

National News

State Dept. dissenters speak out on Bosnia

John Western, who left his job at the State Department in protest over U.S. Bosnia policy, spoke out against what he said amounted to U.S. countenancing of "systematic rape, systematic torture, instances where Serbs have raped [Muslim] pre-teens in front of parents and left them to wallow in blood and die over the course of days. These are the kinds of things with which we, collectively, were aware of on a daily basis. It's a very tragic commentary that at the end of the 20th century, we are not able to respond to genocide." Western, whose job was to compile evidence of war crimes for the department's Intelligence and Research Bureau, was the third of four dissidents to quit; the most recent resignation in August was Croatia desk chief Stephen Walker.

Meanwhile, Marshall Freeman Harris, who recently quit as Bosnia desk officer and joined the staff of Rep. Frank McCloskey (D-Ind.), said of President Clinton's zig-zag policy: "Each time we saw signs he would do more, we would get excited. But, eventually, we'd get rebuffed for counseling action."

He added that Secretary of State Warren Christopher, after Harris and others had introduced the term "ethnic cleansing" to State Department briefings, refused to use the term "genocide": "It's genocide and the secretary of state won't identify it as such. That's where we get beyond the political to the moral."

Judge blasts government conspiracy in BNL case

Federal Judge Marvin Shoob in Atlanta on Aug. 23 dismissed as "never-never land" the statement by the U.S. prosecutor John Hogan that there was no conspiracy by President George Bush and senior aides to arm Iraq secretly, in part through "illegal loans" by the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (BNL). The comments were made in the context of the trial of Atlanta BNL manager Christo-

pher Drogoul, who had earlier pled guilty, and then withdrew his plea last year, claiming that he was acting on behalf of the Bush administration. Judge Shoob greeted the findings of Hogan's investigation with skepticism bordering on outright disbelief.

Shoob elicited disclosure from the Central Intelligence Agency that BNL's senior managers were aware of the loans, and so could not have been defrauded. Drogoul is scheduled to go on trial on bank fraud charges again on Sept. 8.

At the same hearings on Aug. 24, Judge Shoob refused to give jail sentences to five of the six Atlanta bankers who had pled guilty to various felony counts. The judge said the government's contention that they defrauded the parent bank in Rome, Italy was incredible. When prosecutors led by Hogan objected, saying these bankers were largely responsible for their secret loans, Judge Shoob instead characterized them as "pawns and bit players in a far more wide-ranging conspiracy."

Pedophile ring tied to 'Man-Boy Love Assn.'

Two men from the Silver Spring, Maryland suburb of Washington and a New Jersey man were arrested in late August and charged with enticing teenage boys in Maryland to perform in sexually explicit films that could be part of an international child pornography ring. The Aug. 24 issue of the *Washington Times* reports that the boys were recruited from parks and storefronts in Baltimore and Dundalk, Md. One man is an unemployed computer engineer being held on \$1 million bond; the other is an alarm expert for a McLean, Virginia security company. FBI agents also arrested a New Jersey man.

The amount of money spent on the organization and "sheer volume" of homemade pornographic videotapes may indicate a "worldwide network," according to Stephen Lear, a U.S. postal inspector. Pamphlets and magazines published by the North American Man-Boy Love Association (Nambla) were found in storage facilities and the Silver Spring apartment utilized by the men.

The publisher of Nambla's aboveground material is Alyson Publishers, which also published two books to acclimate elementary schoolchildren to homosexuality for the notorious "Rainbow Curriculum." The books are *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *Daddy's Roommate*.

Houston EIR chief replies to ADL

After a Houston Jewish newspaper published a scurrilous attack on Lyndon LaRouche, occasioned by the growing popularity of *EIR's* exposé *The Ugly Truth About the ADL*, Houston *EIR* bureau chief Harley Schlanger wrote an open letter on Aug. 20 to the slander's author, Barbara Harberg, the ADL Southwest director. "There is more than meets the eye in your recent attack on Lyndon LaRouche. Of course, you do present the standard printout of ADL myths, lies, and slanders against LaRouche. And you do report the ADL's intention to 'monitor and counter LaRouche and his organization and make our information available to law enforcement agencies. . . ."

"... Please correct me if I'm wrong, Barbara, but isn't the ADL under criminal investigation in San Francisco for its 'monitoring' and 'countering' there? Hasn't an avalanche of paper been released there, showing the ADL financed a spy ring, paid for from a phony account with checks issued by 'Fact-Finding Division' Director Irwin Sull? And that among those who were targeted were civil rights activists, anti-apartheid fighters, and Jewish opponents of the ADL. . . . ?"

"In fact, you even forgot to tell your readers why you are upset, that you don't like the book *The Ugly Truth About the ADL*. . . . And, adding insult to injury, I see that your old water boy, Dennis King (former scribbler for the pro-drug magazine *High Times*, who worked with the ADL to concoct the big lie campaign against LaRouche), has taken to the pages of the *New York Times* to denounce the ADL. Nothing so ungrateful as a former employee, is there?"

"Barbara, I have offered repeatedly to discuss with you your problems with LaRouche, including your insidious la-

bellings of him as an anti-Semite. No one in the ADL . . . has been willing to take up that offer. Instead, you spread hate-filled lies and slanders against LaRouche, and against me. Well, I'm still waiting. . . ."

Former SDIO chief criticizes planned cuts

The last head of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO), Henry F. Cooper, called the acquisition programs to defend the United States against missile attack "imprudent" on Aug. 25. He told a hearing of the House Republican Research Committee, chaired by Rep. Bob Dornan (R-Calif.), "I do not believe there is any basis for confidence that the United States could not be threatened with at least a limited ballistic missile attack before we could have provided a defense, even under the plan I left behind, which would've provided an option to at least deploy prototypical hardware by the end of this decade."

He also said that the SDI was worth the \$30 billion spent over the last 10 years and that it has already brought innumerable technical and strategic benefits. He said that the SDIO was pulled together from several different programs that had their origins in the 1970s, such as the successful 1984 homing overlay experiment (HOE), and "the only real question ought to be whether there was value added by the advent of SDI." He continued, "SDI has paid, and is paying, for itself in the technical advances that now make effective defenses feasible, viable and less expensive. We can in fact begin deploying prototypical hardware within five to six years if we're willing to pay for it."

Corrupt efforts continue to get kidnapper Kelly off

New court documents in the case of the Cult Awareness Network's top body-snatcher, Galen Kelly, give more details on the corrupt efforts to undo his conviction for the May 1992 kidnapping of Debra Dobkowski. According to a memo filed by prosecutor

Lawrence Leiser and an affidavit filed by Kelly's new lawyer Frank Dunham, IRS Special Agent Lance Lydon visited Kelly in jail on June 11, 1993 supposedly to seek his help in the prosecution of Kelly's victim, Dobkowski.

Just days before Kelly's trial earlier this year, the IRS raided Dobkowski's apartment, seizing, among other things, her private papers on the kidnapping. During his meeting with Lydon, Kelly learned of the pages from Dobkowski's diaries, which Kelly claimed would have helped his case. Dobkowski was then charged with bank fraud. Lydon then met with Kelly's lawyer to say he had material that was helpful for the defense. The prosecution is arguing that the missing pages are irrelevant because there is overwhelming evidence of Kelly's guilt, which the missing pages would not have mitigated at trial.

During the kidnapping, Kelly had told Dobkowski he would make her very sorry if she told anybody, and that he would seek "bloody revenge."

Policy lessons from loss of Mars Observer

Although the loss of contact on Aug. 26 with the Mars Observer spacecraft just as it neared the red planet has been treated as a great national tragedy in the press, as serious for NASA as the Challenger accident, there is always the risk of failure of any spacecraft, according to Marsha Freeman, associate editor of *21st Century Science & Technology* quarterly. Such losses are more likely with an unmanned craft which cannot be fixed en route and has to travel hundreds of millions of miles.

Until the late 1970s, NASA only sent spacecraft bound for the outer planets in pairs: Pioneers 9 and 10 were the first to fly by Jupiter and Saturn; later, Voyagers 1 and 2 flew by all of the regular outer planets; Vikings 1 and 2 orbited Mars and each sent down a lander. Only in the austerity regime of the past 15 years has the space science community been forced to rely on single spacecraft, increasing the risk of mission failure.

Briefly

● **MARY SUE TERRY**, Virginia's former attorney general and currently Democratic candidate for governor, is becoming known as an "invisible candidate," even coming under attack from Gov. Doug Wilder, who criticized her for fundraising instead of meeting voters on Aug. 27. She has also come under fire from the state National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for her backing for the death penalty.

● **THE INTERIOR** Department proposed Aug. 26 to designate 6.2 million acres of mostly federal land in California, Nevada, and Utah as critical habitat for the threatened desert tortoise, according to the *Washington Post*. The Bureau of Land Management is also proposing to designate 42 square miles of the Killpecker sand dunes in Wyoming as wilderness.

● **NEIL BUSH** went to Kuwait with his father, the former President, last April, according to Seymour Hersh in the Sept. 6 *New Yorker*, for the purpose of negotiating new, lucrative business deals with the grateful leaders of the oil-rich kingdom. The Emir of Kuwait was previously a client of George Bush's Zapata petroleum company.

● **U.S. PACIFIC FORCE** levels should be maintained, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Frank Wisner told the Aug. 30 *International Herald Tribune*. "We learned during World War II that not having forces in the region in adequate strength cost us dearly. Since then, we have expended a great deal of blood and treasure in keeping the balance of power in Asia," he said.

● **MAYOR KURT SCHMOKE** of Baltimore and the Drug Policy Foundation will host U.S. mayors and representatives from 75 nations at a November conference in Baltimore. The meeting is expected to go beyond the Traditional pro-legalization stance of the sponsors.