

National News

Aspin rebuts N.Y. Times on SDI story

On Sept. 9, Defense Secretary Les Aspin categorically denied the *New York Times* story, "Rigged Star Wars Test," which charged that a 1984 missile interceptor test for the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) was rigged. Aspin responded to the *Times*'s falsehoods: "To sum up, the experiment was not rigged and the deception did not take place, although a program to practice deception did exist."

What Aspin was referring to was the fact that a small explosive device had been placed on the warhead target, which would explode if it neared the target without being intercepted, in an effort to deceive Soviet sensors on a spy trawler in the Pacific about the interceptor's accuracy. However, in all four tests, Aspin said, the "deception program aimed at the Soviet Union associated with the experiments" was not used, and, therefore, "it deceived no one."

ADL law firm defends 'Kidnappers, Inc.'

A bevy of high-priced lawyers, led by the Anti-Defamation League's Washington, D. C. law firm of Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, has launched a desperate effort to overturn the conviction of Cult Awareness Network (CAN) kidnapper Galen Kelly.

A front-page article in the Sept. 6 issue of *Legal Times* attacked Assistant U. S. Attorney Lawrence Leiser, the man who obtained Kelly's conviction for the May 1992 kidnapping of Debra Dobkowski, quoting copiously from top, sworn enemies of political prisoner LaRouche. The Dobkowski kidnapping came to light on FBI surveillance tapes made during an investigation and prosecution of Kelly and others for conspiracy to kidnap and "deprogram" Lewis du Pont Smith, an heir to the Du Pont fortune and an associate of LaRouche.

Legal Times quotes Mark Rasch, who helped prosecute LaRouche while with the

Justice Department. Now with Arent Fox, Rasch is claiming that kidnap victim Dobkowski was "not trustworthy" as a witness against Kelly, and that prosecutor Leiser "has made friends with the LaRouchies and the Circle of Friends," the latter deemed by CAN to be a "cult." The article notes that Arent Fox is doing *pro bono* legal work for CAN. The article also quotes former Maryland U.S. Attorney Breckenridge Willcox, now a partner at Arent Fox, as condoning kidnappings of "cult" members: "It makes no sense to use the federal criminal apparatus for a case like this. Is it a crime? Probably. Should it be prosecuted? Probably not."

Catholic weekly cites LaRouche on Freemasons

The *Wanderer*, a national Catholic weekly, quoted from a feature article on "Leo XIII's War on Freemasonry" by Anita Gallagher, an associate of Lyndon LaRouche, in its Sept. 9 issue. Gallagher's feature appeared in the *New Federalist* issue for July 26. In its "From the Mail" column, the *Wanderer* wrote:

"Guess who's telling the American Catholic bishops to 'launch a long overdue war with Freemasonry?' Lyndon LaRouche.

"From the Mail was sent a copy of [the article] in which author Anita Gallagher chronicled Pope Leo's many attacks on Freemasonry and its offshoots, socialism and Communism, and showed how in the past 100 years, nothing has really changed in the war between the two powers.

"Gallagher even suggests that Mexican Cardinal Juan Jesús Posadas Ocampo 'was assassinated at point-blank range at Guadalajara Airport, after attacking Freemasons for 'opening old wounds' in that country. . . . The president of the Latin American Bishops Council, Archbishop Nicolás López, said: "Powerful political and economic interests are related to the death of Posadas Ocampo."

"On June 1, a European intelligence source told EIRNS, "The global attack on the Vatican is now in operation. Attacks on top Vatican targets are being planned

throughout the world, coordinated by various secret services. In 10 years, the Vatican will be history."

"What's interesting to 'FTM' is: Why is it only the LaRouchites who seem to 1) show an interest in Catholic teachings on Freemasonry, and 2) recognize there is a war going on between the church and Freemasonry?"

Meadows turns green over ozone book

Donella Meadows, a co-author of the discredited 1972 *Limits to Growth* book published by the malthusian Club of Rome, attacks the exposé *Holes in the Ozone Scare* in a syndicated column that appeared in the Sept. 8 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Meadows tries to build sympathy for Dr. Sherwood Rowland, who cooked up the ozone depletion theory, portraying him as struggling to promote his theory against people "who would rather blame volcanoes" for the ozone hole.

How did this volcano theory get so popular? she asks: "In 1989 a man named R.A. Maduro, with a bachelor's degree in geology, who worked for a publication of the extremist Lyndon LaRouche, wrote a book called *The Holes in the Ozone Scare*. He quoted the numbers about chlorine release from the Alaska and California volcanoes as fact, not hypothesis, and then claimed that the ozone scare was a plot hatched by the Du Pont Co., which was planning to make a bundle on CFC substitutes."

On the other hand, *Garbage* magazine ("The Practical Journal for the Environment"), ran a cover story on "Ozone: Scam or Crisis?" which reaches the conclusion, based on "a rational analysis of the facts following a great deal of reading":

"There is currently no 'crisis,' nor any documented threat to human health." Further, the article concludes that "an outright ban on CFCs and other useful halocarbons (before adequate substitutes are available) would cause more human suffering and economic mayhem than the theoretical increase in ozone depletion under a more managed phaseout." It also notes that "in other parts

of the world, an already insufficient supply of affordable refrigeration would be exacerbated. The result will be more disease from food-borne bacteria, and greater hunger."

Riverboat gamblers curry Louisiana votes

An activist with Citizens for Quality Life in Monroe, Louisiana, which is organizing voters to vote against gambling in Oachita Parish (county), sent *EIR* an article from the local *News-Star*, describing how a gambling outfit, Oachita Riverboat, gave a verbal promise to earmark \$500,000 a year "off the top" to go for education, if voters approve the measure. Quite in keeping with the shady character of the proponents, the promise was not in writing.

William Hargis, of the Citizens for Quality Life, is quoted in the article that "we're not something-for-nothing suckers"; other opponents are cited as "calling the \$500,000 pledge an attempt to buy votes." But Monroe school superintendent George Cannon and Oachita Parish superintendent Lanny Johnson told the *News-Star* that they would have no qualms about accepting the offer. It is well-known that no sooner do they move into town, than the gambling outfits begin to spread their largesse to legislators to try to get the age of consent lowered in favor of their child-prostitution business.

'DARE' program fails to stop drug abuse

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program has spread to 5,200 communities in 50 states, but has plenty of opposition, according to the Sept. 9 *Los Angeles Times*. The *Times* calls it "a test for community-based policing." DARE was started by then-Police Chief Daryl Gates 10 years ago, but now support within the department has been declining. Meanwhile, DARE has spread across the nation because private funds are pouring in, according to the *Times*. Included in the private funding

is dirty money from junk bond king Michael Milken.

EIR featured an attack on DARE as part of the move toward outcome-based education types of brainwashing in its Feb. 5, 1993 cover story. New studies are showing that, although DARE increases children's knowledge about drugs, there is no evidence that it is reducing drug use.

A Ft. Collins, Colorado opposition group, Parents Against DARE, charges that the program uses "discredited psychological techniques." The founder of the group attacks the DARE notion that children should be told they have a choice about whether to use drugs. "Children have a choice about drug use only in the same sense that they have a choice to drive up the off-ramp of Highway 5," said another opponent, William Cousen, a northern California psychologist.

Wildlife Service plans land grab for Fla. panther

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has drafted a plan calling for the purchase or regulation of 3.2 million acres of land in 20 south Florida counties, in order to provide living space for 30 to 50 Florida panthers. Property owners would be pressured to sell their land or be subject to infringements and restrictions, according to the Sept. 6 newsletter of Putting People First.

Some biologists contend that the Florida panther is not a distinct species from the cougar (whose numbers have increased dramatically in western states in the last few years) and should never have been listed on the Endangered Species Act.

The land grab was started by a lawsuit filed by Cleveland Amory's Fund for Animals against a captive-breeding program for the panther by wildlife researchers. Captive-breeding programs have successfully brought the whooping crane, red wolf, black-footed ferret, and others back from the brink of extinction.

In Lee County, where a large part of the panther habitat exists, it is estimated that the FWS plan would cost about \$2.6 million per panther per year.

Briefly

● **NATIONAL BAPTIST** Convention head Rev. Theodore Jemison thunderously denounced homosexuality as a sin at the group's national convention in New York on Sept. 9. "There are people in high places doing wrong . . . and men who wear ladies' clothes. . . . The Lord wants us to be men, men who stand up for right and righteousness; for righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

● **THE TRIAL OF FOUR** suspects in the February bombing of the World Trade Center was set to start on Sept. 14. The defendants, facing a 13-count indictment, are: Mohammad Salameh, 25, a Palestinian illegal immigrant; Nidal Ayyad, 25, a naturalized U.S. citizen of Palestinian descent; Mahmud Abouhalima, 33, an Egyptian; and Ahmad Ajaj, 27, a Palestinian.

● **LLOYD BENTSEN** may resign as treasury secretary, one of his advisers told the Sept. 12 *Washington Times*. "He sees that this economic program is a disaster in the making, and he does not want to be around to see this debacle explode on his watch." Bentsen also thinks that President Clinton is not doing enough to force through NAFTA.

● **THE CHICAGO CHAPTER** of the National Political Congress of Black Women is launching a campaign against "cultural garbage," according to the Sept. 6 issue of *Jet* magazine. Chairman C. Delores Tucker of the newly formed chapter is quoted: "How can we expect African-American children to thrive, survive, and be prepared for the next century if we sit by and allow these 'artists' to make them cultural illiterates?"

● **JACK KEVORKIAN** took the life of his 18th victim even while awaiting trial under Michigan's limpwristed law against "assisted suicide." Even the American Civil Liberties Union, which has stood by Kevorkian, was a little taken aback, and ACLU chief Howard Simon declared that his bail should be revoked.