

What Rohatyn Wants To Hide

As moderator of a panel discussion of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Public Infrastructure Commission, held at the National Press Club March 27 (see article, p. 41), CSIS president John Hamre quashed any mention of Felix Rohatyn's remarks on privatizing the U.S. military. Hamre implied that the LaRouche Youth Movement questioner was lying about the 2004 Middlebury College privatization conference sponsored by Rohatyn and George Shultz. He told the LYM questioner:

"Let me interrupt: I actually was at that conference, and I know what actually happened there, and I was the Deputy Secretary of Defense; let me talk with you when we get done about that. This is a session about America's



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...of course, if it's only about it, they're not going to take any action could be taken. And I think this is now a very different world, and different businesses, and I think that we now want to take some care.

The issue of what is it that only the government can do; it's probably to kill people. But I don't think there are that many issues where the government can act where the private sector can't play a role if it is properly overseen and if the community of interests is protected.

I don't think I need to go much further here because we're short on time, but I do think this issue of community of interests, that this industry is going to get much bigger, because more people are going to leave because of the fact that we can't pay them enough, which is a whole different situation that should be examined at some point. Should the government now those people or

infrastructure, and not about private defense functions."

For the record, here is a photocopy of a section of the Middlebury College transcript of the conference that Hamre did not want discussed.