

National News

Catholic chaplains told to teach freeze

Catholic military chaplains have been instructed by a recent issue of the U.S. Catholic Military Ordinariate, *OPS Review*, to "present the challenges" of the U.S. bishops pastoral letter advocating a nuclear freeze to military personnel, according to *The Tablet*, an international Catholic weekly published in London. Chaplains were instructed to study the pastoral letter, which was issued weeks after President Reagan had proposed developing new technologies to ensure defense against nuclear weapons and "Mutually Assured Survival"

The journal emphasized "the importance of giving evaluations and expressions of 'opposition' [by the bishops to specific U.S. military strategies] honest and respectful consideration."

Chicago Tribune stresses beam weapons potential

The *Chicago Tribune* Aug. 13 ran the first significant coverage of any major city newspaper on the real strategic implications of President Reagan's March 23 speech. In the lead article of its Perspectives section, entitled "Arming America: 'Stars Wars' aside, Reagan signals for a strategic shift," the *Tribune* noted:

"In what may prove to be the most significant contribution to more than three decades of global nuclear strategy, the Reagan administration has proposed that the nation abandon its historic posture of nuclear deterrence based on 'revenge weapons' in a favor of a futuristic system of defenses that would render America impregnable to any attack. . . . The President may well have set a radically new agenda for the next debate over America's strategic nuclear posture. . . ."

"Deployment of a truly effective, nationwide ABM or BMD system like the one proposed by Reagan would alter the face of war to a degree rivaled by the inventions of

gunpowder, the ironclad ship, the machine gun, and even the first atomic bomb. . . ."

"The potential vulnerability of American land-based missiles, the most troublesome element tossed into the crucible of strategic debate during the late 1970s, is enhanced by the Soviets' presumed ability to knock out the vast majority of America's accurate land-based missiles in a first strike while keeping a sizable portion of their own rocket forces in reserve. . . ."

"Facing a choice between surrender or suicide, this line of reasoning suggests that an American President would end hostilities without firing a shot. Furthermore, the simple perception of such Soviet capabilities may give the U.S.S.R. greater flexibility in pursuing its international goals without ever actually resorting to hostilities. . . ."

"Reagan's call for ballistic missile defenses has been compared to Kennedy's promise to place a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s. . . ."

"The uncertainties," the *Tribune* quoted a think tank specialist, "are counterbalanced by the opportunities."

Hart, Cranston pledge to allow Soviet attack

Democratic presidential candidates Gary Hart and John Glenn pledged Aug. 13 that they would refrain from full-scale nuclear retaliation if told that one or two Soviet missiles were heading toward the United States.

Their statements were made at a candidates' debate on arms control in Des Moines, Iowa, sponsored by the KGB front PEACE (People Encouraging Arms Control Efforts), and arranged by liberal Rep. Berkley W. Bedell (D-Iowa). PEACE is part of the Peace Links network of congressional wives and officials.

Hart and Glenn were joined by Walter Mondale and Alan Cranston in reaffirming their support for a supposedly verifiable freeze. When Cranston said he would halt all nuclear testing if the Soviets halted theirs too, Mondale, Hart, and Ernest Hollings agreed. Reportedly, Cranston even described the peace-loving nature of Soviet top military leader Nikolai Ogarkov.

When Cranston was asked, "How many KGB agents are there here?" he replied, "Only three or four."

On the international debt crisis, Hart defended the International Monetary Fund, saying the IMF certainly "did not commit genocide in Latin America."

G.I. Forum: ABMs, not Global 2000 or drugs

The American G.I. Forum early August national convention in El Paso, Texas, endorsed three National Democratic Policy Committee-sponsored resolutions. The 160,000-member, primarily Hispanic veterans' organization passed resolutions urging the development of defensive beam weapons; condemning Rep. Richard Ottinger's population reduction bill; and calling on President Reagan to cut off aid to drug-running regimes such as Iran's and Pakistan's and to support such governments as Colombia's in fighting the drug trade.

A resolution in support of Operation Juárez, which named *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche as its author and identified him a leading Democratic Party figure, received more than 60 percent support from the 300 to 400 delegates present, but was annulled on a technicality. Associates of the KGB-influenced Institute for Policy Studies such as Raul Izaguirre, president of the Council of La Raza, tried in vain to defeat the beam weapons resolution, while right-wing Republicans worked behind closed doors to sabotage the debt-reorganization resolution. The beam resolution passed with 80 percent approval after veterans from California and Oklahoma told the vocal nuclear freeze minority to "go and organize for the freeze in the Soviet Union and see if they let you."

The delegates also approved a resolution which defended the Contadora Group negotiation initiatives in Central American, and warned of the danger of the possible escalation of the Central American crisis, leading to thermonuclear war confrontation. The resolution aptly called the Central American war a "population war."

A resolution condemning the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill for its genocidal

programs was passed. And a Resolutions Committee-recommended proposal defending Reagan's Free Enterprise Zone program was overwhelmingly defeated, after the NDPC's Fernando Oliver exposed the bill by reading quotes from former New York City planner Roger Starr's program for "planned shrinkage" of American cities.

Cranston to challenge labor's Mondale push?

The AFL-CIO Executive Council voted this month to move up the federation's planned endorsement of a Democratic presidential candidate from December to October. Recognizing Walter Mondale will probably get the endorsement, spokesmen for Alan Cranston said they may try to challenge the nomination on the the AFL-CIO convention floor. John Glenn's staffers said, however, that such an effort would be a waste of time.

Jewish Defense League sends terrorist to U.S.

Israeli law enforcement officials told *EIR* that an Israeli-based terrorist, Baruch Ben-Josef, a member of Meir Kahane's Jewish Defense League, entered the United States in mid-August to increase the JDL's terrorist capacity. Israeli sources stated that since he has been in Israel, the U.S.-born Ben-Josef has been involved in terrorist incidents coordinated from the West Bank Kiryat Arba settlement, which serves as the base for Kahane's Kach Party, as well as the fanatical Gush Emunim.

According to the New York-based weekly *Jewish Press*, the reorganization of the JDL is being carried out under the direct tutelage of JDL founder Rabbi Meir Kahane, who has appointed Fern Rosenblatt and Schmuel Wakenfeld as the new directors of the JDL to replace Meir Jolowitz. Under Jolowitz's reign, the JDL has collapsed. But the real JDL reorganization will reportedly take place under Ben-Josef, who is to restart its elite Chai squads, which have been responsible for JDL terrorist acts.

CFR editor praises Greens, condemns Reagan

The Council on Foreign Relations plans a series of efforts on behalf of the West German Green and the American "nuclear freeze" movements. The CFR's *Foreign Affairs* magazine will devote its fall 1983 issue to an essay by former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara on establishing nuclear-free zones in Europe. In its spring 1982 issue, *Foreign Affairs* ran essays by McGeorge Bundy, Robert McNamara, Gerard Smith, and George F. Kennan calling for a ban on first use of nuclear weapons.

James Chace, the managing director of *Foreign Affairs*, said in a private discussion that "neither the Greens nor the U.S. freeze will remain a mere temporary phenomenon, but will stay around for some time, and probably gain even more influence on political affairs. . . ."

"You can't have the Europeans have a rather secure and good life provided for by \$150 billion the United States is spending annually in its defense budget only for the defense of Europe."

Pointing to "other obligations the United States has in the Western Hemisphere," Chace said. "Take the economic and financial situation which will lead to an era of turmoil, take Brazil, Argentina, and also Mexico and other countries in Latin America. The debts mounting there represent a factor of foreign and domestic instability. . . . I mean that the United States would serve its own interests better by not spending \$150 billion for Europe while an immense sum of money is badly needed here at our own doorstep."

Chace stated his support for the recent U.S. Catholic Bishops anti-Reagan, pro-freeze pastoral letter and termed Reagan "a disaster."

Saying that the United States is fed up with the troublesome Atlantic Alliance, Chace said "It would be good if the Europeans realized that in time. For the Americans, it would be good if they realized that the peace movement in Europe, and here in our country as well, will remain a factor in politics for many years to come."

Briefly

● **REVEREND MOON'S** *Washington Times* Aug. 15 editorialized in favor of Bettino Craxi, describing the new Italian prime minister as "our kind of socialist." Managing editor of the paper, Smith Hempstone, wrote of Craxi and his party earlier in a *Times* column, "For the first time since Mussolini's Fascists took power, Italy boasts a political party that is democratic, secular and imaginative."

● **MALACHI MARTIN**, the Jesuit schismatic, Aug. 14 promoted the Russian Orthodox Church and predicted that "John Paul II is going to join with the Orthodox Church—if he's alive." Martin was interviewed on NBC-TV's New York City affiliate Channel 4.

● **ADMIRAL HYMAN RICKOVER**, whose reputation for not mincing words almost exceeds his reputation as the "Father of the Nuclear Navy," proved not to have mellowed with age when he spoke before a Virginia state agency recently. In agreeing with the findings of the National Commission of Excellence, Rickover made the following proposals: "Smash the television sets! T.V. is a plug-in drug; abolish high school sports. After you've seen one football game, you've seen them all; the present trend in American life with games, sports, and above all television, has distracted parents from their parental responsibilities of passing on our heritage, our culture, to their children. . . . Few parents read any more with their children or assist them in selecting good books to enrich their inquisitive minds. A house without books is like a room without windows."

● **THE NATIONAL** Democratic Policy Committee has elected six members, unopposed on petitions, to the Democratic Committee of New York County, Manhattan. Continuing Board of Election validation hearings indicate more than 100 NDPC candidates will be on the ballot in the Sept. 13 Democratic election.