

Eye on Washington by Stanley Ezrol

Close encounters

General Brent Scowcroft found himself surrounded by admirers at the Dec. 9 Policy conference of the influential American Enterprise Institute cult. Scowcroft, Kissinger's former deputy at the National Security Council who succeeded Henry as Ford's National Security Adviser, has been named as a possible successor to Richard Allen in the same post.

Scowcroft, it seems, does not want his old job back at all—at least not in *this* administration. Asked what his view was of the future of European relations with the United States and the continuing viability of NATO, he said, "It all depends on what the Soviets do. It depends on how skillful they are. They have been getting very skillful in tailoring their propaganda campaigns and in responding to our efforts against them." "Doesn't it also depend on how skillful the Reagan administration is as well?" I asked. Scowcroft laughed very loudly and said, "Oh, I wouldn't hold out much hope for that." He went on to explain that while he thought Reagan's zero-option proposal was a good tactical maneuver, it was not realistic, because of the wide-open question of "what zero means for Russia." He said he thought the administration's understanding of that problem was almost nil.

Intellectual terrorism

The U.S. Association for the Club of Rome leadership is apparently highly embarrassed by the public anti-nationalism of its international

guru, Aurelio Peccei. The Usacor has prepared its strategically planted membership in two national meetings this year for a campaign to use the "conservative" budget-cutting proclivities and national-security concerns of the Reagan administration to fulfill Peccei's mission to destroy the United States, and subject it to the sovereign will of the international corporate nexus which has employed Peccei the last 50 years as a top operative mediating their relations with the Soviet KGB as well as Western government institutions. Unfortunately for the Club of Rome, this strategy depends on using their conservative members and collaborators like Russell Train and James Buckley to convince the Reaganites that their policies are truly patriotic.

I bumped into John (Jay, his friends call him) Harris IV, former President of the eugenicist Zero Population Growth organization, who is now Chairman of the Board of Usacor, here on Dec. 2. He was attending a rally of German and British anti-nuclear-energy "peace movement" leaders on Capitol Hill sponsored by Sen. Ted Kennedy and SANE. I asked Harris what he was up to; he said he was interested in funding another European peace-movement tour in the U.S. next March and "wanted to see how this one goes over."

I asked Harris if the movement would also further the Club of Rome objective of eliminating the institution of the sovereign nation-state. "That's a crazy idea—I don't know where that statement can possibly come from," he protested. I informed Harris that this idea had been expressed repeatedly and insistently by his guru, Peccei, in his 1977 book *The Human Quality*. Harris stopped trying to deny that anything had occurred, and changed his plea to justifiable hom-

icide. After a long pause he argued, "Ummm. It is kind of getting obsolete, I think." "We have people who answer this sort of thing at the office," he continued, admonishing me not to quote things out of context.

Peccei's book is laced with statements like, "In the age of man's global empire one of the chief obstacles on this road to salvation is the principle of national sovereignty. Its stubborn survival as the foundation of the human polity is a typical syndrome of our arrested cultural development." The alternative power structure he recommends is to "create a non-national statute and domicile for companies operating internationally," which he insists is necessary to relieve the multinational corporate structure of any remaining loyalty to individual nations. The context in which this occurs is Peccei's admission that allowing nuclear fission and fusion to proliferate would make it possible for food and other global shortages to be eliminated. He insists, however, that technological development must be sharply curtailed if not "stopped altogether," because, he complains, "If ever there was a monster dragon it is man himself. . . . What is not reliable, secure, and clean enough is human society itself." Recall the myth of St. George, and I won't have to detail here Peccei's solution to the "monster dragon" problem.

I informed Harris that the context in which Peccei calls for the elimination of nation-states is far worse than his statement alone. "That's your opinion," replied Harris, resorting to the mechanism this dolt has no doubt used upon being intellectually humiliated for the last half-century.

Peccei himself, it is said, accuses Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., the founder of this journal, and his associates of "intellectual terrorism."