

National News

100 trillion watts for fusion: Sandia

Sandia National Laboratories has announced two major decisions concerning the construction of its Particle Beam Fusion Accelerator II (PBFA). Scheduled to begin operation in January 1986, the PBFA II will be the world's most powerful particle-beam accelerator, producing 100 trillion watts for inertial confinement fusion reactions.

Sandia researchers have chosen lithium ions, rather than protons, to bombard the target in the 36-beam machine. A choice of diode type has also been made. A circular device about a foot in diameter, the diode converts electromagnetic energy supplied by the accelerator's pulsed power drivers into an ion beam.

These decisions "clear the way toward final design and construction of the PBFA II accelerator," said Dr. J. Pace Vandevender, manager of the Fusion Research Department at Sandia. PBFA II scientists' main task for 1984 is to find the best way to make the plasma which serves as the source of lithium ions.

The output of the pulse from the PBFA will be several times greater than the instantaneous output of all power plants on earth.

'Let's make Philippines like Iran': ambassador

William H. Sullivan, Jimmy Carter's ambassador to Teheran at the time of the Khomeini takeover, is advising the Reagan administration to create the same kind of disaster in the Philippines. In an article released in December by *Foreign Policy* magazine, Sullivan (who was ambassador to Manila before his Iranian assignment) calls on the Reagan administration to intervene in the Philippines to bring about democratic elections "before it is too late."

"The days of the Marcos administration

are numbered," Sullivan warns. "The Reagan administration can take immediate, positive action to lend American weight to a process of orderly political transition."

The current American ambassador to Manila, Michael Armacost, is reportedly scouting the field for possible successors to Marcos. One often-mentioned name is that of Cesar Virata, prime minister and finance minister. Virata, a graduate of the Wharton School, has concluded a loan agreement with the IMF that will mean zero growth for the Philippines in 1984.

Kennedy and Velikhov confronted by NDPC

The National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) intervened Dec. 8 into a propaganda forum on Capitol Hill. The platform for the Soviets was provided by Senators Ted Kennedy and Mark Hatfield, co-sponsors of the nuclear freeze, at a "Joint American-Soviet Scientific Forum On Nuclear War."

Dr. Vladimir V. Aleksandrov, head of the Laboratory of Climate Modeling at the Computer Center of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and Yvgenii Velikhov, vice-president of the Soviet Academy, gave detailed elaborate scenarios of how a nuclear exchange would have such devastating effects that a nation which launched an attack would be automatically destroyed by the indirect effects of its own attack, even if the country it was attacking did nothing.

Academician Sergei Kapitsa declared that "in the U.S.S.R. everyone thinks more scientifically than in America, and we have a superior intellectual culture."

The first NDPC intervention was an inquiry about the Soviet civil defense program. The NDPCer was immediately thrown out of the room by security guards, but his question remained, so Jack Geiger, of the KGB-Pugwash-run Physicians for Social Responsibility, advocated the "death knell for all proposals of civil defense."

At Ted Kennedy's prodding, everyone including the Soviets—except for Veli-

khov—gave wholehearted approval to this denunciation of civil defense.

NDPC representative Alan Ogden challenged Velikhov: "Dr. Velikhov, it's clear you were ordered to lie here today. Aren't you heading up Soviet research and development of beam weapons? . . ." Before Velikhov could say a word Kennedy interjected, "Ask that man to leave."

"Kennedy, you are speaking treason. Do you think you are going to disarm the United States?" Ogden challenged.

Mark Hatfield also refused to ask Velikhov about Soviet beam-weapon missile-defense. Instead, the senator, who is attending seminars of the brainwashing operation, blasted "lasers, particle beams, High Frontier, Star Wars. . . . It is even taking on a cultish appearance at times where information is disseminated in the airports on this."

Finally Velikhov enumerated the many meetings and discussions that the Soviets have had on the issue, adding lamely that it is "very improbable to make a full defense." Senator Kennedy ended the meeting with the pronouncement that "war is obsolete."

ACLU champions suicide struggle in California

Columnist Patrick J. Buchanan had some words of warning concerning the case of Elizabeth Bouvia, who recently checked herself into the psychiatric unit at Riverside General Hospital in California to demand assistance in committing suicide:

"While husband, family, and doctors are attempting to persuade this 26-year-old victim of cerebral palsy that she is loved, that her life is important and worth living, the ACLU [American Civil Liberties Union] has gone to court to demand that Mrs. Bouvia be allowed to commit suicide by starving herself to death. . . ."

"Instinctively, handicapped Americans have taken alarm at the ACLU's enthusiastic support for Mrs. Bouvia's decision. . . . It is only a short step from concluding that a handicapped person has made a perfectly

reasonable decision to commit suicide to asking others, with similar handicaps, why they have not arrived at the same conclusion.

"While the position taken by the ACLU may seem abhorrent, it is not illogical given the [ACLU's] premises. . . . Theirs is a 'quality of life' ethic, as opposed to the 'sanctity of life' belief rooted in religious tradition. . . . Under the quality of life ethic, while all life is equal, some lives are more equal than others. . . .

"Euthanasia, the mercy killing of those who surely would take their own lives if they had the means, is the inexorable next step."

Buchanan's remarks appeared in the *New York Post* Dec. 8. It has also been learned that the ACLU is screening all mail and contact with Mrs. Bouvia. ACLU lawyer Richard Scott, who has taken a deep interest in the case, is the 1980 founder, along with the English-born Derek Humphrey of the Hemlock Society, a national organization dedicated to the promotion of suicide, both self-inflicted and assisted.

Supreme Court refuses Harrison Williams appeal

The Supreme Court has refused to hear the Abscam case of former senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey, who was convicted of corruption in 1981 after being targeted by the large-scale FBI "sting" operation.

FBI agents posing as wealthy Arab sheiks made repeated attempts to bribe Williams, which the Abscam videotapes themselves show Williams as refusing. Nonetheless, an indictment was constructed around an editing of the tapes to make it appear as if Williams agreed to use his influence improperly with respect to an idle titanium mine which he had an interest in.

Judge George C. Pratt essentially charged the jury to infer that Williams was of a "criminal disposition." FBI documents showing the agency's utter failure to produce any evidence against Senator Williams, before attempting a final set-up using

convicted con-man Mel Weinberg, was withheld from both the jury and the defense. Pratt was handed a promotion to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals just months later.

In March of 1982 the Senate Ethics Committee rubberstamped the court decision, and Williams resigned from the Senate.

Adding its seal of approval by refusing, without comment, to hear Williams's appeal, the Supreme Court has opened the door to every sort of entrapment and *ex post facto* incrimination imaginable.

In "Operation Greylord," a new FBI sting, FBI agents have been posing as assistant State's Attorneys in an effort to entrap over 40 judges as well as police officers and criminal defense attorneys.

Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche, Sr., dies

Lyndon Hermyle LaRouche, Sr., the father of *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., died on Dec. 4 at the home of his daughter, Leonore, and son-in-law, Wesley, near Washington.

Mr. LaRouche was a technical consultant for the U.S. Department of Justice during the immediate post-war period, and from 1938 until his last illness was active as a technical consultant to the shoe manufacturing industry in the United States and abroad, including in Europe during the postwar reconstruction.

Mr. LaRouche was a dedicated member of the Society of Friends from early youth in Lynn, Massachusetts, and long an embattled opponent of the influence of the liberal American Friends Service Committee in the Society. His 1930s tract, *Present-Day Quakerism In New England*, written under the pen-name Hezekiah Micajah Jones, continued to rankle American Friends Service Committee circles and admirers into the 1970s. Apart from his business activities, Mr. LaRouche's chief interest was supporting the religious work in the Society of Friends of his wife, Jessie Weir LaRouche, deceased in 1978.

Briefly

● **THE JUSTICE** Department has decided to close its investigation of Jesse Jackson's dealings with Libya without requiring him to register as a Libyan agent. The department's inquiry into Jackson's activity was begun in late 1980 after Libya's chief diplomat in the U.S., Ali Houderi, contributed \$10,000 to Jackson's Chicago-based Operation PUSH.

● **LABOR LEADERS** who are following AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland's orders to turn out the troops—and money—for Walter Mondale have a few serious problems. While making a speech at the Labor Temple in Fresno, California Dec. 2, Mondale was asked by a representative of the National Democratic Policy Committee if he was indeed a member of Winston & Strawn, the main law firm of union-busting Greyhound Lines. When Mondale finally, faintly answered "yes," claiming not to know the firm's connection to Greyhound, the head of the Fresno AFL-CIO walked out in disgust.

● **MEL KLENETSKY**, campaign director for Lyndon LaRouche's presidential effort, sent an open letter to union leaders detailing both Mondale's associations with union-busters and national security threats.

● **ELLIOT GREENSPAN** and a slate of eight LaRouche Democrats announced for federal office from New Jersey, at press conferences Dec. 7 in Trenton and Newark. Greenspan is challenging "Three Dollar" Bill Bradley in the Democratic primary.

● **A REPORTER** at the recent Hatfield-Kennedy-Soviet scientists War and Peace-fest found the televised hearing a bit much even for a veteran of such productions, since the Soviets had just walked out of the START talks as well as the INF talks. "I wonder when they're going to walk out of here," he commented.