

National News

Anglo-American press follows heartless profile

Both the *Chicago Sun-Times* and the *New York Times* have followed the lead of the London *Daily Telegraph* in attacking the history-making operation that gave Dr. Barney Clark an artificial heart this month as too costly, a development that could deprive other sectors of the population of health care. The *New York Times* went so far as to print an article Dec. 5 which stated that the physicians who had developed the artificial heart and carried out the operation had given Dr. Clark a "key" with which he could turn off the air pump which powers his heart if he wants to end his life. Dr. Chase Peterson, of the health sciences division of the University of Utah, stated that they had not given such a "suicide plug" to Dr. Clark; the key will allow him to switch to a second compressor manually in case of malfunction.

The *Daily Telegraph's* medical consultant greeted the operation with the statement: "When will United States surgeons allow Americans to die in peace?" Dr. Clark had, in the paper's assessment, "already died once," and should not have been revived.

The *Sun-Times*, following the British lead, editorialized Dec. 4 that the real issue of the operation was "How much will it cost? . . . Who will decide who lives? . . . Is it worth the price? . . . The editorial attempts to oppose spending "a million dollars for preventive medicine that could help a thousand people" to spending "it on 10 artificial hearts to prolong 10 lives for three years," denying the fact that such medical breakthroughs not only preserve individual lives, but also generate essential knowledge for upgrading overall medical science.

Des Moines target of health-care destruction

The Public Agenda Foundation (PAF) of New York City has been running a media campaign for the past three months intended to "convince" the population of Des Moines, Iowa, that the only way to cut spiraling health-care costs is to accept serious reduc-

tions in both quality and quantity of medical care. The PAF, which specializes in "explaining in simple terms the complex public policy issues of the day to ordinary people, and showing them what options are available," as a spokesman told a reporter Dec. 6, has inundated Des Moines with propaganda purporting to show that rising health costs are inevitable unless people choose Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) and hospices as opposed to hospitals, and accept significantly higher health insurance deductibles and limits on "too costly" advanced medical technologies.

The PAF project was financed by the Markel Foundation, and supported by the local Des Moines medical association, by local unions, politicians, and the *Des Moines Register*. The campaign included a half-hour special television show aired on every local station, radio spots, leaflets, and newspaper articles, featuring project advisers and staff members presenting "evidence" of the need to reduce access to quality medical care. The project culminated in a lengthy questionnaire, distributed to thousands of area residents in the form of an insert in the *Des Moines Register*.

The results of the questionnaire will be distributed to Congress, the White House and other policy-making institutions to influence decisions in the debate on health care policy.

Hinckley psychiatrist funded by Scottish Rite

Dr. William T. Carpenter, the psychiatrist who acted as chief defense witness for would-be presidential assassin John Hinckley, Jr., received research funding from the Northern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Masons, according to *EIR's Investigative Leads* newsletter.

Carpenter, director of the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center in Catonsville, Maryland, was awarded funding to do research on factors contributing to schizophrenia in the spring of 1981 from the Scottish Rite's "charitable program" for schizophrenia research. This is a special project of the Northern Jurisdiction, begun after World War II.

The schizophrenia research program was

begun at the same time as Aldous Huxley, himself a life-member of the Scottish Rite offshoot, the Order of the Golden Dawn, began building up the MK-Ultra project in the United States. MK-Ultra was responsible for flooding the United States with psychedelic drugs in the 1960s.

Carpenter, who examined Hinckley on several occasions after the attempted assassination in May 1981, formulated the defense case that Hinckley, as a victim of "process schizophrenia since 1976," was not responsible for his actions. Government attorneys challenged Carpenter's testimony, on the basis that during the pre-trial "examinations" he had planted in Hinckley's mind the idea that he was schizophrenic.

Two schizophrenia specialists at the Laboratory of Pre-Clinical Pharmacology at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C., where Hinckley was processed after his arrest, also received grants from the Scottish Rite Northern Jurisdiction in the spring of 1981.

Nuclear freeze leaders' 'hidden war'

An investigation of top leaders of the so-called nuclear freeze movement has uncovered what one leader terms a "hidden agenda" established for the movement by figures including Vietnam butchers Robert McNamara and Daniel Ellsberg; former defense scientist and leader of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), Dr. Henry Kendell; Princeton's Richard Falk; and Dr. Helen Caldicott.

The agenda is *not* to halt nuclear war, which Kendell in debriefings insanely terms a "hollow threat," but halting the threat of "unrelenting technological optimism" within both the United States and the Soviet Union.

The debriefings reveal the freeze leaders are themselves becoming terrorized by cultural optimism, as they perceive beam-weapon advocate Dr. Edward Teller to be "already functioning as a spokesman for the administration." Dr. Henry Kendell reports the UCS is now frantically pulling together a thick "reply to Mr. Teller" for release some time in January. Kendell states "I want to be clear, I and my colleagues are not involved

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in a disarmament movement. We are supporting improved conventional arms build-up. While defensive conventional weapons and directed energy weapons [proposed by Teller] do provide defense against incoming weapons," he opposes them. "No. There are other reasons, I mean in the long view. The problem with these ABM weapons is you face an ongoing problem of breakthroughs. Teller basically feels we should preserve our security by an unrelenting technical arms race, and necessary to support that view is technological optimism. Now," he warns, "there are other things that go along with that too."

Richard Falk, one of the gamemasters who installed Khomeini in Iran, states: "It is a question of an entire trend of a civilization. Technological optimism is not just an American trait, but may be a Soviet trait as well, the idea that the promise of the future is somehow bound up in the mastery of technology."

Graser: the ultimate laser-beam weapon

Scientists at Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos National Laboratories have now determined that their recently developed x-ray laser opens up promising prospects for the construction of a gamma ray laser—the ultimate beam weapon. The graser, as the gamma-ray laser is termed in the scientific community, would be the first true nuclear laser and would generate a beam of the most intense and penetrating form of electromagnetic radiation.

Gamma rays are the most efficient form of energy to utilize for disabling nuclear warheads, because they generate nuclear reactions when they come into contact with fissionable materials such as those found in nuclear weapons. The rays would destroy the warhead's triggering mechanism making it a "dud." The graser would also be capable of penetrating clouds and other obstacles which preclude operation of conventional lasers. Therefore, the graser could be deployed either on earth or in space. It would also provide an ideal method of transmitting power to satellites in orbit.

Extremely large energy-flux densities are needed to pump the gamma-ray laser. This

prerequisite appeared to be totally incompatible with the other chief condition needed to achieve a graser—that of maintaining a delicate crystalline structure in the gamma-ray lasing medium. As George Baldwin of Los Alamos reports in his most recent review of grasers in *Reviews of Modern Physics*, recent developments with x-ray lasers changes this entire situation. X-ray lasers have the required energy-flux density to achieve the prerequisite nuclear transformations without destroying the crystalline medium.

Nuclear-bomb-driven x-ray and gamma-ray lasers will provide the ideal combination for effective beam-weapon defense against ICBMs.

Beam weapon campaign burns campus ZPGers

A forum given by Fusion Energy Foundation Director Paul Gallagher to the Conservative Students Society of California Institute of Technology on the need for a crash U.S. program to develop anti-ballistic missile beam weapons Dec. 7 got a negative response from a group of 30 pro-nuclear freeze professors and students. The pro-freeze disrupters chose to center their disagreements not so much on the merits of beam weapons, but by attacking the Fusion Energy Foundation for its advocacy of the Keplerian tradition of scientific method.

CalTech was the base of World Federalist science operative J. Robert Oppenheimer, whose spirit continues to rule the campus today through his protégé Marvin Goldberger, CalTech's current president. Goldberger was recently discredited at a public appearance through his inability to credibly debate one of the FEF's beam weapon experts, Dr. Steven Bardwell.

The attack on the Keplerian method is consistent with the Oppenheimer grouping's general opposition to nuclear power, space exploration, beam weapons and other high technology ventures, as it is the Keplerian tradition in science, as elaborated by Leibniz, Gauss, Riemann, and Einstein, which has been responsible for virtually every fundamental breakthrough in basic science since the Renaissance that has made such modern technologies possible.

● **JOHN BAKER**, the son of White House Chief of Staff James Baker III, a confidant of Vice-President George Bush, was arrested Dec. 8 on charges of selling more than a quarter ounce of marijuana. If convicted of the second-degree felony, Baker faces 2 to 20 years in prison. He is currently free on \$10,000 bail. The case, which will go to a Texas grand jury Dec. 13, is especially ironic because James Baker based his losing 1978 campaign for Texas Attorney General on a promise of a "massive statewide coordinated crackdown on drug trafficking."

● **HENRY KISSINGER** gained power in a State Department reorganization announced Dec. 8. Under the new plan, the department's Policy Planning staff will be disbanded and replaced with a panel of five outside experts representing "the foreign-policy establishment" empowered to determine what long-term goals should guide current foreign-policy actions. As explained by its authors, the purpose of the new arrangement is to take foreign policy out of the hands of elected officials, entrusting it to Council on Foreign Relations "professionals" instead.

● **THE DOS** on Dec. 8 officially denounced those U.S. embassy officials in Paris, Bonn, and Bogatá who have been engaged in defamatory characterizations of Lyndon LaRouche. "Such characterizations are not authorized, and as a standard practice U.S. officials refrain from offering personal opinions while acting in their official capacities," the State Department said in a written statement entitled "State Policy re: Anti-LaRouche disorganizing activities."