

National News

Bush whitewashes Soviet treaty adherence

The Bush administration has given the Soviet Union little more than a slap on the wrist in its annual report on Soviet "noncompliance" with arms control treaties. The report, released to Congress on Feb. 26, maintains the Soviets committed only minor violations of the INF treaty, and claims that the Soviets may be preparing to dismantle the illegal phased array radar at Krasnoyarsk.

"The Soviet Union has now committed to complete elimination of the radar" at Krasnoyarsk, the study asserts, but concedes that "the Soviets have not yet begun dismantlement of this radar," although preparations for doing so "may have begun."

According to the *Washington Times*, the study reports that the U.S. is concerned about several ABM-related Soviet activities, including its development and testing of components for mobile ABM systems and development of advanced defenses with ABM capabilities. These and related activities "suggest that the U.S.S.R. may be preparing a defense of its national territory."

Reich says U.S. already in a recession

"We are already in a quiet recession," Robert Reich, professor of economics at Harvard University who achieved notoriety with his early 1970s book *The Greening of America*, said on the Feb. 25 ABC News program "This Week with David Brinkley," refuting Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan's rosy prognostications earlier in the week.

Explaining the basis for his pessimism, Reich warned, "Don't count on there being any economic growth in the U.S. economy anytime soon. We have an enormous build up of debt—15% of the federal budget is now just for interest on the national debt.

"We have a problem with education, training, infrastructure: We've been disinvesting in these areas for 15 years," he said.

"Our problems are not because of Japan. You have to look here for our problems. Even in trade—the impediments to trade in Japan account for only 5 or 10% of our trade deficit with Japan. . . .

"There's a lot of talk now, that since we have a shortage of skilled labor, let's open up to skilled immigrants. Why don't we invest in the unskilled American workers right here?"

Supreme Court hears free speech case

The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *U.S.A. v. Kokinda* on Feb. 26, a test of the right to organize and First Amendment rights on federal postal property.

The action was brought by the Solicitor General as an appeal of the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals decision, which upheld in strong terms the right to distribute literature and solicit funds on federal postal property, holding that these areas constituted a public forum. In other U.S. Circuit Courts, including the 11th, free speech activities have been severely limited on postal property.

The issue of Lyndon LaRouche was raised by Justice Blackmun who asked the Deputy Solicitor General John Roberts, "Did you knock these people off because they were associated with LaRouche? I know you wouldn't knock off the Red Cross." Later Justice Kennedy echoed the same theme in his query, "Is this viewpoint discrimination?"

The case stems from the 1986 arrest of Marsha Kokinda and Kevin Pearl at a Maryland post office. Kokinda was given a ten day jail sentence, Pearl was given a suspended sentence, and both were fined.

The Baltimore *Evening Sun* entitled its Feb. 26 front page coverage, "Freedom of Speech Case to Top Court." "Bush administration lawyers want all postal property declared off-limits to those who pass out literature or solicit contributions," the article reported.

Justice Antonin Scalia reacted sharply when Roberts referred to a public sidewalk near a post office as a "concrete apron." In questioning defendants' counsel Atlanta

attorney Jay Sekulow, the Justices focused on free speech cases and their relationship to the current case. No decision is expected until June.

EIR issues special report on Satanism

A new *EIR* special report on Satanism, entitled "Satanism: Crime Wave of the '90s," and selling for \$100, will be released shortly, editors said.

The report, written by Carol White with Jeffrey Steinberg, and researched by an *EIR* staff, includes a foreword by Lyndon LaRouche on the Satanist personality. The report contains nine chapters, a bibliography, and five appendices, among them a document by Satanist Michael Aquino on his "Working" at Wewelsburg Castle in West Germany (formerly a cult center for Heinrich Himmler's SS), and FBI agent Kenneth Lanning's apologia for Satanists.

The report examines a series of crime waves and crime rings, to document the assertion that there has developed in this country a kind of "Satanic Murder, Inc.," intimately tied to international drug rings and the counterculture.

The report seeks to analyze the evolution of the "Satanic International," by tracing its roots back to the *deliberate* creation, after World War II, of the "drug culture"—the Age of Aquarius, or New Age. Thus, names from the 1960s, like Timothy Leary and Ken Kesey, appear as part of the story—as do notables like Aldous Huxley, the author of *Brave New World*.

Catholic weekly calls Buckley 'immoral'

The *National Catholic Register*, the principal national Catholic weekly, denounced William F. Buckley, Jr. as "a libertarian yahoo" with "the moral conscience of a cockroach," for campaigning for decriminalization of drugs in its Feb. 18 issue.

"The basic facts remain: Dope is poison and those who push it have the moral conscience of a cockroach. Still, there's a capricious horde of libertarian yahoos, who insist we could mitigate this reality by 'legalizing' drugs," the Register writes.

"Recent converts to this miscreant cult include former Secretary of State George Shultz, columnist William F. Buckley, Jr. and that ebullient guru of 'value free' economics, Milton Friedman. . . . If you do dope, you not only hurt yourself. Ultimately, you've lined the pockets of people who'll murder anybody who gets in their way.

"And if you think 'legalizing drugs' will change this fact, making enforcement easier or addiction less of a problem, you're indulging a hallucinogenic fantasy, the political equivalent of a 'bum trip.' "

Animal rights crazies target veterinary schools

The Virginia Polytechnic University at Blacksburg stated that it is heeding police warnings that animal rights activists may be targeting veterinary school deans for death.

The warning comes after the murder of Dr. Hiram Kitchen, dean of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, who was murdered Feb. 8. Police and FBI agents have stated that while no precise groups have been identified, there is information that extremist animal rights activists may be targeting deans to protest laboratory research on animals. Threatening mail has been received by the University of Tennessee. Threats have warned of an intent to kill "one dean a month for the next 12 months."

Bundy: End military tradition of 'victory'

McGeorge Bundy, the so-called dean of the Eastern Establishment, writes that the traditional military conception "that what you must do in war is win," must be eradicated from all U.S. military doctrine, in the Council on Foreign Relations journal, *Foreign Affairs*.

Bundy also attacked the Strategic Defense Initiative. "No one now claims that there can be a leakproof shield, and those who proclaim the value of enormously expensive partial protection are each year less persuasive in Washington," Bundy said.

Backing the doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction, Bundy argued, "Because nuclear war is unwinnable, only weapons (such as better submarines and single-warhead mobile missiles)

to overall survivability are worth buying, and even then not too many of them." Bundy called for deep cuts in a strategic arms treaty, adding, "The stalemate of today would be a stalemate even if one side were to go on building while the other cut back by half its many survivable warheads. The band of parity, in Robert McNamara's phrase, is very wide."

Bundy said the main source of global instability today is the Third World, and backed the U.S. invasion of Panama.

Seabrook nuclear plant gets OK to operate

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission finally ruled on March 1 that the Seabrook, New Hampshire nuclear plant will be allowed to run at full capacity. "We see nothing that persuades us that Seabrook cannot be operated safely," stated NRC chairman Kenneth Carr.

Ten years have passed since Lyndon LaRouche, in his 1980 campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, strongly backed bringing the plant on line, and exposed the terrorist links of anti-nuclear forces deployed against it, during the New Hampshire primary.

Although Harold B. Finger, president of the U.S. Council for Energy Awareness, said that the NRC decision would help restore public confidence in nuclear energy, the more than two-decade-long fight over Seabrook and other major plants has devastated the U.S. nuclear industry.

Seabrook will be powerful enough to provide electricity to about 1 million homes and will displace some 11 million barrels of oil per year, in a region that has been hard put to meet energy demand.

Briefly

● **PRESIDENT BUSH** has invited the Soviet Union and 19 other nations to an international meeting on global climate change to be held in Washington in April, and to be chaired by Council of Economic Advisers head Michael Boskin and Bush's science adviser D. Allan Bromley.

● **GEN. JOHN MEDARIS** (ret.), who supervised the building of the Redstone rocket by Wernher von Braun's team, fought to launch the first U.S. satellite into orbit in 1958, and is an adviser to the SDI program, has been recommended as a fellow of the International Aerospace Hall of Fame in San Diego, California.

● **WILLIAM J. BENNETT**, the Bush administration Director of National Drug Control Policy, is planning to leave the administration, columnists Evans and Novak reported Feb. 24. Bennett reportedly plans to eventually run for public office.

● **ILLINOIS GOVERNOR** Jim Thompson was named chairman of the Intelligence Oversight Board, a three-man panel whose purpose is to ensure that U.S. intelligence agencies stay within the law, by President Bush. The IOB has been involved in the administration of Executive Order 12333, which set up the "secret government" operations exposed in the Iran-Contra affair.

● **RICHARD NIXON** and Henry Kissinger hosted the new Red Chinese ambassador to the U.S. Zhu Qizhen in New York in mid-February. In his toast, Kissinger said that although Sino-U.S. relations are currently in a period of difficulty, the two countries have no conflicts of fundamental interests.

● **TWENTY PERCENT** of the U.S. population of blacks and other minorities has been eliminated, through abortion, since 1972. In the same period, 1972-89, eight percent of the white population was triaged through abortion.