

# National News

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## New England Archdiocese condemns euthanasia

An extremely strongly worded condemnation of euthanasia appeared Jan. 22 in *The Pilot*, the official newspaper of the Boston Archdiocese, read by Roman Catholics throughout New England. The editorial, entitled "Reverence for Life," was written on the day the Right-to-Life movement marched throughout the country in opposition to the 1973 Supreme Court decision favoring abortion. *The Pilot* condemns not only abortion but "those who seem intent on destroying life at both extremes of the life-cycle itself."

"There is no moral justification for euthanasia," states *The Pilot*, continuing, "It is a particularly insidious proposal which is unfortunately capable of escalation from the terminally ill to the elderly, the retarded, the crippled, and all the 'unproductive'."

"Euthanasia flouts God's Providence," the editorial continues; it appeals to sentiment, disregards reason, and insists that the end really does justify the means. We must insist that euthanasia is simply a refined form of murder. . . . We must add that because the person consents to, or even requests, the termination of his life by artificial means does not alter the situation. A human being may neither take away nor shorten his own life nor may the person give permission to others to do so. . . . Man aided by the grace of God, can bear suffering patiently."

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## Rickover calls for abolishing Defense Dept.

In his farewell testimony to the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress on Jan. 28, Admiral Hyman Rickover, the father of America's nuclear navy and nuclear industry, called for abolishing the Department of Defense,

the bureaucratic concoction created to supervise the armed services in 1947. "To increase the efficiency of the Defense Department," Rickover said, "you'd have to first abolish it and go back to an Army, Navy, and Air Force. . . . I don't know why we have a Defense Department. I don't know what it does."

"If the Defense Department cannot be abolished," Rickover said, "the people who are there should be divided into three groups, with one doing the work and the other two writing letters in long-hand to each other so they would not get in the way. . . ." Rickover also noted that Peter the Great, after hearing another country's lawyers argue interminably, asked an aide how many lawyers there were in Russia. Told four, the monarch ordered: "Go hang four of them."

Rickover, a 62-year naval veteran, is being forced from his post by Secretary of the Navy John Lehman, a 36-year-old protégé of Henry Kissinger who has never seen naval service. Lehman opposes Rickover's perspective of assuring national security through broad advances in science, industrial technology, and general education. Instead, Lehman favors defense "in-width," through expanded spending on obsolete systems such as battleships and aircraft carriers.

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## Behind the Ginna nuclear plant shutdown

The recently disabled Ginna nuclear plant in New York State was one of 47 nuclear generating units on a "hit list" of plants targeted for shutdown by anti-nuclear groups with cooperation from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The list includes 33 operating plants and 14 under construction for a total of over 40,000 megawatts of electrical generating capacity that would be closed down.

The existence of the environmentalist scenario was exposed by spokesmen for the pro-nuclear Fusion Energy Foundation at hearings Jan. 21 before the Atom-

ic Safety and Licensing Board on the Indian Point, New York plant. The anti-nuclear groups led by the Union of Concerned Scientists and Ralph Nader's New York Public Interest Research Group have targeted 14 percent of New York State's electrical generating capacity for shutdown. This includes the Indian Point Units 2 and 3, supplying New York City, the Nine Mile plant outside of Syracuse, and the Ginna plant near Rochester, New York.

Four days before the minor accident at the Ginna nuclear plant, organizers for the FEF reported meeting three officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Newark Airport on their way to the Ginna site. The officials, expressing anti-nuclear sentiments, said their intention was to "look into safety problems we know exist at the plant."

The Ginna plant provides 50 percent of the electric power for the city of Rochester. Its shutdown will increase average residential electric bills by \$5 to \$8 per month.

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## Rostow floats plan for 'independent Europe'

Writing an editorial opinion column in the *New York Times* Jan. 24, Walt Whitman Rostow floats his own variation on Lord Carrington's plan to do away with the Yalta accord in favor of an "independent" Third Force Europe, to be controlled by Britain. The significance of Rostow's remarks is not their originality, but the fact that he is the most influential U.S. policy maker to have endorsed the "Third Way" to date: he was the architect of the Johnson's administration's genocidal Vietnam war policy, and his brother Eugene Debs Rostow is heading up disarmament negotiations policy for the Reagan administration.

"Historical processes make the continued acceptance of the division of Europe unwise, not merely for the West, but also for the Soviet Union," Rostow writes. "First, the coming to maturity and responsibility of the generation in

Eastern Europe born after World War II, to whom the present arrangements make little sense, is likely to render Stalin's empire a source of increasing insecurity rather than security for the Soviet peoples. Young people in Western Europe are asking perfectly fair and understandable questions: Why should Germany not be unified? Why should the European continent be littered with American and Soviet nuclear weapons? Why should U.S. and Soviet forces be stationed in Europe 37 years after World War II ended? . . . What is needed now is . . . for Europeans, East and West, to organize themselves more as Europeans." Rostow outlines a program which includes the following premises: 1) "free elections" in Eastern Europe, to divest the Soviet Union of control over those areas; 2) strategically balanced U.S. and Soviet withdrawal from Europe; 3) "Provisions for heightened multilateral economic cooperation within Europe. This would ensure, among other things, that a powerful united Germany did not seek to establish hegemony on the continent."

The same day, the *New York Times Magazine* ran a feature article Jan. 24 by Laurence B. Silenson described as the "father of the neutron bomb," who argue that the U.S. should drastically cut its expenditures on conventional arms, concentrate all its defense efforts on a nuclear buildup, withdraw its forces from Europe, and let the Europeans fend for themselves.

## Bernstein out to maul Beethoven

A major attack has been mounted on the music of Ludwig von Beethoven, in an attempt to inoculate the American population against being able to hear the great ideas in his best-loved works. The medium—television—is the message, and the messenger is 1950s TV star Leonard Bernstein.

Beginning Jan. 25, and for 11 straight weeks each Monday night, Public Television (PBS) is nationally broadcasting a

marathon performance by Bernstein of the nine Beethoven symphonies, plus the *Missa Solemnis* and the late String Quartet in C# minor, Opus 131. The show's title tells the story: "Bernstein/Beethoven." Leonard Bernstein is the star. The object, according to British recording executives interviewed by *EIR*, is to create a "cult of the personality" around Bernstein, and use the visual TV image of his "friendly face" to obliterate the heard ideas of Beethoven's music.

Specifically, Bernstein is cult of Dionysius—the theme that Beethoven's music portrays "sheer emotion," not conceptions. In the first show of the series, Beethoven was portrayed as the thing to listen to "in time of deepest sorrow, in time of deepest emotion," such as the funeral for the Israeli athletes murdered by terrorists at the Munich 1972 Olympics, where Bernstein conducted Beethoven's "Egmont" overture. In one of the final shows, Bernstein tells the audience that Beethoven shows us to "learn to die, not with hatred and murder, but with dignity and peace." He cathexizes this dionysian idea of the death wish to the last chorale movement of the Ninth Symphony.

## Moynihan seeks malign neglect for cities

The effervescent Democratic Senator from New York, Daniel Moynihan, took the floor Jan. 25 to laud David Rockefeller's proposal to turn all major city services, including police protection, subway transportation, housing, and fire-fighting, over to the private sector.

Moynihan specifically praised the New York City Partnership, a group launched three years ago by Mr. Rockefeller and the major New York banks, which has set up task forces to begin the transfer of services to "private enterprise." As a Partnership brochure states, the organization's efforts are designed as "a model for urban America." Moynihan praised their "ambitious projects with splendid potential."

## Briefly

● **REP. MARK SILJANDER** (R-Mich.) has introduced into the House a resolution of disapproval to nullify the Washington, D.C. City Council's new "Right to Die" legislation.

● **ROBERT MICHEL** (R-Ill.), the House Majority Leader, said at a Republican National Committee luncheon in Washington Jan. 28 that "We have to have an [economic] early summer at the latest, to hold the troops together in gress, and we need it badly in November. . . . Interest rates are coming down, but as the President said the other night, they have to keep coming down."

● **PRESIDENT REAGAN** will ask Congress to appropriate part of the \$7.5 million needed to begin deepening Baltimore Harbor for ocean-going coal ships, Sen. Charles Mathias has announced. Mathias added that a deepwater port near the Appalachian coalfields would help the United States be "a reliable supplier of energy to the world, particularly Western Europe."

● **BERNARD LEWIS**, the Princeton-based British professor whose name is attached to a plan for balkanizing the Middle East through fundamentalism and ethnic strife, dined with the CIA's Henry Rowen and RAND veteran Albert Wohlstetter during the Committee for the Free World conference last month.

● **RICHARD FALK**, the one-world environmentalist and sponsor of the Ayatollah Khomeini, was in Washington in late January in his capacity as a Princeton University expert on international law, arguing against the extradition of terrorists because "today repression marches under the banner of counterterrorism."