

National News

AIDS quarantine backed by 50% of Americans

A poll recently conducted by the *Los Angeles Times* found that Americans are worried about declining standards of morality, and nearly 50% of those polled favored quarantine of AIDS victims.

The *Times* reported that citizens are concerned about government intrusion into the private lives of citizens, but that "there are some areas in which significant numbers of Americans are willing to allow government intrusion into private lives. For example, nearly half the public favors the quarantining of AIDS patients. In California, where the November ballot will contain an initiative measure sponsored by followers of Lyndon LaRouche that, among other things, would allow health officials to quarantine people with AIDS, the statewide public is evenly divided on the issue."

One-third of those polled said they think that "homosexual relations between consenting adults in the privacy of their own homes should be illegal." Nine out of 10 adults said it should be illegal to sell pornography to minors, and 4 out of 10 said there should be laws against the distribution of pornography.

Soviet emigré mobsters arrested in Brooklyn

Seven Soviet emigré mobsters were arrested in Brooklyn, New York on July 23 by a combined federal-state task force, and were charged with evading over \$16 million in state gasoline excise taxes. Until this arrest, many law-enforcement agencies have been as hesitant to deal with the Russian Jewish mafia, as they have been with the Los Angeles-based Israeli mafia, with which the Russian gangsters are aligned.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is implicated in a KGB effort to infiltrate Soviet agents and criminals into the United States, under the cover of emigration of So-

viet Jews. These KGB agents and mobsters have quickly allied themselves with U.S. mafia elements such as the Gambino and Colombo families, as a means of penetrating the Democratic Party. Colombo family operative Lawrence Iorizzo, a business partner of several Russian gangsters, was recently exposed as a campaign contributor of New York Gov. Mario Cuomo.

These ADL-protected operatives have also penetrated domestic terrorist groups, notably the Jewish Defense League. The Brighton Beach JDL cell believed to be responsible for the 1985 assassination of Tscherim Soobzokov (a Russian emigré falsely accused of Nazi crimes by the *New York Times*) is composed of 15 Russian Jews, mostly Red Army veterans.

President endorses Mars colony program

Upon receiving a ceremonial edition of the National Space Commission's newly released report from Commission head Dr. Thomas Paine on July 22, President Reagan declared, "The message you want to hear is the one I will give you. We will carry out your program." The Commission report, "Pioneering the Space Frontier," presents a perspective for developing a colony on Mars by 2015.

At a press conference in Washington the same day, Dr. Paine told the press that he hopes that with continued scientific and technological advances, the report will be considered "much too pedestrian" 15 years from now, because it bases its projections on off-the-shelf technologies, not those, like laser-driven rockets, which, "Dr. Edward Teller kept whispering in my ear, should be included in the report."

At the opening of a conference in Washington on July 21 on NASA's Mars program, NASA Director Dr. James Fletcher said that "a Mars sample return mission is a program that could and should be done soon. If I had my way and the dollars, I'd go with the Mars rover and sample return."

The three-day conference was attended by nearly 500 people, including the scien-

tists who executed the two Viking Mars landings.

U.S. press undermined Bolivian war on drugs

Commenting on Operation Blast Furnace, the joint military war on drugs launched in July by the United States and Bolivia, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said, "A key element of surprise was lost because some people were speaking in San Diego on July 18."

The Associated Press wire service and the *New York Times* were among those U.S. media which helped to undermine the effectiveness of the raids. An AP wire released on July 20 admitted that there were massive leaks to the press: "Several American news organizations say they knew about a week and a half ago of plans of the United States to participate in the operation." "The Associated Press decided not to report it, largely out of fear of undermining the operation."

But the *New York Times* apparently had no such scruples. According to a source at the U.S. Information Agency, reporter Joel Brinkley "managed" in a "very astute" way to get the information out of a Drug Enforcement Administration agent stationed in Bolivia. Brinkley then passed the information to the Bolivian press, which alerted major drug traffickers to flee. Then, on July 16, Brinkley reported that the Bolivian press had blown the lid off the operation.

Brinkley was the author of a number of attacks on Lyndon LaRouche published in the *New York Times*.

House cuts funds to 'Civil Rights' panel

The U.S. House of Representatives quietly voted on July 17 to cut off all appropriations for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, labeling it a "propaganda tool" that has failed to provide any independent assessment of civil rights issues.

Clarence Pendleton, chairman of the commission, had no comment, but Ralph Neas, head of Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, praised the action, saying the commission's independence had ended three years ago. The Commission and Pendleton himself have come under increasing attack from black leaders and other civil rights activists, and on April 16, twenty-eight black Republicans called on Pendleton to resign, saying he has "no constituency and no license to speak for black Republicans."

On May 9, the Commission turned its facilities over to three of the most discredited political opponents of Lyndon LaRouche, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. Dennis King, a writer for the drug-promoting *High Times* magazine; Irwin Suall, an official of the organized-crime-linked Anti-Defamation League; and John Rees, a fruity British intelligence stringer, joined forces to deliver an "informational briefing" consisting of tirades against LaRouche.

The LaRouche Democratic Campaign committee delivered a letter to President Reagan on May 12, protesting that "by giving these individuals a government-sponsored forum, the Civil Rights Commission gives the appearance of putting the imprimatur of your administration on this campaign of illegal harassment and extortion."

Crisis deepens for Space Shuttle funding

The Senate Armed Services Committee voted on July 16 to cut \$550 million from the FY 1987 Air Force Shuttle budget. This sum was to be paid to NASA in prepayment for FY 1988 military Shuttle launches. According to *Defense Daily*, the senators hope that this will allow them to meet the mandated Gramm-Rudman cuts in the defense budget, "without affecting the programs they favor."

Sources on Capitol Hill report, meanwhile, that the White House's delay in formulating a Shuttle policy—a delay orchestrated by Chief of Staff Donald Regan—has left the Congress with no guidance on fund-

ing for NASA in the FY 1987 budget, as the August recess nears. According to staff members, both the authorizations and appropriations committees will have to mark up the budget without a White House decision on replacing the Challenger orbiter, on how it would be paid, and on whether or not commercial payloads will be flown by the Shuttle in the future.

In order to allow NASA resources in the meantime, for redesigning the solid rocket boosters and making other necessary changes in the Shuttle system, the House and Senate have given the space agency an "urgent supplemental budget allocation" of \$531 million. Of that, \$431 million can be spent in this fiscal year, which ends on Oct. 1, and \$100 million is for FY 1987.

Mayor Koch backs military war on drugs

New York City Mayor Ed Koch (D), in a July 18 op-ed published in the *New York Times*, called for strengthening the federal war on drugs effort.

Koch proposed the following measures: "Use the full resources of the military for drug interdiction. Condition foreign aid on drug control. Establish a national drug education corps. Enact a Federal death penalty for drug wholesalers. Establish Federal narcotics courts. Designate United States narcotic prisons. Pass a Federal money-laundering statute. Enhance the Federal agencies combating the drug problem. Enact the state and local narcotics control assistance act of 1986."

In an open letter to Koch, *EIR* Contributing Editor Webster G. Tarpley, currently a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate in New York, pointed out that the chief danger to the war on drugs is the "bankers' cartel of drug-money launderers" which is trying to place U.S. Attorney William Weld in charge of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department. "I therefore challenge you, Mr. Mayor, to back up your promising anti-drug program with action by joining me in the fight to block the Senate confirmation of William Weld," Tarpley wrote.

Briefly

● **'CERTAIN PEOPLE** may have illusions, but the SDI will be deployed," said Lt.-Gen. James Abrahamson, director of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative, on Belgian television July 18. "By the mid-nineties at the latest, stationing of the first generation of the SDI system will begin." This process is irreversible, he added.

● **A DELEGATION** from Georgii Arbatov's Moscow U.S.A. and Canada Institute arrived in Minneapolis on July 24, for a two-week visit sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation. The delegation includes Gen. (ret.) Mikhail Milstein, Natalia Dolgoplova, Boris Krivenko, Igor Malachenko, Alex Pankin, and Valery Maryev.

● **CATHOLIC FEMINIST** theologian Rosemary Reuther claims that 40-60% of Catholic clergy in the United States today consider themselves homosexual. Writing in the *National Catholic Reporter* on April 4, she reported that homosexuality in the Church has become so widespread that the rector of Old St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore several years back said that he feels obliged "to limit" the number of homosexuals at his institution.

● **SPACE HISTORIAN** John Logsdon, speaking at a conference on Mars exploration in Washington, D.C. on July 22, held up a copy of Lyndon LaRouche's recent memorandum, "The Crowning Achievement of the Reagan Administration: The Moon-Mars Colonization Mission," and read the first paragraph to the space assembled scientists. "No matter what else you think of him, Lyndon LaRouche is a smart man," Logsdon quipped.

● **REP. CARL LEVIN** (D-Mich.) has proposed erecting antitank barriers in Western Europe to reassure the East bloc that the West is relying on conventional weapons, not nuclear war.