

## National News

### A California court sanctions medical murder

A Los Angeles municipal court has dismissed murder charges against two doctors who removed life-support and nourishment from a comatose patient, thereby starving him to death.

The Los Angeles court decision was taken on March 9 by Judge Brian D. Crahan, following six weeks of a preliminary hearing which reviewed the evidence brought by city prosecutors that two doctors from the Kaiser Permanente hospital had starved 55-year-old Clarence Herbert to death. Herbert suffered cardio-respiratory arrest following routine elective surgery. Following resuscitation from the arrest, Mr. Herbert was in a coma. Only two days later, the attending physicians, Dr. Neil L. Barber and Dr. Robert J. Nejdil, convinced the family to discontinue the respirator, and then gave the orders to remove his nourishment.

Despite doctors' assurances that he would die as soon as he was removed from the respirator, he started breathing on his own. The doctors then overruled the nurses in order to disconnect the tubes for intravenous feedings and fluid. Still the patient clung to life for six days. As Detroit medical examiner Dr. Werner Apitz said, "If you put [body-builder] Arnold Schwarzenegger in a bed like that for six days, he'd be dead too."

### Justice Department to investigate Barbie

According to statements from Attorney General William French Smith the week of March 14, the Justice Department will begin a thorough investigation of the allegations that Klaus Barbie, the Nazi SS officer who was responsible for the murder of French resistance leaders and thousands of French Jews, had substantial, long-term contacts with U.S. intelligence services and operatives since his escape from Europe in 1948.

This announcement reverses French Smith's earlier decision not to pursue such an investigation, and was reportedly the re-

sult of a letter from National Security Adviser, Judge William P. Clark, urging him to conduct a full investigation. According to press reports, the investigation will probably fall under the jurisdiction of Justice Department official Alan Ryan, head of the Office of Special Investigations, which is charged with investigating the cases of Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

A real investigation into Barbie's protectors in U.S. intelligence will lead to such prominent "citizens above suspicion" as the staff of John J. McCloy, the High Commissioner for Germany in the post-war period; the law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell; and figures such as Henry Kissinger (the reported debriefing officer of Barbie at Oberammergau), Gen. Julius Klein, and Allen Dulles and Frank Wisner of the State Department Office of the Policy Coordination.

### Marc Leland: 'The IMF to replace colonialism'

Assistant Treasury Secretary Marc Leland described the IMF (International Monetary Fund) as "the key to everything." Leland was speaking at a conference on "Foreign Banking in the United States" at Washington's Four Seasons Hotel March 16. He had been asked how the United States could guarantee that underdeveloped nations undertake the harsh "structural adjustment" programs which he had advocated for them.

Leland went on: "You know, I like to say that colonialism and imperialism are out of style. We can't tell a sovereign country you have to do this or that. But the IMF does play a role in what these countries can do."

Leland included the U.S. banking system among those which should be subject to IMF control. When a questioner accused him of supporting federal control over domestic banking practice, he said that it would not be proper for the U.S. government to tell individual banks what their credit policies should be. "If we did it, then, perish the thought, we might as well nationalize the system." However, he added, "It is appropriate for Jacques de Larosière [managing director of the IMF] to play that role." Leland is apparently attempting to internationalize the system.

### Farm credit slashed under budget proposal

The Reagan budget for fiscal 1984 proposes a 36 percent cut in funds for the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), reducing current funds of \$9 billion to \$5.74 billion.

The FmHA is not only the farmers' lender of last resort, but is also responsible for rural development and constructing rural housing and infrastructure.

The most crucial areas of watershed and flood prevention, resource, and conservation and development have been eliminated. The FmHA lending program would be cut 10 percent, to \$4.08 billion. Farm ownership loans would be cut 16 percent, soil and water loans would be cut 51 percent, housing loans 65 percent. Indian land acquisition loans would be cut 67 percent.

The only program to receive any increase provides farm operating insured loans, a very important program that is still seriously underfunded.

The FmHA is currently lending to 270,000 borrowers.

### Freeze movement focuses on beam weapons

The next step for the "nuclear freeze" movement is the banning of all weapons in space, one of its spokesmen told a gathering in Alexandria, Virginia on March 14. Carol Rosen, an activist in the World Futures Society who now heads the Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space, issued those orders at the meeting, specifically targeting particle beam weapons.

An unusual guest was introduced to the audience, one Vasily Nikolayev, allegedly a senior engineer for the export and import division of the Soviet trade mission in Washington. When Carol Rosen was asked why he was introduced at a public meeting of the freeze movement, she said that was "very sensitive," and hastened to add, "Let me tell you, we get absolutely no money from the Soviet Union."

In Congress, where it was learned March

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17 that Sen. Larry Pressler's resolution for banning space weapons was initiated last year on the direct request of the State Department, Kennedy Democrats have jumped in with their own proposal, in the form of a joint resolution with the force of law. Introduced in the House by Rep. John Moakley (D-Mass.) as H.J.R.120 and in the Senate by Sen. Paul Tsongas (D-Mass.) as S.J.R.28, the bill instructs the President to negotiate a treaty with the Soviet Union prohibiting the development of any ground-, air-, or space-based weapons for use in space, and to seek extension of Article IV of the United Nations Outer Space Treaty of 1967 to ban weapons in space.

The legislation was prepared with assistance from the very same Carol Rosen, along with John Pike of the Institute for Security and Cooperation in Outer Space.

### Aquarian retreat to open in Wichita

Williard Garvey, the multi-millionaire chairman of Garvey Industries, a self-proclaimed "conservative," and a friend of Fed Chairman Paul Volcker, plans to open a 92-acre "Center for the Improvement of the Human Functioning," within the city limits of Wichita, Kansas. The Garvey operation will consist of seven large geodesic domes, a pyramid, and a "learning center" for schoolchildren, as well as "clinical services" and "biochemical research and testing" of new methods of "holistic medicine." There will also be "herb growing experimental farms," and "nut farms."

According to a spokesman for the center, the Garvey pyramid has "been built exactly like an Egyptian pyramid, containing no metal and aligned on a North-South axis to allow the magnetic powers of the pyramid to have the maximum effect." The pyramid was designed by Garvey Center board member Bill Schul, who has written many books on the "powers of pyramids." According to Schul, pyramids have many therapeutic powers, since they "release the body's orgone energy."

To built support for his center, Garvey last year invited to Wichita *Aquarian Conspiracy* author Marilyn Ferguson, who told

her audience that the United States was leaving behind its past of industry, education, rationalism, and technology, and entering a "new paradigm" of "back-to-nature" mysticism and "mind expanding" drugs. Garvey plans to give his center a grand opening by hosting a "nationally significant" conference of Aquarian "holistic medicine" advocates on the premises Sept. 15 to 18.

Cheri Preston, Republican candidate for Wichita City Commissioner, has denounced the Garvey Center as an attempt to establish a recruiting center for Aquarian drug cults in the heart of America's farm belt. Preston, who is running with the support of the National Democratic Policy Committee, has already tangled publicly with Garvey over his support for his friend Volcker's high interest rates, which have been rapidly destroying the farm belt through more conventional means.

### Hollis places ninth in San Diego primary

Mayoral candidate George Hollis placed ninth in a field of 20 candidates in the San Diego nonpartisan mayoral primary March 15. Hollis was the first National Democratic Policy Committee-backed candidate to run a campaign in San Diego.

Although the official vote tally for Hollis was under 1 percent, his campaign in this city targeted for takeover by former SDS radical Tom Hayden's Campaign for Economic Democracy made any "politics as usual" impossible.

Hollis appeared on San Diego television March 5 along with NDPC advisory board chairman Lyndon H. LaRouche, presenting the NDPC program for economic recovery with emphasis on San Diego's future as a port city and center of nuclear-related advanced-technology production. The campaigns of his opponents, Democrat Maureen O'Connor, who came in first with 64,000 votes, and Republican Roger Hedgecock focused entirely on local "quality of life" issues, including freezing utility rates and closing nuclear plants. Both O'Connor and Hedgecock, who was backed by the local *Gay-zette*, have ties to the Hayden political machine.

● **DR. HANS MARK**, NASA deputy administrator, stated at the 14th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference at the Johnson Space Center: "by the year 2000, I would argue, there will be a first permanent base on the moon. Around the year 1995 the first small, manned bases could be put on the moon, and by the year 2040 the moon's population could be 1000." Giving the keynote address, Dr. Mark related a 1972 discussion with space pioneer Werner von Braun on how and when the United States would return to the Moon. Von Braun had said that, as with the permanent settlement of Antarctica, colonization would be possible when there was "enabling technology" to get men there easily. For the moon, this means the routine operation of the shuttle.

● **NASA** may have made a mistake in requesting the National Academy of Public Administration to set up a panel to explore "potential private industrial and commercial development of space." No sooner did NASA get the contract than it appointed an odd panel, chaired by former Secretary of Commerce Philip Klutznick, and including leading environmentalist lawyer Mitchell Rogovin, and Emilio Daddario, the founder of the anti-science Office of Technology Assessment. Daddario has a history in dirty operations going back to 1945, when, under the auspices of the OSS, he attempted to arrange for the escape of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and SS Gen. Karl Wolf.

● **THE WORLD FEDERALIST Society**, advocate of a one-world government, and author of an amendment to the House freeze resolution which calls for dismantling sovereign military forces, was founded in 1939 in Massachusetts by the Cabots, the Lodges, and the Lowells, a long-standing World Federalist member recalled recently.