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LaRouche: Bork and Biden are both wrong

Lyndon LaRouche described the Senate hearings on the nomination of Judge Robert Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court as "an abomination," in a press conference in New Hampshire on Sept. 15.

UPI's coverage of the press conference focused on the Bork issue, reporting that "LaRouche said neither Bork nor Senate Judiciary chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., 'will ever understand the rights of individual persons.

" 'In this case you've got two guys fighting each other and neither is the right side. Bork is no good and the people who are attacking him are no good. . . . Bork should be attacked, but he should be attacked from the right standpoint. They [committee members] look for scandal.

" 'They try to find out if somebody has three sexes, you know . . . preferences for men, women, and Russians. They want that out there. But they don't go at the question of philosophy of law,' LaRouche said.

"While calling Biden a political opportunist, LaRouche said Bork's past legal opinions should not be the premier issue in the hearings.

" 'He [Bork] is indifferent to our constitutional principles of individual rights,' LaRouche said. 'I'm not concerned about decisions as much. I'm concerned . . . about philosophy and expressed philosophy and expressed philosophy of the Constitution. By the intent of the Constitution he is unqualified to be a federal judge.' "

Revell controlled many North operations

FBI Deputy Director Oliver "Buck" Revell was the actual controller of most of the "Cointelpro"-style operations against domestic political opponents of policies such as Contra aid, conducted under national security cover, in Lt. Col. Oliver North's name,

according to well-informed intelligence sources.

Typically, Revell would first place a target under criminal investigation by the FBI, on any pretext, for a period of 30 to 90 days. Revell would then approach North, inventing another pretext to justify a "foreign counterintelligence investigation" of the same target. This would provide the FBI with the authority to undertake extralegal activities under Executive Order 12333.

The purpose of running separate, but parallel, criminal and counterintelligence investigations, was to obscure the actual author of the operations—both inside and outside of government.

New documents released by the joint congressional committee investigating Irangate provide an apparent case in point. A memo from North to National Security Adviser Poindexter on July 17, 1986 reported on the operations of a dubious Jack Terrell, a former Contra mercenary who later became an anti-Contra activist. In the memo, North characterized Terrell as a "disinformation agent" and "possible paid Nicaraguan secret service" operative as a pretext for an investigation under foreign counterintelligence guidelines. The memo also absurdly characterized Terrell as being a "potential assassination threat to the President."

Then, the memo states that North had reviewed the case with, among others, Oliver Revell.

Irangate called 'far from over'

Irangate is far from over, the lead article of the Sept. 13 *Sunday Express* of London reports from Washington. Correspondent Charles Ashman states that Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh will soon be handing down indictments against Oliver North, John Poindexter, Fawn Hall, and others.

Walsh is investigating the connection of imprisoned Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard to the Iran-Contra deals, U.S. intelligence sources have told *EIR*. Among the questions under investigation is the relation of Pol-

lard's espionage to the operations of one of his mentors, Prof. Uri Ra'anan of the Fletcher School of Diplomacy. Ra'anan, an emigré Israeli, spent the summer with Roy Godson, a so-called Soviet disinformation specialist, and systematically interviewed all key Soviet intelligence defectors to the United States.

Investigators believe that the proven Godson link to the Iran deals overlaps that of Pollard's operations for Israel.

Two key figures in the scandal, Manucher Ghorbanifar and Albert Hakim, have appealed to a Geneva criminal court challenging the scope of Swiss legal cooperation with Walsh's investigation. The two arms merchants argued in a brief filed Sept. 14 that the Swiss government had blindly extended judicial help to American authorities, submitting a legal brief that also raised several technical points.

Vladimir Stemberger, the Geneva judge charged with collecting bank documents for the government, said he thought the local court would decide the case in a few days.

Board approves SDI early deployment plan

A plan for early deployment of first-generation weapons systems developed in the Strategic Defense Initiative program has been approved by the Defense Acquisition Board. The SDI Organization (SDIO) presented its plan for an initial ABM system before the Defense Acquisition Board last July, according to informed sources.

The program has now been officially upgraded from the "concept development" stage to the "demonstration/validation" stage.

The plan in part calls for deployment of approximately 3,000 space-based kinetic kill interceptors intended to specifically "neutralize" those Russian ICBMs capable of destroying U.S. missile silos (e.g., SS-18s, SS-19s), the force the Russians would use in a preemptive strike. This part of the system is planned to be effective against about half of these ICBMs. In addition, the program will deploy terminal defense systems

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based on ground-based ERIS and HEDI intercepter systems.

The early-deployment SDI system is scheduled to go into production in fiscal year 1990, and to be deployed between fiscal years 1993 and 1995, the sources said. The SDIO expects the Europeans and Japanese to deploy terminal defense systems at the same time.

Bush is okay with the Soviets

An underling of the Soviet Union's chief specialist on the United States has visited George Bush's campaign headquarters, and said he liked what he saw.

The latest issue of the Soviet weekly *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, after asserting that most Americans like Mikhail Gorbachov and his policies, describes a visit to Bush campaign headquarters by a Soviet delegation including Anatoli Utkin of "American handler" Georgi Arbatov's USA-Canada Institute. The article says that "the key question seriously occupying Americans" is who will be the next President, but mentions only one candidate: George Bush.

Bush is very favorably described as someone who will continue Reagan's policy, but, "on his own terms." He is called "independent," "quite an independent person," a "World War II hero," and "modest."

Weinberger warns on Soviet space program

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger spoke to the Air Force Association Sept. 14 in Washington, D.C., concentrating on the U.S. and Soviet space programs:

"In recent weeks . . . our department has initiated a detailed assessment of Soviet and U.S. space activities, and we're contributing to a new national space policy that's being developed by the National Security Council. . . .

"I want to emphasize, that their program is far more active than ours, and has an unmistakable military operation. . . . They have an operational anti-satellite force, and an expansive research program, with potentially significant application to future military systems. They are also working, and have been for at least 18 years, to secure the very strategic defense system that they claim is such an obstacle to any agreements when we do it."

Council is lukewarm on space station plans

A 61-page report by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences gives faint praise to NASA's space station proposal, calling it "reasonable" and "a good design," while lamenting the fact that "no one agrees on what would be the best uses of a space-station in the form envisioned," reported the *Washington Post* Sept. 15.

The NRC report said it would probably cost between \$25 and \$30 billion to build a "Block I" space station, and argued that NASA's plans for adding a Block II to enlarge the station's facilities should not be pursued until an agreed-upon purpose were found for the addition.

The NRC report also suggested that a new kind of conventional rocket should be developed by NASA that would be able to lift three times the payload of the space shuttle, saying it would be risky to depend on shuttles to launch the station's components.

The report also questioned NASA's ability to manage a project of such scope and recommended various fundamental changes in NASA's management structures. It emphasized that the program "will absorb much of NASA's energies for the next two decades," and cautioned that "the space station cannot be considered a 'one administration' program, nor can it be developed 'on the cheap.'"

The report was prepared by a committee of the NRC chaired by former deputy NASA administrator Robert C. Seamans, Jr., who is now at MIT.

● **GEORGE BUSH** described his newly released autobiography, in an interview on NBC-TV's "Today" show Sept. 16. "It doesn't go into a lot of depth on issues," he said. But it tells "what my heartbeat is."

● **ADM. JAMES LYONS**, commander of the Pacific Fleet, is being forced out of his position, according to Pentagon sources quoted in the Sept. 16 *Washington Post*. One week earlier, the Defense Department announced that Lyons planned to retire Oct. 1. Lyons is said to have been highly critical of the Pentagon's handling of the Persian Gulf deployment.

● **PAT ROBERTSON** embarrassed George Bush by outpolling him by more than 400 votes and finishing first in a straw poll at a meeting of 3,800 Republicans in Ames, Iowa Sept. 12.

● **THE U.S. ATTORNEY** for New York, Rudolph Giuliani has hired Bruce Baird, the man who carried out the successful prosecution of New York's Colombo organized crime family, and put him in charge of a broadened investigation into top "junk bond" investment bankers Drexel Burnham Lambert, Michael Milken, Saul Steinberg, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, and the Haft family.

● **MEXICANS** crossed the border in large numbers to see the Pope during his visit to Texas. To accommodate demand, the State Department granted waivers to church groups. Virtually every school bus in northern Mexican cities was quickly rented, and Mexicana Airlines added an extra DC-10 flight from Mexico City to San Antonio.

● **DOUGLAS MACARTHUR III** defended U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia in the *Christian Science Monitor* Sept. 16, against opposition from "the powerful Zionist lobby . . . the only U.S. lobby that unabashedly takes direction from a foreign power, Israel."