

# National News

## NASA wins fight with budget office

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has won an important fight with the Office of Management and Budget over its fiscal year 1984 funding.

The space agency had submitted a request for \$7.721 billion to the OMB for FY84. The OMB reduced the figure. The NASA request included money for a new planetary mission to use radar to map Venus, for a fifth orbiter for the Shuttle fleet, and for the space station research necessary to place a station in Earth orbit within a decade. The OMB cut out all new starts.

According to the magazine *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, with support from the White House Senior Interagency Group for Space, NASA secured \$100 million toward the fifth orbiter. Though the agency had requested double that amount, this commitment will prevent the industrial contractor, Rockwell International, from beginning to lay off specially trained personnel needed to build the fleet orbiters.

The NASA leadership can still appeal directly to the President.

## One of every six hospitals may close

Hospital industry sources believe that as many as 1,000 of the nation's roughly 6,000 public and private hospitals may close in the next several years, even at current rates of U.S. economic disintegration. Following up on a November conference in Washington on "Thinking the Unthinkable" about urban hospital closings, the *Christian Science Monitor* reported Jan. 5 that such gutting of medical care in the United States will result from "stiff competition with other facilities, coupled with shrinking government revenues that can be spent on reimbursing health-care costs."

Led by hospitals in the Northeast targeted by Sen. Edward Kennedy's "triage" war on health care, many hospitals are already

merging and consolidating, often having to dip into their endowments just to break even. Sources in the hospital industry say that the "least fortunate" hospitals will simply fail, the *Monitor* reports, especially urban facilities with large "charity" loads. Massachusetts recently passed a law requiring all hospitals in the state to reduce their budgets by an average of 1.25 percent a year over the next six years. David Kinzer, president of the Massachusetts Hospital Association, reported that already hospitals in the state have stopped hiring, and are cutting their staffs.

## Kemp trying intercept of beam-weapons idea

Aides to Rep. Jack Kemp (R-NY) report that the former football player is ready to take the field to block a crash program for the development of beam weapons as proposed by Democratic Party figure Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

Kemp is said to be totally familiar with the proposals of both LaRouche and scientist Dr. Edward Teller. While Kemp will support funding for R&D for beam weapons and supports an "active strategic defense," he disagrees with both LaRouche and Teller that the U.S. must abandon its nuclear deterrent posture and the doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) in favor of a beam weapon-based doctrine of Mutually Assured Survival. Kemp's aides say that he feels that the U.S. must now prepare itself to fight a limited nuclear war and that all development of Anti-ballistic missile systems must be done within this context.

Kemp also rejects the arguments that a crash beam weapons development program would have beneficial effects on the economy. The Congressman, according to his aides, will never accept the idea that defense spending should be used to promote a recovery. That must be done solely through the private sector, no matter how long that takes. Besides, no one has proven the feasibility of beam weapons, the aide continued, and we cannot bet on their success.

The Congressman plans to speak out on this matter in what is anticipated as a major debate on ballistic missile defense in the forthcoming session of Congress.

## Bombings aimed at Reagan administration

Five New Year's eve bombings in New York City marked the beginning of what *Investigative Leads*, a leading intelligence report, has for months warned would be an outbreak of terrorism in the United States, aimed at undermining the Reagan administration.

The Puerto Rican FALN, which claimed responsibility for the bombings, targeted both federal and state law enforcement buildings. One bombing left three policemen seriously injured. Law enforcement sources believe the bombings could lead to a bloody war between the terrorist group and New York City police.

Intelligence sources further estimate that a national terrorist infrastructure is now being set into place, with a target date of early spring for more widespread terrorism. This network plans to hit the entire East Coast and Chicago with a wave of attacks. Sources also say that electrical generators, oil refineries, and oil pipelines in the southern United States will be included as targets in this terrorist outbreak.

This new terrorist uprising is being timed to occur at precisely the point when the U.S. economy is expected to unravel. AFL-CIO head Lane Kirkland has already threatened the President with riots of unemployed workers this spring. Both tracks will go a long way to weaken the administration and destroy Reagan's re-election in 1984.

A new element in this terrorist apparatus is an organization known only as TEAM International, based in New York City. TEAM, according to Arab intelligence sources, was formed in the aftermath of the Israeli invasion of Beirut, Lebanon, when thousands of Arab terrorists were forced to leave that area, and relocated elsewhere.

## Kroll Associates named in LaRouche death try

According to information provided to *EIR*, Kroll Associates, a New York City-based

private security firm interlocked with the IBM Corp., has been contracted since fall 1981 to coordinate containment and also assassination operations against *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche and his wife Helga Zepp-LaRouche. According to these usually reliable sources, Kroll Associates was complicit in plans to kill the LaRouches at the founding conference of the Club of Life in Rome last October. These same sources report that Kroll is assisting Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau in a grand jury investigation of LaRouche-allied organizations, which is also designed to aid a LaRouche assassination.

Kroll Associates describes itself as a fairly small private investigative agency, but in reality functions as a "cut out" for the Morgan-dominated IBM Corp, with personnel drawn primarily from IBM, the FBI, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Scotland Yard, and the West German BKA. Kroll founder Jules Kroll, before going into business for himself, was closely associated with such dirty tricksters as Walter Sheridan and Victor Kovner.

Indicative of IBM's control of Kroll is that its small board includes Joe Rosetti, director of IBM security. Kroll's Vice President, David Samuel, is a former security program manager at IBM, having served under Rosetti. Kroll also retains as its director of operations William Kiosh, who for the past seven years has been the director of FBI operations in Britain and Scandinavia.

Kroll's British operations, according to David Samuel, are run by Michael Comer, who operates out of Network Security Management Ltd., a front for Cocoa Merchants Ltd. Cocoa Merchants, one of the largest Cocoa companies in Britain, is a direct extension of the British foreign office, whose notorious colonial operations in West Africa are coordinated with Cadbury Ltd., a front for Lord Carrington.

Comer's background is in customs intelligence, specializing in narcotics investigation. Last year Cocoa Merchants was purchased by Britain's Phillips Brothers, whose intelligence system is described by senior partner Henry Rothschild as "perhaps the most sophisticated in the world with the possible exception of the Defense Department and the CIA."

Kroll's current clients include the United Brands Co., Meyer Lansky, Israeli Mafia

kingpin Rafi Shauli, and the New York ADL-Vesco-linked Willkie, Farr, and Gallagher law firm.

## New York D.A. called foreign agent

The National Caucus of Labor Committees filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice and the Senate Intelligence Committee last month against New York District Attorney Robert Morgenthau for failure to register as a foreign agent. Morgenthau has been collaborating with the *New York Times* to create a witchhunt against *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche, including a Nov. 16 police raid on the PMR printing company, printers of *EIR*. Morgenthau is charged in the complaint with working as an agent of an organized crime faction of the Israeli government.

According to the complaint, Morgenthau has:

- Founded and served as Honorary Chairman of an organization created in the U.S.A. by Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and Yuval Neeman to propagandize in favor of West Bank expansion. Morgenthau's International Conference for P.E.A.C.E. is enabling Sharon and his organized crime associates to make a fortune, buying up West Bank real estate with the proceeds of drug traffic in anticipation of huge speculative gains.

- Covered up the biggest banking scandal of the past decade—the 1976 looting and takeover of the American Bank and Trust Co. The D.A.'s cover-up of this \$45 million rip-off of depositors concealed a trail leading to top figures in world narcotics traffic, such as Meyer Lansky, and conveniently let off such big time swindlers as ABT officer John Samuels, the biggest contributor and fundraiser for Morgenthau's 1974 election.

- Founded and heads an interstate law-enforcement apparatus called Project Leviticus which law enforcement sources believe to have developed and passed information to the Israeli intelligence service Mossad. Leviticus played a role in the Terpil-Wilson prosecution, passing information withheld from the U.S. intelligence community to the Mossad, insiders report.

- **SENATOR JESSE HELMS** (R—N.C.), led the "Lame Duck" session fight in the U.S. Senate against the gas tax "jobs" bill, with a filibuster that the eastern press anxiously portrayed as the least popular action ever undertaken in the U.S. Senate. But according to sources close to the Senator, he received more support from all over the country for this one action than on any other fight Helms has ever taken on—including the anti-abortion issue and the school prayer controversy.

- **STATE DEPARTMENT** spokesman John Hughes replied to the British-created clamor over a Soviet nuclear-powered satellite by telling the press Jan. 5 that "based on a study of orbital attitudes of the Soviet satellite, our experts have concluded that it has a 70 percent chance of falling into the ocean." 70 percent of the earth's surface is ocean. Those government computers are really sharp.

- **SEN. CHARLES MATHIAS** (R-M.D.) will hold hearings Jan. 26 and 27 before his Rules committee to consider how the election laws should be changed for the 1984 campaign. The committee will consider whether there should be new limits on total contributions a candidate can receive from political action committees, and whether the limit on individual and party contributions should be raised to account for inflation.

- **SOURCES ALL** over Washington are putting out the word that *anyone* who wages a political fight against making the U.S. economy pay to bail out the international banks—the "IMF bail-out"—will find himself suddenly involved in IRS audits and election campaign financing investigations—up to and including, as one pro-bail-out source put it, "old, nice, clean Ronald Reagan," if he has the courage to buck the bankers.