

National News

Kissinger to close China Ventures, Inc.

A spokesman for Henry Kissinger announced on Sept. 19 that Kissinger will close China Ventures, Inc. on Nov. 1, a \$75 million investment fund with Communist China which he chaired.

Also on Sept. 19, *EIR* correspondent Scott Thompson received a letter from Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division John C. Keeney acknowledging receipt of a criminal complaint against Kissinger for violation of U.S. Criminal Code Title 18, Sec. 208. The complaint by Thompson had charged that Kissinger had used his position as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board to soften the Bush administration's reaction to the Tiananmen Square massacre by the butchers of Beijing so as to benefit Kissinger's business associates financially. The complaint singled out China Ventures, Inc.

Keeney thanked Thompson for drawing the matter to the attention of the U.S. Department of Justice and said that the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division would pursue the allegation.

The money for Kissinger's firm was provided by such firms as Hank Greenberg's American International Group and James Robinson's American Express.

Opposition to Gulf war grows in U.S.

There is a "developing coalition of peace movements in the United States that sees the Gulf crisis as the key to President Bush's post-Cold War strategy," Martin Walker reported in the Sept. 24 London *Guardian*. A round of "nationwide teach-ins to rally opposition to U.S. policy in the Gulf crisis" will be held at such places as Ann Arbor, Michigan, Berkeley, California, and at the Martin Luther King Hall in Atlanta. The process is evoking memories of the 1960s anti-war movement.

Omitting mention of Lyndon LaRouche's

call for an anti-war coalition and the role of LaRouche associates in shaping a mood against the war, Walker says there are "three fairly discordant groups which are prepared to organize or demonstrate on a national level against President Bush's policy." The first is that of the "old warhorse of the left, ex-Attorney General Ramsey Clark," who has begun a "national mobilization coalition" in New York. Others include those centered around "radical church groups," and those around traditional peace groups like "SANE and Freeze."

Walker notes that there is a growing anti-war sentiment in liberal factions in the Democratic Party. Robert Borosage, a political adviser to Jesse Jackson, is quoted saying, "The Cold War is dead—so long live the global gendarme of law and order and cheap oil." Borosage is helping prepare the platform for "Jackson and the radical wing of the Democrats for the next presidential election in 1992" for opposition to "Bush's real agenda."

FDIC sues Neil Bush, Silverado

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. filed a federal lawsuit in Denver, Colorado on Sept. 21, against Neil Bush and other directors, officers, and lawyers of the defunct Silverado savings and loan, charging them with "gross negligence" and seeking \$200 million in damages, the *Washington Post* reported.

The agency singled out Neil Bush, saying that his involvement with William Walters and Kenneth Good violated his "fundamental duty" to avoid a conflict of interest or the appearance of one. "Silverado was the victim of sophisticated schemes and abuses by insiders, and of gross negligence by its directors and outside professionals," said FDIC senior deputy general counsel Douglas Jones.

Neil Bush faces an administrative hearing by the Office of Thrift Supervision, arising out of his alleged conflict of interest at Silverado.

Federal investigators also have begun asking why the closing of Silverado was delayed until after the presidential elections. Kermit Mobray, former president of the

Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, Kansas has stated that federal regulators in Washington told him to delay, the Sept. 25 *Washington Post* reported.

Jewish leaders demand Gulf pullout

A group of Jewish leaders are backing a U.S. pullout from the Gulf and Israeli withdrawal from occupied lands. The International Jewish Peace Union has a full-page ad signed by several dozen American Jews in the *Nation* magazine the week of Sept. 19.

"Jewish history teaches us that when our neighbors prosper, we prosper too, while a blow to our neighbors strikes us as well," the ad reads. It decries the 23-year-old Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands, says that "Saddam Hussein cannot solve Iraq's problems through military adventures," and warns that "we must address the American role in precipitating this situation," referring to the reliance on cheap oil and former flow of U.S. arms to Iraq.

"It is inconsistent for our government to subsidize the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories while spending billions to oppose the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait. . . . The U.S. must stop financing the Israeli occupation."

IRS seizes, runs Nevada whorehouse

The Internal Revenue Service has seized the Mustang Ranch whorehouse in Nevada and is running it through a U.S. bankruptcy trustee.

Government employees were busily calling prostitutes to convince them to come to work. An assistant to the trustee told the Sept. 20 *Washington Times* that it is "very important that we get open by the weekend. This [annual Reno airshow] is the biggest party of the year."

The State of Mississippi has similarly turned to legalized dockside riverboat gambling to boost revenue. The *Journal of Commerce* reports that at least three firms are

trying to find ships to be outfitted as waterborne casinos.

The *New York Times* recently reported that revenues from slot machines in Las Vegas and Atlantic City are nearly \$5 billion—about \$1.5 billion more than new orders for U.S. machine tools.

Judges to train in environmental law

Judges in New England will receive training in environmental law to enable them to deal with the wave of environmental crime cases now flooding the courts.

The program, set up by the Environmental Law Institute, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, and the Flaschner Judicial Institute, is the first of its kind and will be a prototype for judicial environmental education programs elsewhere in the country.

Thousands of cases are now on the docket where individuals, who a couple of years ago were innocent of any wrongdoing, are now facing jail sentences because laws were changed and made retroactive. For example, the legal procedure of disposing of waste oil two years ago has now been ruled to be improper, and the new ruling made retroactive to the 1940s. Anyone who properly disposed of oil over the past 40-odd years is now liable for environmental crimes under the new ruling and new court interpretations.

"There is a tidal wave of environmental litigation that's about to break over the courts," Andrew W. Savits, general counsel for Massachusetts' Office of Environmental Affairs told the Sept. 20 *Wall Street Journal*.

New York candidate blasts one-party system

Pierre A. Rinfret, Republican candidate for governor of New York, has begun attacking state GOP party leaders for fostering a one-party system.

In a Sept. 21 press conference, Rinfret

attacked the party apparatus for being "in bed" with New York Democratic Gov. Mario Cuomo and for leading the state into a Dukakis-style fiscal disaster.

Rinfret is enraged at the sellout of his campaign being conducted by the party apparatus. He has received comparatively little financial support for his campaign aside from his own, considerable contributions. Rinfret is vowing to continue his campaign and turn it into a populist struggle against both parties.

In his press conference, Rinfret labeled Manhattan State Senator Goodman as "one of the most destructive people in the state," and called Sen. Guy Varella of the Bronx "one of the most dangerous people in the state."

Nervous and arrogant GOP officials responded by suggesting that Rinfret is mentally unbalanced and proposing that he "take a rest."

Michigan bill would outlaw assisted suicide

Michigan State Senator Frederick Dillingham (R-Fowlerville) introduced Senate Bill 1084 on Sept. 19 which would make it a felony carrying a maximum penalty of four years and a \$2,000 fine to help someone commit or attempt to commit suicide.

Dillingham has said that the state must act quickly to halt the perception that Michigan is a place in which it is safe to assist someone to die. Michigan does not have a law on assisted suicide and the state Court of Appeals has ruled that it is not covered by murder laws.

Two recent cases prompted the bill, according to the Sept. 13 *Flint Journal*. In one, the husband of a terminally ill California woman is charged with helping her kill herself in a Detroit-area motel. Then there is the case of an Oregon woman who came to Michigan to use a Royal Oak doctor's "suicide machine."

"We've had these examples of people traveling thousands of miles to reach what is considered to be the safe state of Michigan to perform assisted suicides," Dillingham said. "I think that is certainly a very black eye on Michigan nationally."

Briefly

● **SEVEN GREENPEACE** terrorists were arrested Sept. 25 after boarding the *Aloha*, engaged in researching the mining potential of the Continental Shelf off the Oregon coast. The Greenpeace flagship *Rainbow Warrior* led the assault by a fleet of dinghies and fishing boats.

● **LAROCHE CANDIDATES** received 10-30% of the vote in the Sept. 18 Washington state primary. LaRouche Democrats in three congressional and two state legislative races received between 10-20% of the vote. In state district 32, Melinda Norris received 30% in a race with one of the most vicious eco-fascists in the legislature.

● **BEN BRADLEE**, the *Washington Post* editor, once told a symposium: "To hell with the news! I'm no longer interested in news. I'm interested in causes. We don't print the truth. We don't pretend to print the truth. We print what people tell us. It's up to the people to decide what's true," according to *Trashing the Planet*, a book by former Washington Gov. Dixy Lee Ray.

● **'ILLEGALS CROSSING'** road signs will be posted by the California Department of Transportation along Interstate 5 in San Diego County. Some 144 people have been killed in highway accidents between 1988 and 1989, and 48 illegal immigrants have already died in 1990 crossing the route.

● **HOUSTON** is being whipped into a frenzy over the early release of 254 prisoners from the Harris County jail by order of a federal judge who ruled that overcrowding must end.

● **THE PUBLIC** Broadcasting Service refuses to broadcast a British TV documentary entitled "Equinox, Conspiracy in the Air," which exposes the "greenhouse effect" as a scientific fraud. The scientific advisers to PBS include Stephen Schneider and astro-kook Carl Sagan. The Discovery channel also refuses to air the program.