

National News

Battle sharpens between NADC and Sun-Times

The National Anti-Drug Coalition (NADC) issued a statement from New York Oct. 14 in response to a libelous article in the *Chicago Sun-Times* of Oct. 11, titled "Anti-Drug Group Finances Extremists," which alleged that the coalition is a front-group money machine for *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., Advisory Board Chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee.

"Every citizen of Illinois who hates drugs should act immediately to stop the pollution by the *Chicago Sun-Times* of his and his neighbors' homes, and its influence in the United States.

"The *Sun-Times* is not a newspaper, it is the dirty tricks propaganda arm of one-worldists associated with the Trilateral Commission, the Aspen Institute, and the University of Chicago. . . .

"Marshall Field, founder of Field Enterprises and publisher of the *Sun-Times*, uses his profits from that newspaper to fund terrorist linked operations through a tax-exempt front called the Field Foundation. This foundation, headed by Morris Abram, a former law partner of pro-Khomeini operative Ramsey Clark, has given millions of dollars to the Institute for Policy Studies, and the International Commission of Jurists, which has come to the legal defense of terrorist murderers such as the West German Baader-Meinhof Gang, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Italian Red Brigades, and other radical groups. The Field Foundation also finances the efforts of groups like the Center for National Security Studies and the Youth Project to engage in lawsuits, exposés, and investigations of law enforcement officials and agents of U.S. intelligence agencies.

"James Hoge, publisher of the *Sun-Times* is a member of the Trilateral Commission . . . [who is] reported to have invited the anarchists on trial for rioting in Chicago in 1968, including cocaine dealer Abbie Hoffman, to his home as a

political statement.

"The *Sun-Times* is a leading supporter of the dope lobby through its employment of Chip Berlet, the original author of the *Sun-Times* slander of the National Anti-Drug Coalition. Berlet is a contributing editor to *High Times*, the magazine of the dope lobby and drug paraphernalia industry. Berlet is also the editor of the journal of the National Lawyers Guild, the leading U.S. institution which defends terrorists such as the Puerto Rican FALN. . . .

"The NADC has also documented that *Sun-Times* reporter Alan P. Henry is guilty of fabricating information printed in the story, and of harassment of supporters and contributors to the National Anti-Drug Coalition.

"The NADC is not illegally soliciting in the State of Illinois. The Coalition has answered every request for information by the Attorney General's office and will continue to answer every request. The NADC has learned that the Attorney General's office held a lengthy meeting with reporters from the *Sun-Times*. We are investigating the legality of that meeting at the present time."

Democratic think tank: ban strikes, cap wages

A Washington-based think tank closely allied with the liberal wing of the Democratic Party issued a series of proposals Oct. 15 on ways to combat inflation. The sharply anti-labor proposals suggested by the Center for Democratic Policy (CDP) appear in a 20,000 word pamphlet.

The CDP recommendations were produced by a panel of Democratic economists, including Barry Bosworth of the Brookings Institution, Laurence Seidman of Swarthmore College, and Daniel Mitchell of the University of California at Los Angeles. The most extreme recommendations were put forth by Bosworth, who was the director of the Council on Wage and Price Stability under President Carter. Arguing that the key cause of inflation is wage increases, Bos-

worth recommends outlawing strikes and doing away with multi-year wage contracts in order to eliminate cost-of-living escalators. Bosworth also advocates "free trade" and a complex system of wage-price controls as inflation-fighting measures.

Seidman's recommendations concentrate on what he calls a tax-based incomes policy (TIP) that would place heavy tax penalties on companies that grant "excessive" wage increases to employees. Seidman also calls for replacing the income tax with a tax on consumption.

Although the CDP claims to have no official relationship to the Democratic Party, the party's national Chairman Charles Manatt enthusiastically hailed the Center's recommendations, claiming that it "should put to rest any lingering thoughts that the Democrats are short on ideas and alternatives to the programs and policies of the Reagan administration."

A number of CDP luminaries also belong to the Democratic Strategy Council, an official party group pulled together by Manatt.

Philadelphia teachers face Catch-22

Only 700 teachers have returned to work as of Oct. 16 following a court order by Common Court Judges Ed Bradley and Harry Takiff which voided their contract as terminated. The teachers have been on strike since early September with demands that the Philadelphia School Board honor their two-year contract, which was to accord them a 10 percent wage hike this fall.

The judges ruled that the city's fiscal crisis justified the school board layoffs of 3,500 teachers and rescinding of the wage hike, and that this action unilaterally terminated the contract. Since the state's public employee law stipulates that unions must exhaust all negotiating procedures after their contracts expire, the court ruled the immediate strike action illegal!

The area labor movement is mooting a general strike to support the teachers. The union is being fined \$15,000 a day under the Bradley-Takiff court order.

DOE launches nuclear education campaign

The U.S. Department of Energy is preparing to launch a multimillion-dollar public information campaign to undo the four years of Carter-supported agitation against nuclear power.

The effort, outlined in a memorandum to the Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy of the DOE dated Sept. 24, is explicitly aimed at creating public support for this month's pro-nuclear statement by President Reagan.

The memorandum states that "the use of nuclear energy has important implications for our national economic well-being, improved national security and reduced environmental impact associated with energy production," and proposes bringing other cabinet-level officials into the information effort.

Steps outlined in the campaign include submitting editorials and articles to the press; public appearances by DOE officials; materials for schools; cooperation with labor, civic and professional organizations, and with the nuclear industry; attendance at meetings of local and state government officials to enlist their support; seminars for media representatives; and efforts through the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In sum, the plan "should be designed to counter the prevailing misconceptions about nuclear energy in order to enable the public to consider nuclear energy on its merits relative to other energy forms, and to understand the impact which failure to expand the use of nuclear energy would have on the economy, national security, and public health and safety."

Also included is a directive to the Office of the Science Advisor and to the Surgeon General to commission a "blue-ribbon panel to certify the negligible radiation effect of nuclear power plants."

Bush challenged on Latin America tour

On the first leg of his tour of three Latin American countries—the Dominican Republic, Brazil, and Colombia—Vice-President George Bush was caught off guard by harsh criticism of U.S. economic policy expressed by his hosts.

In an appearance Oct. 12 before the Congress of the Dominican Republic, a country considered a U.S. ally, Bush was not allowed to deliver his speech until several legislators had made their charges that U.S. interest rates and sugar tariffs were destroying the Dominican economy. The legislators ignored Bush's preoccupation with Cuban and Soviet subversion in Latin America.

The Brazilians burned Bush Oct. 14 on the Volcker question and succeeded in winning a U.S. pledge that Brazil would be granted "special case" treatment to end Washington's blockade of enriched nuclear fuel exports contracted for a power station built by Westinghouse.

Through Bush, the Brazilians sent a last-minute warning to Reagan that he switch from Volckerite to growth-oriented policies before Cancún. Brazilian Foreign Minister Saraiva Guerrero explained in an interview with *Folha de São Paulo* Oct. 11, "The developing world is an optimal thing for the industrialized countries, since it implies an expansion of markets. . . . It is not a zero-sum game in which we win, and the developed countries lose an equal amount."

The Brazilian Foreign Minister Saraiva Guerrero indicated in an Oct. 11 interview with *Folha de São Paulo* that Bush's cold war rhetoric will not wash in Brazil either. "The South Atlantic is more of a priority for Brazil than for the Americans," he declared, "but we view it as an area for political—not security or military—action." And he laughed off the idea of Russian bases being placed in Angola to threaten oil routes as "contrary to the Angolan Constitution and contrary to all Angolan interests."

Briefly

● **THE GLOBAL 2000** report of the Carter administration is confirmed to remain on the State Department's agenda. Accepting the report's conclusion that up to 2 billion people must be eliminated by the turn of the century, the DOS has set up an inter-agency task force which next month will begin to rework the policy formulations in terms of ideology.

● **HENRY PRECHT**, the DOS official who helped coordinate the Shah's overthrow from his post as head of State's Iran desk, maintaining close ties with all the opposition groups including Khomeini's networks, has suddenly re-emerged because of his new post: Deputy Chief of Mission in Cairo, Egypt.

● **DAVID STOCKMAN** has sent the White House a recommendation to dismantle the DOE and create in its place a Nuclear Development Agency, sources report. Stockman proposes to move the inertial fusion program under complete security wraps in the Defense Department and to send high energy basic physics to the National Science Foundation. Fusion and fission would be transferred to the new agency, but without the national stature of a cabinet-level head to promote these areas.

● **JOHN HOLDRIDGE**, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, is reported to be on the outs with his boss. No enemy of Peking Holdridge shows too much attention to other Asian nations' response to the China Card, Haig concludes.

● **THE AMA** finds marijuana a dangerous drug whose use should be studiously avoided, reports the Oct. 16 issue of its *Journal*. Researchers for the American Medical Association conclude that the drug causes a number of deleterious physical and psychological effects.