

# National News

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## Harrimanite: 'Strangle Star Wars in Congress'

Word has gone out among Averell Harriman's congressional flunkies to launch a big campaign in 1984 against "dangerous space weapons and dangerous defensive weapons ideologies," according to Jeff Duncan, security policy spokesman for the Harriman-controlled congressional Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus. "We are not going to allow Reagan to get any money for his Star Wars program," said Duncan. "We will smash all but very minimal R&D money. . . . We can hold other parts of the budget hostage. There will be no multibillion-dollar R&D for Star Wars."

Duncan identified the following as point men for this offensive: Senators Tsongas, Mathias, and Bumpers, and Representatives Moakley, Brown, Siberling, Dicks, and Patman.

The big argument against beam weapons, he stated, "will be the huge cost. We will force the administration to be honest about how much it will actually cost. Then people will drop their jaw and say why bother," which would enable the Harrimanites to conclude an alliance with the fiscal conservatives.

The first salvos in this battle will take place in hearings next month of the International Security Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee which will take up the People Protection Act of Rep. Ken Kramer of Colorado, which would create the armed forces command structure for a beam-weapons defense. On Jan. 6 the *New York Times'* Flora Lewis hysterically warned against the bill in a column.

In addition, the caucus plans to shoot down the proposed 17 percent increase in the defense budget: "If they are crazy enough to demand the full \$320 billion," said Duncan, "they'll be laughed off the Hill. They are going to have to cut. We will try to force them to choose between conventional programs, including the naval buildup, and strategic systems. . . . Once the cutting starts, it [the beam-weapons policy] won't sound so rational." In this connection,

a renewed attack on the MX will be led by Representatives Downey, AuCoin, and Marvoulos.

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## The LaRouche Campaign files for matching funds

The LaRouche Campaign, the campaign committee of Democratic presidential contender Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., announced Dec. 30 that it had submitted a request to the Federal Election Commission to be certified as eligible to receive federal matching funds. Should the FEC certify eligibility, the committee will immediately receive \$100,000 from the U.S. Treasury, and be able to receive matching funds for future contributions.

The LaRouche Campaign has received more than \$130,000 in contributions from 1,178 individuals in 22 states. By federal law, no more than \$250 of any individual's contributions is matchable.

A committee spokesman elaborated on the significance of TLC's submission, pointing out that matching-funds eligibility is generally regarded as a sign of a significant and serious presidential campaign: "It must be weighed in the minds of political observers that the major part of the fundraising campaign was carried out in the context of total major-media blackout, not only of Mr. LaRouche's policies and statements, but also of his very existence. . . ."

"Our contributor base is the productive core of this country—the farmers, industrial workers, technicians and engineers, and entrepreneurs. We have also received a considerable contribution from retirees of this core, people who choose not to impotently whine about their past contribution to the United States being thrown away, but who choose to re-establish the conditions under which that contribution again means something.

"Thus this submission for matching funds is but a sign of things more profound than a successful political advertising campaign. . . . These are barometric readings, if you will, of a still-proud population which, given the chance and the leadership, shall

fight for rational policies. . . ."

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## Ramsey Clark helps Bernard Coard sue U.S.

Ramsey Clark, the American friend of human rights who led Khomeini's mobs down the streets of Teheran, is counseling the number-two leader of the Soviet-backed coup which was terminated when U.S. and allied troops landed in Grenada.

Clark is advising Bernard Coard on how to charge the U.S. government with "kidnapping" and "libel." According to the head of the Caribbean Peace Task force, Lt.-Col. Delroy Ormsby, and Archdeacon Hoskins Huggins, an Anglican priest who "ministers" to Coard. Coard is now talking about suits against the U.S. government, the seven governments of the eastern Caribbean which supported the U.S. invasion, and U.S. news media. Coard "has mentioned the sum of \$50 million in discussing the threatened suits," says Huggins.

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## Boston police investigate threats to Gelber

Security and law-enforcement personnel are presently investigating telephone threats made against the life of prominent National Democratic Policy Committee spokesman and former Boston City mayoral candidate Michael Gelber. A Boston Police Department official confirmed that a case file has been opened in regard to threats made against the associate of *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche.

Steve Komm, spokesman for Mr. Gelber and himself a former NDPC-endorsed candidate, reported that at approximately 1:15 a.m. on Dec. 26, a bomb threat was received on a telephone line which had been used by Gelber campaign volunteers. The threat prompted Boston Police Department Bomb Squad officers to evacuate the premises and search a vehicle parked immediately in front of the area of concern. Repeated

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threats against Gelber took place in December.

In a related matter, Gelber will appear in court toward the end of January to establish probable cause to have the Boston District Attorney pursue assault charges against Massachusetts Secretary of Labor Paul Eustace and Massachusetts Governor Dukakis's Press Secretary James Dorsey. The charges stem from a November 1983 incident at a press conference being held by Presidential hopeful Walter Mondale where Mr. Gelber was dragged from the room and beaten after asking the former Vice President about his connections to the Grenada coup-makers.

### Is Richard Burt helping destroy NATO?

The Soviet effort to break West Germany out of the NATO alliance seems to be winning support from U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Richard Burt.

Burt, a product of Henry Kissinger's State Department stable (and of the *New York Times*) was accused of breaking U.S. espionage laws during his Senate confirmation process earlier this year by conservative Republicans Jesse Helms, Barry Goldwater, Malcolm Wallop, Orrin Hatch, and Steve Symms. The senators charged Burt on two counts: that he had compromised national security with a 1979 article he wrote as a *Times* reporter, revealing the existence and mission of a U.S. spy satellite, and that he has a history of trying to cover up Soviet SALT violations and cripple U.S. strategic capabilities.

It is Burt who controls access to the super-secret Kennedy-Khrushchev accords which document the 1962 U.S. capitulation to Moscow, according to a late-December Washington press account.

In the case of the spy satellite, code-named Chalet, the Senate Intelligence Committee determined in a still-classified report that the information revealed by Burt in the article was "devastating" to U.S. national security. While the details of the damage assessment remain classified, it is clear that the article also severely compromised NATO

member Norway by revealing that the satellite's monitoring base was located in that country.

Senator Hatch revealed the existence of Burt-authored memoranda which document the following positions taken by Burt:

- opposition to Reagan's zero-option in the INF negotiations and the public leaking of alternatives to the President's proposals;
- opposition to the neutron bomb;
- opposition to the revelation of Soviet SALT violations, which have now been amply documented by an NSC task force;
- opposition to the deployment of submarine-launched nuclear cruise missiles;
- efforts to undercut then-National Security Advisor Richard Allen and to encourage his departure so as to give then-Secretary of State Al Haig a free hand
- efforts to undercut U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick in earlier efforts to open negotiations with the Iraqis.

### IRAS satellite finds probable galaxies

Data from the Infrared Astronomical Satellite (IRAS) analyzed by the Jet Propulsion Lab at Caltech indicate the presence of "several dozen objects" of unknown size and distance, but which are distant by at least 6,000 astronomical units (one AU is the distance from the Sun to Earth—93 million miles).

These are believed to be galaxies too cool to emit visible light, and hence invisible to Earth observers until the IRAS infrared telescope was lofted above the Earth's heat blanket.

Although the non-scientific press reports the possible identification of a tenth planet or a star twin to the Sun, these objects are not of such a character. A spokesman for the Jet Propulsion Lab commented, "It's wonderful they're out there—they will give us information on the size and age of the universe."

The IRAS project has also just announced that the star Fomalhaut has rings of solid matter around it. Vega was discovered to have rings six months ago.

● **ROBERT A. GEORGINE**, president of the Building Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, is one of the 161 executives on the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control which recommended repealing the Davis-Bacon Act. Davis-Bacon has since 1931 guaranteed union-scale wages to construction workers on federal or federally sponsored projects. The Survey on Cost Control claims that repealing Davis-Bacon will "save" \$50 per taxpayer household per year by lowering construction workers' wages.

● **THE ASPEN INSTITUTE** launched a project last year to deal with the "deterioration in East-West relations," including Lord Carrington, Cyrus Vance, Bruno Kreisky, Helmut Schmidt, Robert O. Anderson, Richard von Weizsäcker, Sir Nicholas Henderson, David Watt, Pehr Gyllenhammer, John J. McCloy, Robert McNamara, and Henry Kissinger, among others. To help cut a new deal with the Soviets on trade and monetary integration as well as security problems, the group hopes to get input from the Gromyko circles in the Soviet Union later this year.

● **BEAM DEFENSE**, the book the Fusion Energy Foundation (FEF) wrote to explain the military "alternative to nuclear destruction" has sold out the entire 16,500-copy run which Aero Publishers shipped to the FEF in October and November.

● **MARYLAND** congressional candidates Ed Barnum (4th C.D.) and Charles Mott (2nd C.D.) have challenged their opponents—incumbents Marjorie Holt and Clarence Long—to demand the recall of U.S. ambassador to West Germany Arthur Burns.