

National News

Quayle: U.S. should be number one in space

Vice President Dan Quayle, asked whether the National Space Council which he heads, is considering international cooperation in future space missions, stressed that "America should be number one in space," at a press conference at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California on Aug. 25.

Quayle stated that he will be making a visit to Japan in mid-September, during which space policy will be discussed.

"It will take the full range of manned and unmanned capabilities to open the space frontier," Quayle told scientists. He stressed that the National Space Council is trying to produce cooperation, not competition, between the manned and unmanned programs, the defense and civilian programs, and the various other government space programs.

Speaking at the same laboratory the following day, NASA Associate Administrator for Space Science and Applications Leonard Fisk gave an optimistic report on the prospects for space science.

Though we will never look at the planets again for the first time, the follow-on missions will look at them in much more detail as they will orbit the planets and not merely fly by, he said.

Over the next five years, he reported, NASA will launch 35 scientific payloads on the Space Shuttle and expendable rockets, including missions to Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars. The great observatory program will commence with the launch next spring of the Hubble Space Telescope, to be followed by observatories in the gamma-ray, x-ray, and infrared wave lengths.

Will Texas tax cocaine, marijuana?

Texas state officials are sponsoring a law that would tax sales of illegal drugs, thereby legitimizing them and bringing them into the "mainstream" of the economy. Similar laws have been passed in 12 other states.

The scheme mandates that all cocaine and marijuana sold must be accompanied by a stamp indicating that a tax has been paid on the transaction. The fee for cocaine is \$100,000 for 500 grams, and for marijuana, \$3,500 per kilogram.

"If you deal untaxed drugs in Texas," said State Comptroller Bob Bullock, "Bullock's raiders are coming after your property, your bank account, your car, or anything else that can be seized to collect the tax."

Billy Clemons, the measure's sponsor, calls it the "Al Capone" law, in reference to the tax evasion charge which jailed Capone. Officials can immediately confiscate assets against the taxes that are owed, in cases of suspected drug dealing, and if drug charges do not stick for any reason, prosecutors can pursue the tax evasion charges, according to the convoluted logic of the bill's sponsors.

Of the other states that have passed similar measures, Florida, Minnesota, and Arizona actively enforce their statutes. Minnesota, which enacted the tax nearly four years ago, has collected \$730,000 in taxes and penalties. In addition, \$26 million in delinquent assessments are on the books. Florida has collected \$300,000 and Arizona has collected \$200,000.

Buying the stamp, according to the bill's backers, does not make selling the drug legal, but only protects the dealer from the penalties attached to tax evasion. The law requires that the names of purchasers be kept confidential. It bars the authorities from using the names to initiate criminal proceedings.

Kissinger attacked as butcher of China

A cartoon by Doug Marlette in the Aug. 24 New York *Newsday* portrays Henry Kissinger as a butcher of China, and *Washington Post* columnist Richard Cohen on Aug. 29 asks if Kissinger has a conflict of interest which explains his softness on the Beijing regime.

Marlette's cartoon pictures a "Deng and Co. Butchers" shop, with Deng Xiaoping depicted chopping up people in the back-

ground. In the foreground sits Kissinger behind a desk marked "Public Relations," with a "Be Happy" button on his lapel and a leer on his face.

"Does Henry Kissinger have a conflict of interest?" asks Cohen, referring to the enormous business deals with China on the part of the Kissinger Associates consulting firm. "Rather than being amoral (okay, pragmatic), is he, instead, defending the *status quo*—the people and government he knows?"

Kissinger has appeared on ABC News's "Nightline" broadcast more often than anyone else, Cohen points out. So why has Kissinger never been asked if he had business dealings with any of the governments being discussed?

"Kissinger makes enormous amounts of money as a consultant. . . . For the past several months, Washington has been in an ethics frenzy. . . . Why Kissinger, the newspaper columnist, or Kissinger, the talk-show guest, should be exempted from such scrutiny is beyond me. So let's ask the 'C' question about China: Is Kissinger's position on U.S.-China policy a disinterested analysis of the facts, or the result of a financial interest in the outcome? We await the rumbling reply."

CBS records sued over Satanism-linked death

The British heavy-metal rock group Judas Priest and its distributor CBS Records are being sued in Reno, Nevada, for their role in the suicides of Raymond Belknap, 18, and James Vance, 20, on Dec. 23, 1985, according to press accounts Aug. 24.

The two men, after spending six hours listening to Judas Priest's album "Stained Glass," went to a churchyard to commit suicide. The album contains the repetitive subliminal message, "Do it. Do it." Belknap died shortly after shooting himself, while a badly disfigured Vance lingered for three years.

The defendants argued that the suit should be dismissed on First Amendment, freedom of speech grounds, but District Judge Jerry Whitehead refused, ruling that

"subliminal communication does not advance any of the purposes of free speech."

This case represents the first time that Satanic rock groups and their recording companies have had to answer in a court of law for the consequences of their product.

EIR reporter confronts Soviet parliamentarians

EIR's Washington Bureau Chief William Jones put six members of the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies on the spot, at a press conference at the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on Aug. 31.

Jones confronted them with copies of an article in the Swedish newspaper *Expressen* which charged that the Soviet KGB knew about the planned assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme ahead of time, and probably instigated the murder (see article, page 34). Soviet authorities at the time blamed the February 28, 1986 assassination on associates of Lyndon LaRouche—a disinformation campaign which was picked up by Western media outlets.

While the Washington press corps looked on, Jones asked the Soviet parliamentarians if it did not behoove them to set up an intelligence oversight committee to begin investigating evidence of KGB involvement in the assassination.

After initial confusion, the spokesman for the group then somewhat nervously explained that they were in the process of setting up just such an oversight committee to keep tabs on the KGB, saying that it was necessary to get "democratic control" over the security organs. Jones gave copies of the *Expressen* story to each of the delegates for the purpose of facilitating their investigation.

Male prostitution run from Rep. Frank's home

A male prostitute lover of Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) used the congressman's apartment for his other male and fe-

male clients, the congressman confirmed in an interview published in the *Washington Times* on Aug. 25.

Frank admitted, "I had reason to believe that he might be trying to do that . . . and when I found out about it, I kicked him out," in August 1987.

Frank reported that he knew that his lover, Steve Goby, "was doing some [sex-for-hire] stuff, but had no idea" that Goby was continuing to advertise his wares in the *Washington Blade*, a Washington, D.C. newspaper catering to homosexuals. Frank first met Goby after responding to one such ad in 1985 which read, "Hot bottom plus large endowment equals a good time."

As Frank's authorized chauffeur, Goby accompanied the congressman on various political trips overseas, and on at least one trip to the White House to immigration legislation. Frank lived with the prostitute for two years.

RICO author condemns its use

G. Robert Blakey, the author of the RICO or racketeering law, criticized the application of the law in an interview with the Seattle *Post Intelligencer* published Aug. 27.

Blakey, who wrote the RICO statute in 1970 when he was chief counsel to the Senate subcommittee on criminal law, said the law may be a good one, but that it is being abused to scare off anti-abortion demonstrators and stifle dissent.

The issue, he said, is protecting First Amendment guarantees. Blakey said the problem is that federal judges are using the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act of 1970 to abuse the freedoms of speech, assembly, and association.

The civil rights movement, he pointed out, often was confronted by an intransigent Southern court system that tried to stifle First Amendment freedoms, but the movement won through appeal. "Unfortunately, what we now seem to be seeing is a reprise of all those litigation abuses, and that's dispiriting to me," he said, referring to the anti-abortion movement.

Blakey is currently a professor at the University of Notre Dame.

Briefly

● **C. EVERETT KOOP**, the former Surgeon General, will play a role in a sequel to the motion picture *"The Exorcist."* He explained: "I think the occult is playing a larger and larger role in American Society. . . . Shakespeare was right when he said that we don't know everything in earth and heaven. I'd say we only have a very small smattering of what's really yet to be known."

● **OPERATION RESCUE** anti-abortion demonstrators won a legal victory, when a Missouri judge acquitted 21 people of trespassing charges. The judge ruled that "violations of trespassing laws were necessary as emergency measures" to avoid the death of unborn children.

● **THE WORLD RESOURCES** Institute, one of the key environmental think tanks pushing the "greenhouse effect" and "ozone depletion" hoaxes, received over \$40 million in contributions from foundations last year.

● **NEIL HARTIGAN**, the Illinois Attorney General, is responsible for legal initiatives which criminalize many environmental violations, impose fines of up to \$500,000 per day, and allow the state to seize vehicles, equipment, and profits from enterprises before conviction.

● **WILLIAM RUCKELSHAUS** and Maurice Strong are alleged to have been involved in a scam to steal over 38% of the water of the San Luis Valley aquifer and sell it at enormous profits to the city of Denver. Strong was formerly executive director of the U.N. Environment Program and Ruckelshaus was administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

● **A CHILDREN'S** advocacy group in Nebraska, Believe the Children, is demanding that Sen. Bob Kerry (D) initiate a federal investigation of child sex abuse and Satanism allegations against Lawrence W. King, a Republican Party big-wig.