

# National News

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## Bush wants MIA issue buried, says paper

George Bush, the CIA chief in 1976-77 when clandestine operations were still being run in Vietnam, has shown "no eagerness" to reopen the issue of the MIAs in Vietnam, the July 22 London *Sunday Telegraph* reported. Photos recently released by MIA families, allegedly of Americans still held captive in Indochina, have rekindled the controversy.

Many of those taken captive were involved in covert actions after 1973 that have never been reported to Congress, and figures who cropped up in the Iran-Contra scandal had already emerged in these operations in Indochina, sometimes combining drug-running with intelligence, the paper reported. This is why the Pentagon and administration have no interest in looking into possible cases of MIAs, the *Sunday Telegraph* charged.

"To backtrack" on denials MIAs exist, "would be a massive confession of negligence and could open a can of worms similar to that of Iran-Contra," correspondent Xan Smiley wrote.

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## Court challenges Thornburgh Doctrine

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (California area) has ruled that the U.S. government cannot kidnap people from foreign countries and prosecute them over the objections of that nation. The ruling challenges the so-called Thornburgh Doctrine of Attorney General Richard Thornburgh which asserts the U.S. right to kidnap foreign nationals and try them in the U.S.

The court ruled that Verdugo Urquidez was so kidnaped in Mexico by U.S. agents, and charged with being an accessory after the fact to the murder of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent Enrique Camarena. Mexico protested the kidnaping, and attorneys for Verdugo are confident that they can prove that the U.S. initiated the scheme without any approval from Mexico.

The ruling prevents the Thornburgh

Doctrine from overturning only those extradition arrangements which are secured by existing treaties.

Press accounts have taken pains to point out that the judges who wrote the opinion are appointees of the Kennedy and Carter administrations—highlighting the partisan and factional nature of the Thornburgh police state apparatus.

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## Bush has serious health problem, says physician

George Bush "almost certainly has a serious, systemic disorder, very possibly cancer, that is being covered up," a Northern Virginia medical doctor told *EIR* on July 23.

The President's noticeable aging and his generally haggard appearance can't be attributed solely to his thyroid and heart conditions, the doctor said. "When Bush first became President, people used to refer to his wife as his mother, because there was such a discrepancy in the way they looked. Now, Bush looks older than she does. The only way I could explain this, is that Bush has a serious underlying medical condition" which is being kept secret.

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## Massachusetts family fights 'duty to die'

The family of Joseph Finelli of Revere, Massachusetts is fighting the recommendation of a court-appointed guardian who works for the state, that a court should order Finelli, 56, off life-sustaining medication, thereby killing him.

Finelli sustained brain damage three years ago during a heart transplant operation at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He depends on medication to prevent his body from rejecting his new heart, and on round-the-clock care. While the family is suing both the hospital and surgeon for malpractice, the hospital petitioned the court to have Finelli removed to a nursing home because of hundreds of thousands of dollars of unpaid bills. Because his medication suppresses his immune system, the

family found it impossible to keep him healthy in generally understaffed long-term care centers. Blue Cross Blue Shield refused to pay for hospital care they claimed he didn't need, and Medicare will not cover extended hospital care.

A court appointed Betty Dew, a lawyer employed by the state, to recommend who should be Finelli's guardian and where he should reside. Instead, Dew produced a 19-page report saying that it would have been his "substituted judgment" to have his immunosuppressive medication withdrawn so he could die within six weeks.

On July 11, Judge Edward S. Ginsberg rejected Dew's death "recommendation," saying it would not be an issue in his court. Finelli's wife, Elena, said, "We believed they were going to intentionally let Joe die." Dew apparently intends to push her "cause" up to the Supreme Court.

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## Greek Orthodox Church cuts ties to NCC

The Greek Orthodox Synod of Bishops approved a temporary suspension of its ties to the National Council of Churches (NCC) on June 6, and will vote in September on whether to permanently withdraw from the council. The action is part of a pattern of a backlash among U.S. denominations against the "New Age" paradigm.

Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Churches of North and South America, stated, "We cannot play any more with 'Christianity,' . . . Christ is not a play-boy," in an interview with the *Utah Salt Lake Tribune*, the July 24 *New York Times* reported. "We cannot accept changes in the Bible which are today practiced by many Protestant sects. We cannot accept the general practice of legalization of abortion. We cannot accept ordination of lesbians and gay."

In a letter in June to the NCC, Archbishop Iakovos wrote: "The extreme liberties taken in recent years by the National Council, which identifies itself with the most liberal Protestant denominations, make our association and membership impossible." With 2 million members in the U.S. and Canada, the Greek Orthodox Church is the largest of nine Orthodox churches in the

NCC, which comprises 42 million Christians.

Iakovos has been a leader of the ecumenical movement. He headed the World Council of Churches for nine years and has established dialogues with Catholics, Anglicans, Southern Baptists, Lutherans, the black churches, and Jews, according to the *New York Times*.

Iakovos told the *Salt Lake Tribune*, "I believed very firmly in Christian unity. It was the prayer of our Lord that we would all be one. . . . Because of the new morals and the new ideas, we have some setbacks. . . . I feel and I see some signs that Christianity will rediscover its soul."

## Cops returned boy to pederast who killed him

Three Milwaukee policemen were suspended on July 26 for allegedly returning a bleeding, naked, 14-year-old boy to a pederast from whom the boy was fleeing. The boy was subsequently murdered. The alleged murderer, Jeffrey L. Dahmer, is reported to have drugged, strangled, and dismembered at least 19 persons.

Similar cases of child abuse and satanic activity in Nebraska have led to the exposure of high-ranking political figures, who participated in and protected such activity.

Last May 27, according to complaining witnesses, 14-year-old Konerak Sinthasomphone was trying to escape the sodomist, and was bleeding from the buttocks. Neighbors tried to shelter him, but Dahmer reportedly convinced the police officers that the boy was of age (19), "had been drinking," and that it was "only a case of homosexuals quarreling." The police then reportedly allowed Dahmer to retake his captive.

## Jonathan Bush fined for securities violations

Jonathan Bush, the brother of President George Bush, has been fined \$30,000 by the state of Massachusetts and barred from trading in securities with the general public for one year for selling securities without a license, the July 25 *Boston Globe* reported.

Bush and his firm, J. Bush & Co., engaged in 880 transactions with non-institutional customers in the state between January 1988 and the present, without being registered, according to a consent agreement reached with the Massachusetts Secretary of State's securities division.

The firm will have to offer to buy back the stocks it sold at the original selling price. The company will still be able to do business with past customers and "accredited investors" (clients with annual incomes of \$200,000 or more).

State securities chief Neal Sullivan said Bush compounded his legal problem by taking a "cavalier" attitude toward the violation of the Uniform Securities Act when he continued to carry out transactions even as state regulators were negotiating the consent decree.

"That created great concern for us," Sullivan said. "We were dismayed. Anyone who has been notified that he is violating state law and continues to do so certainly exemplifies a cavalier attitude toward the registration laws."

## Bush's wetlands policy said out of control

Federal bureaucrats from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers have seized on George Bush's "no net loss" of wetlands policy "to pursue a fanatical enforcement campaign," the *Wall Street Journal* charged in a July 25 editorial.

The paper denounced Bush's "thing about wetlands. . . . With George Bush's swamp thing we're threatened by wetlands-policy socialism."

The paper lists some of the thousands of cases where citizens have lost their land due to the wetlands guidelines, and calls for sane policies, including compensation for those individuals who lose their properties because of the regulations. One of the cases cited is an elderly lady in Wyoming who experienced the full force of the wetlands enforcement apparatus because she wanted to plant a bed of roses. Federal enforcers said her rose bushes would lead to water pollution.

## Briefly

● **THE FLINT ENQUIRER** carried a front page story entitled "On the Subject of George's Mental Health" in its July 16-22 issue. The article is a briefing by Lyndon LaRouche. The newspaper is the leading black paper in the area.

● **DR. TIMOTHY QUILL**, a teacher at the University of Rochester Medical School, has escaped indictment by a Rochester, N.Y. grand jury. Quill admitted prescribing lethal drugs for a patient and telling her how to kill herself. The patient took his prescription and died of a barbiturate overdose. He described his actions in an article for the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

● **GEORGE BUSH** was fully apprised of and approved Colombia's deal with narcotics traffickers, Colombia Foreign Minister Luis Fernando Jaramillo charged in an interview in the July 22 *El Espectador*. President Gaviria "was able to explain" his policy "to President Bush. . . . None of what has been done here has been done in secret."

● **THE U.S. SUPREME COURT** will consider staying a decision granting New York State the right to tear down the Shoreham nuclear power plant. Justice John Paul Stevens agreed to refer the matter to the entire court. The \$5.5 billion plant has been ready to operate since 1984.

● **BILLY GRAHAM**, the evangelist who played an important role in George Bush's commitment to the war on Iraq, will train 4,000 Russian Orthodox priests in "modern methods of religious propaganda," in a program that has a go-ahead from the Moscow church and the Soviet leadership.

● **WICHITA**, Kansas has been the scene of weeks-long anti-abortion demonstrations against three abortion clinics. The protests have drawn thousands of participants despite over 1,100 arrests by the end of July. The size of the demonstration has been nearly double the expectation of protest organizers.