

National News

LaRouches included on terrorist hit list

According to informed U.S. intelligence sources, the names of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., and Helga Zepp LaRouche appear on a current terrorist hit list in the possession of intelligence services in Western Europe.

On Feb. 10, the prominent West German newspaper *Bild Am Sonntag* reported that West German federal authorities had identified a 145-person hit list that included Chancellor Helmut Kohl, former Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, and the entire West German cabinet.

According to Wilfried Kusbar, the director of the Lower Saxony state criminal police, "We are expecting an attack or a hostage-taking."

U.S. sources indicate that West European intelligence and security services are in possession of several lists obtained from the West German Red Army Faction and the Italian Red Brigades, and the cumulative list is actually far larger than the 145 targets mentioned in the *Bild am Sonntag* article of Feb. 10.

At the same time that reports of the targeting of Lyndon and Helga LaRouche surfaced, the West German Green Party and its supporters, such as the terrorist-linked newspaper *tageszeitung*, escalated their public attacks on Mr. and Mrs. LaRouche. In early February, *tageszeitung* printed a lengthy article connecting Lyndon LaRouche to the Central Intelligence Agency and President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. *Tageszeitung's* source for their article was the cover story of the Anglo-Soviet intelligence connected *New Republic* magazine.

Security specialists say that the identification of the LaRouches as "CIA" and connected to U.S. defense policy is a signal to the terrorist networks that have been involved in a long list of attacks on U.S. military installations and American corporations over the last six months. An attack on the LaRouches, in short, is to be deemed an attack on the U.S. military.

Percy rumored to replace Burns

Rumor mills in Washington, D.C. are reporting that Rockefeller family in-law Charles Percy is the most likely choice to replace Arthur Burns as U.S. ambassador to West Germany. Percy (R-Ill.) was recently defeated in his bid for re-election to the U.S. Senate.

Two sources, one representing the Kissinger crowd at the Aspen Institute and the other a self-professed "conservative Reaganite," have reported to this news service that Percy is the likely candidate.

Percy's daughter Sharon is married to Sen. John Rockefeller IV of West Virginia. During his years in the Senate, especially in his post as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Percy became one of the more outspoken opponents of the Strategic Defense Initiative.

On Feb. 23, Percy is scheduled to speak at a conference in Morocco co-sponsored by the Aspen Institute and the Moroccan-American Foundation. Two of the directors of the latter Foundation are Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller.

The only "winner" were Percy to be made ambassador in Bonn is India, since earlier rumors during the past weeks had identified Percy as the most likely next U.S. ambassador to New Delhi.

Congressional opinion poll has pie on face

The Congressional Research Service looked mighty dumb on Feb. 10 when it released a detailed report claiming that European government officials, as scientifically demonstrated by a CBS opinion poll, are totally opposed to President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative. The report was released two weeks after Italian Defense Minister Giovanni Spadolini announced his backing of the SDI, and it was covered in the press the same day that West German Chancellor

Helmut Kohl publicly endorsed the defensive weaponry initiative.

According to staff at Wisconsin Sen. William Proxmire's office, it was Proxmire who personally contracted the Congressional Research Service report. Proxmire has been campaigning for months against the SDI as a "threat to the NATO alliance."

The report says that "the overwhelming preponderance of opinion (in Bonn, Paris, London, and Brussels) is negative towards the systems that the SDI could ultimately produce. Expressions of doubt over the technological possibilities and the strategic consequences, as well as the potential financial costs, of SDI, prevailed in each capital, across the political spectrum, and in military as well as civilian circles."

Reagan to scientists: 'Be ambitious'

In a speech before 80 top researchers, teachers, and entrepreneurs, including more than three dozen Nobel Prize winners, President Reagan appealed to the scientific community on Feb. 12 to make his Strategic Defense Initiative program for defending the United States against Soviet missile attack a technological reality.

Emphasizing that the object of science "must be to maximize freedom," the President said:

"We have already made yesterday's impossibilities the commonplace realities of today. Why should we start thinking small now?"

"In protecting mankind from the peril of nuclear destruction, we must be ambitious. We can't lock ourselves into a fatalistic acceptance of a world held in jeopardy."

Contrasting the spirit of inquiry and discovery of the individuals in the audience to the "limits to growth" mentality so rampant in past years, the President emphasized: "It's been pioneers such as you who have discovered new universes on the blackboard, charted new continents inside a living cell, and extended the boundaries of human mentality. Today, space is just one more laboratory and the idea that there are material

limits on the mind of man has been shattered once and for all. . . .

"Only if we try can we succeed," he said in discussing the SDI.

Reagan also reaffirmed his support for a permanent manned space station and said science and technology would feel "few genuine cuts" in his budget. He said he had asked Congress for a 6.7% increase in funds for basic research next year.

The President took a much-needed swipe at the news media for their coverage of the SDI and of science and technology issues in general, saying: "I sometimes feel that the journalists who cover every day have a tendency to miss the real issue." They engage in "scare stories," while ignoring the "largely unheralded" contributions of American scientists and inventors.

U.S. Steel demolishing plants in Pittsburgh

"U.S. Steel is doing better than a Red Army sabotage squad could."

That was Lyndon LaRouche's response to the demolition of the blast furnaces at U.S. Steel's National Tube Works in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, begun the first week in February.

The company has also announced plans to demolish "Dorothy Six," the recently shut blast furnace at the Duquesne Works just across the Monongehela River, which has been the main source for hot metal in the Monongehela Valley since the National Works blast furnaces were "closed for repairs" seven years ago. "Dorothy Six" won U.S. Steel awards for productivity and quality as recently as 1983.

Pennsylvania Gov. Richard Thornburgh, a liberal Republican, has just delivered a \$200,000 "community development grant" to the City of McKeesport to finance the demolition of the McKeesport blast furnaces and other large sections of the former pipe and tube manufacturing plant.

The "post-industrial society" crowd running U.S. Steel has gone beyond just shutting plants, noted Steven Komm, a Pittsburgh leader of the Schiller Institute which

is mobilizing its membership to stop the steel shutdown. "The tin mill at U.S. Steel's Irwin Works has been converted into a jogging track and sauna for corporation executives."

He noted that gambling is being legalized, and steelworkers' pension funds aren't safe. The Tri-State Conference on Steel and its constituent groups are trying to get workers to throw in their pension funds and suck local investors into "buying back" the Duquesne plant from U.S. Steel.

New York Times backs euthanasia ruling

The *New York Times* has warmly embraced the New Jersey Supreme Court decision that medical care, including food and water, can be withheld from dying and elderly patients. The *Times* is demanding that New York Governor Mario Cuomo implement comparable legislation.

The *Times*'s Feb. 15 editorial can barely hide its satisfaction at the ruling in the case of Claire Conroy: "But where a decision to yield to death was permissible, it ruled that withdrawing a feeding tube was no different from turning off a respirator. 'The primary focus should be on the patient's desires and experience of pain and enjoyment—not the type of treatment involved.'" The editorial further lauds the application of cost-benefit analysis to human flesh in the Conroy case, which specifies that if the patient is incompetent and has not indicated a desire to die, life-sustaining treatment may be withheld "if the net burdens of the patient's life with the treatment should clearly and markedly outweigh the benefits that the patient derives from life."

The editorial calls on Governor Cuomo to "get started" with his "distinguished commission" on medical ethics, so that New York doctors can start the killing, too. Cuomo "seems to have lost interest" in the Commission, the *Times* says. Maybe Cuomo's hospitalized father-in-law has something to do with his less than enthusiastic approach to implementing his own policy.

Briefly

● **WASHINGTON POST** columnist Mary McGrory smiled and curtied upon being identified as "one of the leading madames in Kate Graham's House," as she crossed a picket line encircling the *Post*'s headquarters for the fourth Wednesday in a row, on Feb. 13. A group of black ministers and others, led by Rev. Cleveland Sparrow of the Schiller Institute, have vowed to close down the the beacon of liberal journalism.

● **WILLIAM TAFT**, undersecretary for defense, began a diplomatic tour on Feb. 15 which will lead him to such African countries as Senegal, Ivory Coast, Mali, Chad, Sudan, and Egypt. Most of the countries he will visit, but for Egypt and Sudan, are French-speaking African nations which have made no secret of their desire to replace France with the United States as a main political and economic partner.

● **POLICE** officers in Philadelphia who have two or more complaints against them will be first in line for one-day "sensitivity training" sessions, which eventually will be mandatory for the entire 7,000-member force, the department said.

● **A PRO-BEAM** weapon joint memorial has been introduced into the 48th Idaho Legislature calling on the President and the Idaho Congressional delegation to "encourage the development of beam-weapon technology. . . . A commitment to beam-weapon development mandates the direction of medium to long-term credit for rapid technological progress of United States agriculture and other goods-producing and transportation industries.

● **CAROL ROSIN**, Washington anti-beam activist, has some of her strings pulled by a shadowy Dominican operative named Signor Morlion, top official at the Pro Deo University in Rome.