

National News

Behind the attacks on Cardinal Cody

A major attack has been launched against John Cardinal Cody, the Archbishop of Chicago, because the Cardinal is a leader of the antischismatic movement. As a result of the Chicago *Sun-Times's* year-long slanders, a grand jury has been empaneled to investigate alleged misappropriation of funds by the Cardinal. The U.S. attorney has charged that the Cardinal had used Church monies to purchase luxury properties for a relative.

Cardinal Cody came to Chicago in 1965 as a strong opponent of the Saul Alinsky-dominated radical network that had seized much of the Church there. Father Jack Egan, then the leader of the Alinsky network, today is the right-hand man of the Council on Foreign Relations' Father Theodore Hesburgh. Father Egan directs the Catholic Center for Urban Ministry, a command center for the schismatic liberation theologians.

To give "theoretical depth" to this network, which intends to break the American Church from the Vatican on behalf of liberal depopulation policies, Hans Kung, the heretical theologian, has been deployed to a teaching position at the University of Chicago this fall.

Cardinal Cody has issued statements that the Chicago *Sun-Times* has initiated this attack because of the Cardinal's commitment to fight drugs, pornography and abortion, all of which the newspaper supports.

Reports say cruise doesn't fly right

The federal General Accounting Office (GAO) has prepared three secret reports warning that the American cruise missile, sometimes sarcastically termed the V-3, is not accurate enough to hit assigned targets in the Soviet Union, the *Chicago Tribune* reports. According to the *Trib-*

une, the GAO documents were declassified at the request of a private "tax reform group" called the Project on Military Procurement.

The GAO questions particularly the cruise missile's "terrain contour matching guidance system," known as Tercom, which matches radar data with computer-stored landmark descriptions to keep the missile on course. According to the GAO, the system is easily confused by changes in ground conditions such as snow, seasonal foliage changes, and "monotonous expanses" like the Russian steppes.

The guidance system was tested over U.S. terrain lacking these conditions and unlike the Soviet terrains for which the cruise is intended.

New York primary delay a prelude to race tension?

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall on Sept. 9 upheld the ruling of a three-judge federal court panel enjoining the scheduled Sept. 10 New York primary election from taking place for violation of federal Voting Rights Act legislation. Marshall's decision, taken in startling unanimity with the other high court justices, means that the New York councilmanic election may be postponed for an indefinite time period, possibly beyond election day, Nov. 3. The mayoral and most other primaries have been reset for Sept. 22, pending state approval.

The point at issue is a redistricting plan for councilmanic districts that Mayor Ed Koch attempted to put through without the required approval from the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division.

The chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, Warren Hamerman, issued a statement Sept. 9 that the move "is being used as a campaign tactic by elements with the Socialist International-backed campaign of Frank Barbaro, and by the Kings County Democratic Coalition, which is behind the candidacy of Elizabeth Holtzman for District Attorney in Brooklyn.

"There is no doubt that the reapportionment decision was a denial of the rights of minorities to fair and equal representation in New York politics. There are, however, individuals within the Barbaro and Kings County Democratic Coalition camps who plan to use the issue of the suit to instigate racial tension and even race war in New York."

Hamerman charged that "many of these confrontationist elements list themselves as supporters of Frank Barbaro. They include:

"Reverend Herbert Daughtry, leader of the National Black United Front (NBUF), who stated that the black community will 'hit the streets if the Supreme Court rules to reinstate the elections.' The NBUF has a history of leading racial confrontations in New York communities;

"Peter Weiss, New York lawyer and leader of the Kings County Democratic Coalition which is backing Holtzman and closely tied to Barbaro. Weiss said that the policies of Mayor Koch have turned the situation into "Selma in 1964," and that the delay in the election was designed to help Barbaro by bringing the racial issue up front in the election;

"Bertram Gross, author of *Friendly Fascism*, associate of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee which is backing the Barbaro campaign; Gross works closely with the National Black United Front, and gleefully reports that he predicted in his book the social turmoil in the 1980s that leads to cancellation of elections. Gross believes that the postponement of the elections and the ensuing 'inevitable' racial confrontations will help the candidacy of Frank Barbaro. . . .

"Such confrontations will only serve to further deprive the minorities from having a representation in electoral campaigns to rebuild this city."

The Koch administration's involvement in the scenario became apparent when the City of New York corporation counsel conceded in legal papers that it was in technical violation of the Voting Rights Act. The obvious intention is to put forward leftist Democratic primary

candidate Barbaro as the spokesman for the city's minorities in an orchestrated race-war confrontation.

Further inflaming the New York situation, a power failure hit portions of midtown and lower Manhattan on Sept. 9, halting subway service through the key midtown corridor during the evening rush hour.

NDPC-backed Democratic mayoral candidate Mel Klenetsky used the opportunity of a televised candidates' debate the same night to elaborate the scenario, and offer Frank Barbaro a chance to publicly dissociate himself from it.

Copenhagen Trio to tour United States

The Lafayette Foundation for the Arts and Sciences has announced that its fall and winter educational program will be initiated with a six-city national tour, by the Copenhagen Trio. They will appear in Detroit on Sept. 30, Chicago on Oct. 2, New York City on Oct. 4, Washington, D.C. on Oct. 5, Houston on Oct. 7, and Los Angeles on Oct. 10.

The string trio was assembled in 1979 by three principal players from the Royal Danish Orchestra, cellist Larstholm Johansen, violist Bjarne Boie Rasmussen, and violinist Kim Sjögren, who cited the "irresistible" attraction of the classical string trio repertoire as their major motivation. The U.S. tour will be their first.

The Lafayette Foundation's fall and winter educational program will feature class series and symposia, concert series, and drama workshops. According to Christopher White, a Lafayette Foundation director, the program has been designed to provide the conceptual tools for more elaborated curriculum design, and also an institutional rallying point which will enable educators, students, parents, community, labor, and church organizations to revive the classical approach to education, as exemplified by Benjamin Franklin's 18th-century academies for the teaching of natural sciences, music, and classical languages, and the German educator Wilhelm von

Humboldt's 19th-century version of the Franklin effort.

Inconclusive session against high rates

Senator John Melcher (D-Mont.) addressed a closed-door meeting of 75 members of the National Council on Low Interest Rates on Sept. 8 in Washington, D.C., stressing that the number-one issue for business and labor is to bring rates down immediately.

The council, in which the AFL-CIO is playing a major role, includes the National Farmers Union, the American Public Power Association, the International Operating Engineers, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Carpenters Union, General Contractors of New York, National Constructors, United Auto Workers, National Association of Homebuilders, NAACP, and representatives of mining companies, and the Conference of Mayors. The group formed in July in response to constituency pressure. This was its second meeting.

Melcher and Sen. Larry Pressler (R-S.D.), who also spoke, stressed that constituents had spoken out strongly during the August recess, but Pressler said that he intends to introduce legislation that would merely expand the Federal Reserve Board to include farmers, small businessmen, and labor.

The AFL-CIO is trying to steer the group into support for credit controls, claiming that although lending would be very limited, the neediest would get preferential treatment. At the meeting, federation spokesmen called for a repeat of Carter's March 1980 credit controls, even though two months after the Credit Control Act was invoked, U.S. industrial production fell to its lowest point in over seven years.

The group could not agree on a program for action, and will meet again in October. In the meantime the steering committee will try to draft a statement on the need for lower interest rates to rally support.

Briefly

● **TIP O'NEILL** thinks that despite massive pressure, Congress should not take any action to lower interest rates. O'Neill said it was up to President Reagan to make the first move. "I don't know that we need legislation . . . the ballgame is theirs now."

● **THE DIA** in a just-released report, concludes that the Soviet Union outstrips the United States by as much as 3 to 1 in the production of most types of strategic and tactical weapons. The Defense Intelligence Agency report, coming at a time when the Reagan administration is threatening the Soviets with an arms race the White House assures everyone the United States will win, notes that in 1980 alone the Soviets produced 10 times more surface-to-air missiles, and 5 times as many antitank missiles. The Soviets outnumbered the U.S. 30 to 0 in bomber production and 350 to 0 in transport planes.

● **ALICE RIVLIN**, head of the Congressional Budget Office, assured the Congress in testimony Sept. 10 that the U.S. economy can survive usurious interest rates. "I admit that it hurts small businessmen, but every other sector looks okay," she said. "The economy has not collapsed yet, in what is historically high interest rates." This "indicates people are adjusting," she concluded.

● **AID** has cut \$28 million in its assistance to 11 developing countries, including, \$4.5 million allocated to assist Haiti in obtaining technology from abroad. Commenting on this decision, U.S. AID Director Peter McPherson complained that Haiti was using its imports of technology to "give too much attention to research and development." AID is under the direction of Secretary of State Alexander Haig.