

National News

Mini space-platform to be studied

NASA and Fairchild Space and Electronics Company signed a Memorandum of Understanding in late September initiating discussions for a new in-orbit mini space platform to be serviced by the Space Shuttle.

Under the memorandum, NASA and Fairchild will study the potential for joint development of a small space platform to be in orbit and available to commercial customers by 1986. Fairchild would be responsible for leasing room on the platform commercially, as well as providing technical and administrative support for the venture.

The platform, called Leasecraft, would be orbited by the Shuttle and left in space indefinitely. The shuttle would then return periodically to install and remove payloads. The platform itself would provide the payloads with power, stabilization, communications and the ability to change orbit.

The lower cost and flexibility of Leasecraft as compared with satellites that incorporate all of the hardware for the services to be provided by the platform, is expected to attract widespread commercial and government interest.

McNamara: Don't launch on warning

At the Oct. 6 ceremony in Washington awarding the Albert Einstein Peace Award to Vietnam War masterminds Robert S. McNamara, McGeorge Bundy, and Gerard Smith for their spring 1982 *Foreign Affairs* article boosting the "no-first-strike" movement, McNamara called on the superpowers to adopt as well a bizarre doctrine of "no launch on warning."

On this basis, he criticized Soviet objections to the planned deployment of Pershing II missiles in Western Europe. The Soviets say the Pershings would be able to strike so quickly that the U.S.S.R. would be unable to launch its own missiles within the short warning time. "This argument is disturb-

ing," McNamara said, "because I don't believe there should be any launch on warning."

Bundy, in his acceptance speech, said that the inspiration for the *Foreign Affairs* article had come from Kennedy in-law and Democratic string-puller Sargent Shriver. *EIR* correspondent Ronald Kokinda asked Bundy what he thought the effect of his "peace movement" would be on the 1984 elections in this light. "Given the tendentious nature of the question," Bundy replied, "I would just like to say that Sargent did it as a Christian, and not as a Democrat." The audience tittered with disbelief.

The "peace movement" initiated by Bundy, McNamara, et al. is designed to promote an arrangement whereby the Soviet Union condones conventional NATO military aggression in the underdeveloped sector, having been assured that the conflicts will be kept below the thermonuclear confrontation threshold. The Einstein award was set up by Lord Bertrand Russell and the Pugwash Movement in 1955.

Rockefeller group to police Latin America

An extremely high-level "private commission" to deal with problems within the Western Hemisphere—most particularly, the debt "problem" and the "chill" in North-South relations sparked by the U.S. role in the Malvinas war—has been organized over the last few months by David Rockefeller and his (and Henry Kissinger's) crony and long-time Latin America handler Sol M. Linowitz. Funded by the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the "Inter-American Dialogue" has been coordinating closely with the administration, according to *EIR* sources; David Rockefeller has met several times with the National Security Council for this purpose. The "Dialogue" commences its official activity on Oct. 15 with a two-day meeting in Washington, and is expected to remain active for at least six months.

Although Linowitz chairs the Dialogue (together with the elderly Ecuadoran statesman Galo Plaza, who travels in the same circles), the operational director of the or-

ganization is Abe Lowenthal, Director of the Latin American Studies Program at Washington's Woodrow Wilson Center. While perhaps less famous than Linowitz, Lowenthal is no less qualified to direct a Rockefeller/Ford-funded, international bank-oriented grouping: after studying political science at Harvard during Kissinger's tenure there, he worked for the Ford Foundation in Latin America before assuming the post of Director of Studies for the New York Council on Foreign Relations, during the period when this group produced its infamous *Project 1980s* series calling for "controlled disintegration of the world economy."

The Inter-American Dialogue is made up of 48 members, half from North and half from South America, including two former presidents (Galo Plaza of Ecuador and Daniel Oduber of Costa Rica), and 13 former cabinet ministers. Some of the more telling names on the membership list include former World Bank President and population war advocate Robert McNamara, former Carter Secretaries of State Cyrus Vance and Edmund Muskie, anti-growth environmentalist (and Republican cabinet member) Elliot Richardson, Notre Dame President Father Theodore Hesburgh, Brazilian Cardinal Arns, the Aspen Institute's Rodrigo Botero, former Argentine Finance Minister Dagnino Pastore, former Mexican Interior Minister (and present traitor) Reyes Heróles, Miami Mayor Maurice Ferrer, Chemical Bank Chairman Donald Platten, World Bank Vice-President Nicholas Barlito Baretta, Father Xavier Gorstiaga of Nicaragua (the continent's most active left-wing Jesuit), and RKO General President Frank Shakespeare of Buckley-East Side Conservative Club circles.

Lew Lehrman's career run by Dope, Inc.

Within a week of his victory in the Sept. 23 New York State Republican gubernatorial primary, Lewis Lehrman announced his policies to break the state's labor unions and condemn thousands of "useless eaters" to the fate they met in Nazi Germany. Lehrman announced he wanted to close half of the

state's mental hospitals, and threatened to "send the National Guard to Harlem" and "clean the barbarians out of the subways."

Lehrman's political career began when Max Rabb joined the board of Lehrman's Rite-Aid drug firm in 1968. Rite-Aid was originally built into a multi-billion dollar business by Lehrman's brother-in-law Alex Grass, a close associate of organized-crime figure Max Fisher.

Republicans sinking with the economy

Republican leaders began, during the week of Oct. 1, to put out surprisingly upbeat forecasts for how the party will fare in this November's elections, reversing past strategy of predicting grave losses so that the actually expected losses could then be played as a victory and a mandate for the Republican administration. Republican National Committee (RNC) Chairman Dick Richards, Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) and House Minority Leader Robert Michel (R-Ill.), as well as Rep. Guy Vander Jagt (R-Mich.), chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, went public with predictions of actual gains in the Senate and a minuscule loss (10-12 seats) for the party in the House.

Why this publicly rosy face on prospects? Our sources indicate that privately, there is panic in White House and GOP circles as pollsters brief them to prepare for the worst this November. Thus, an attempt to prevent this demoralizing news from affecting Republican candidates and supporters.

At the same Oct. 4 press conference where Richards presented his optimistic outlook, he announced that he is leaving his RNC post following the November elections—after a weekend of leaks from GOP sources that he was being forced out as a partial scapegoat-in-advance for the now-expected November Republican decimation. (Washington sources report that both Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis and RNC Finance Chairman Mike Curb have turned down offers to replace Richards. Currently in the running are California Republican Committeeman Jack Courte-

manche and RNC Campaign Director Richard Shelby, the conservatives' choice.)

Roy Cohn facing financial scandals

Mob lawyer Roy Cohn, the Henry A. Kissinger intimate implicated in the recent assassination attempt against Club of Life founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, is faced with some serious scandals back home.

The New York State Tax Commission filed a tax judgment against Cohn's firm, Saxe, Bacon and Bolan, for unpaid taxes. The law firm owes over \$79,000.

Cohn is also being sued for \$1 million by Iva Schlesinger, ex-wife of Permindex, Inc.-linked South African millionaire John Schlesinger. According to New York sources, Cohn's practice of exploiting rich women getting divorces is backfiring in the Schlesinger case. Cohn was Mrs. Schlesinger's lawyer for her 1966 divorce, got her a \$2 million settlement, and then borrowed \$100,000 of it in a 90-day renewable note. To date, Cohn has repaid only \$40,000.

The case broke into the press only recently, when Syracuse, New York judge, John Conway, on special assignment in New York City, accused Cohn of attempting a judge-shopping operation to have him replaced on the case. Cohn had attempted to arrange a court order in Texas for the Di Portanova case he is handling there, stating he had to be in Rome Oct. 6. Judge Conway ordered Cohn to appear in court that date, or pay expenses for all concerned to hold the trial in Syracuse Oct. 12.

Then there is the recent financial collapse of Cohn's favorite charity, Prisoners' Accelerated Creative Exposure, Inc. (PACE) under suspicious circumstances. The PACE board includes terrorist-supporter attorney William Kunstler and H. Bruce Franklin, intelligence agent and Maoist terrorist.

Sources are reporting two possible reasons for the collapse: one, that of the \$200,000 raised at a March 3 PACE affair, only \$10,000 ever reached the organization. The second is that Karamoko Baye, head of PACE, received the funds and promptly decamped with them.

Briefly

● **RON PAUL**, Republican incumbent in Texas's 22nd CD, was running unopposed in this year's election, due to the decision of the Hariman wing of the Democratic Party in Texas not to support the candidacy of National Democratic Policy Committee spokesman Nick Benton. Benton determined to run a write-in campaign Oct. 5, when he learned that Paul had signed Rep. Larry McDonald's (D-Ga.) *New York Times* advertisement attacking Mexican President López Portillo. Paul is also opposed to the space program, federal drug law enforcement, and supports Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker.

● **DEBRA FREEMAN**, who polled an official 19.27 percent of the vote against incumbent Democratic Rep. Barbara Mikulski in the Sept. 14 Maryland primary, has confirmed the probability of fraud in the election results. Freeman's totals in areas in which she campaigned intensively differed by less than 2 percent from results in areas in which she was relatively unknown. A local Democratic official told Freeman that her vote was reduced in areas of strong support, and "padded" in others to give an impression of a "uniform" 20 percent vote, with no areas of strong support. He estimated that Debra Freeman's vote was actually as high as 35 percent.

● **RICHARD BURT**, former Assistant Director of the London International Institute for Strategic Studies and correspondent for the *New York Times*, is having confirmation of his promotion from State Department Director of the Office of Politico-Military Affairs to Assistant Secretary of European Affairs held up by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), who says Burt did "grave security damage to his country" by a *Times* article in 1979. The article allegedly revealed highly classified information on a new U.S. satellite verification system for the SALT treaties.