated at the unanimous vote. State Sens. Cleo Fields (D-Baton Rouge) and Willy Crain (D-Rayville) will now take the anti-Satan bill to the State Senate immediately for an early floor vote.

As described by the state legislative service, the original version of the bill "makes it a crime to commit certain deviant ritualistic acts as a part of a ceremony, rite, or practice." In the version in which it was finally passed, the four-page bill was strengthened to include punishment for murder.

California voters nix nuclear plant

California voters opposed a nuclear plant in a 53.4% to 46.6% vote against keeping open the Rancho Seco nuclear plant, in a non-binding referendum held in Sacramento June 6.

Only 40% of the eligible electorate voted, but a majority of the board members of the utility company that owns the plant, even though not bound by the vote, have said that the company will abide by the results of the election.

Last year a previous referendum passed with a slim majority supporting Rancho Seco. The campaign to shut it down has been led by Tom Hayden's eco-fascist

"Campaign California." Brownouts are now taking place across the country because of the lack of adequate power and the summer electric needs. This is expected to worsen over the hot summer months.

This is the first vote in the nation to close a nuclear plant.

FBI, EPA shocktroops raid nuclear facility

FBI and Environmental Protection Administration agents raided the Department of Energy's Rocky Flats nuclear facility and supporting offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 7 as a result of subpoenas issued from a grand jury investigation into lax safety practices conducted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Norton of Denver. The raid thus expands the Department of Justice attack on U.S. defense capabilities.

According to Attorney General Richard Thornburgh, 70 officers from the FBI, EPA Office of Criminal Investigations, and the Inspector General's office of the DoE are participating in the investigation of violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Clean Water Act, and the federal False Statements Act.

The cited laws have recently been used to prosecute managerial officials of the Aberdeen Proving Ground chemical weapons facility for alleged violations of "hazardous waste" storage regulations. Those prosecutions resulted in criminal convictions for the civilian scientists, who had to fund their own legal defense, and a punishment of 1,000 hours of community service and a fine. The Justice Department had demanded incarceration for the victims. The Baltimore prosecutors who spearheaded the unprecedented use of these statutes are believed to have been involved in shaping the current attack.

As with the Aberdeen case, the DoJ is using environmentalists' rumors and hoaxes as the basis of their investigations, and the laws are so constructed that criminal convictions are a virtual certainty. The investigation will send a shock wave through the managerial strata of the military laboratories and facilities, all of whom are on the chopping block.

Briefly

● **RUDOLPH GIULIANI**, a New York mayoral candidate, is being exposed as tied to drug interests, and the Iran-contra affair. Giuliani's law firm, White and Case, is the law firm of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, which the U.S. Justice Department charged last fall with narcotics money laundering, and is also the bank used by CIA asset Adnan Khashoggi in laundering funds for the Iranian arms deals.

● **FAWN HALL** has admitted using cocaine during the period that she was Oliver North's secretary at the National Security Council between 1985 and 1987, according to the *Washington Post* June 4.

● **A EUTHANASIA** task force has been formed after a Chicago grand jury refused to indict Rudy Linares, the 23-year-old Chicago man who murdered his brain-damaged son. According to Cook County State's Attorney Cecil Pardee, the 43-member task force will review all the laws regarding removing patients from life support and make its recommendations to the Illinois legislature.

● **TOM BRADLEY**, the black mayor of Los Angeles who is the latest victim of ethics scandals, is the subject of four local, state, and federal inquiries. Bradley allegedly received \$71,000 from the Valley Federal Bank, of which he is a director, over a period of 11 months, and exerted pressure to have the city deposit money in the bank. Bradley is the victim of "a gargantuan fishing expedition," said Deputy Mayor Mike Gage in the June 4 *New York Times*.

● **HELGA ZEPP-LaROUCHE** issued a leaflet, denouncing the glorification of Wagner as the representative of German culture. It was distributed at the opening performance of Richard Wagner's "Ring Cycle" given as a celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Federal Republic of Germany at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. June 2.