

National News

Has U.S. Attorney Weld gone underground?

The name of U.S. Attorney in Boston William F. Weld has mysteriously disappeared from court proceedings involving grand jury subpoenas to Campaigner Publications and other organizations.

In an unexplained move, Weld's name failed to appear on court papers filed by his office at the end of May, opposing a motion by Campaigner which charged Weld with having a personal conflict of interest and conducting a politically motivated investigation of organizations associated with former presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche.

It is normal practice in federal courts for the U.S. Attorney's name to appear on all pleadings filed on behalf of the government, even if the pleading is prepared by one of his assistants, and Weld's name has always been typed in on every pleading filed in connection with the current grand jury probe. However, this time, just when a personal response from Weld on the conflict-of-interest charges was required, he seems to have taken a powder. A reply brief to be filed by attorneys for Campaigner argues that Weld's failure to rebut the charges makes the government's opposition arguments "fatally defective."

Post features call to dump Weinberger

The *Washington Post* gave front page coverage June 3 to a call from Democratic Sens. David Pryor (Ark.) and Lawton Chiles (Fla.) that Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger resign. The senators argued that this was necessary for the Defense Department to "regain credibility."

"Five years into the biggest peacetime military buildup in history," writes the *Post*, "Weinberger and his defense budget appear to have worn out their welcome in Congress," with many congressmen thinking the

secretary of defense has "overstated the Soviet threat."

Pryor, a supporter of the genocide policies of the Club of Rome, is working with the KGB's Common Cause group and the Military Reform Caucus in Congress, in an effort to bring down Weinberger around the issue of "procurement reform" in the defense-contracting industry. According to an aide to Pryor, "We've been working very closely with Les Aspin [D-Wisc.], on the House side, and Senator Grassley [R-Iowa] is doing a lot. In fact, the Senate Republicans are so embarrassed by the procurement issue, that they're making life easy for us liberal Democrats."

Edward Teller hits 'confused scientists'

"The Union of Confused Scientists" is how physicist Edward Teller described the Union of Concerned Scientists during a briefing to the House Republican Study Committee on June 5.

Dr. Teller was referring, in particular, to the national ad campaign launched by the UCS against the Strategic Defense Initiative in late May (see *Congressional Closeup*, p. 60).

Following Teller's characterization, Rep. Richard Arney (R-Tex.) called the UCS ad campaign "professionally irresponsible behavior" and "one of the most powerful pieces of misinformation" about the SDI yet circulated. Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Calif.) called the UCS and other opponents of beam defense "wimps, weirdos, pacifists, and guilt-ridden scientists."

Dr. Teller recommended to the committee that the United States radically revise its classification system in order to allow for the free flow of ideas.

"The Soviets know all our secrets, including those we will discover over the next three years," Teller said. "We are keeping secrets from our own people, which they need to know." Teller stated that excessive classification prevents disclosing information that is vital to building popular support for the SDI.

FBI allowed Soviet spies 18-year-long romp

The Walker family spy scandal may sound the death knell for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Reports from White House and Justice Department sources the first week in June indicate that President Reagan and Attorney-General Edwin Meese are astonished that, during 18 years of spying for the Soviet Union, John Walker underwent at least a dozen FBI security checks, first as a Navy sailor handling highly classified documents, then as a licensed private security manager with contracts with numerous defense contractors. At one point, Walker was an employee of the Wackenhut Company, known to be a front for the FBI.

At the same time, the FBI supposedly maintains teams of field agents responsible for tracking every Soviet diplomat, beginning with the janitor at the Russian embassy, every time they leave a several-mile-radius of the embassy compound.

The President and Meese are reportedly shocked at the incompetence of the FBI, and distressed at the implications for national security.

KGB mole Rees aids FBI, ADL vs. LaRouche

FBI asset John Rees, whom *EIR* exposed in its May 14 issue as an agent of KGB disinformation ("KGB moles target Lyndon LaRouche at Brookings Institute conference"), issued a slanderous attack against LaRouche at a Washington, D.C. seminar on terrorism and intelligence on June 6. The conference was sponsored by the Nathan Hale Institute, founded in 1983 by Lawrence Sulc, a former CIA operative now with the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research. It featured presentations by a host of "LaRouche watchers," including FBI agent Joel Lisker, Herb Romerstein, the Heritage Foundation's Sam

Francis, several key State Department operatives, and Assistant Attorney General Pompa.

Rees spoke on a panel on "The Nature of the Terrorist Threat," and presented a "case study" devoted entirely to smears against LaRouche and his supporters. The FBI informant, who at one point during his diatribe made a reference to "my friend Irwin Suall" of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), a long-time LaRouche enemy, charged that LaRouche is a "renegade who cloaks his destructive efforts under the cloak of perverted patriotism," a man who indulges in "character assassination" against Henry Kissinger, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and AFL-CIO chief Lane Kirkland, and a specialist in the technique of "attempting to confuse your opponent by arrogating his arguments for distorted ends." LaRouche "is a very serious problem," he stated.

"One of the most alarming things about LaRouche is the acceptance he's found among the Reagan administration," said Rees, adding that *EIR* is read by many "less sophisticated law enforcement" officials.

Richard Burt's office attacks U.S. scientists

Richard Burt's European Affairs Division at the State Department is coordinating with the U.S. Justice Department Office of Special Investigations, in a witch-hunt against German-American scientists, formerly of the Peenemünde rocket program in Germany, *EIR* has learned.

Arthur Rudolf, a former Peenemünde scientist, naturalized American citizen for almost 40 years, and inventor of the Pershing missile, is the latest target of this attack, which has now forced him to renounce his U.S. citizenship and return to Germany (see article, page 57). The *Washington Post* quoted a State Department official June 6: "An argument could be made that 'Rudolph' was never legally a U.S. citizen," since he "concealed his Nazi past," when he came to the United States in the late 1940s.

According to a *Post* source, it is "the European affairs people at State," who work with the OSI, on cases of "former Germans living in the U.S., who are accused of having committed Nazi war crimes."

An official in Burt's office reports: "Several different people in the European division have worked on the Rudolph case at one time or another, especially the people at the German desk."

Immediately after the defeat of Germany in 1945, it was the State Department that most vociferously fought against the entry of Peenemünde scientists into the United States, against the policies of other U.S. agencies, which believed that these scientists—who had upheld the traditions of classical science *against* the Nazis—had a vital contribution to make to U.S. science and the national security.

Gun-runner Hashemi still a fugitive

Cyrus Hashemi, Iranian gun-runner and terrorist financier, is still a fugitive from a U.S. arrest warrant issued last summer. Hashemi was indicted in July 1984 for violations of the U.S. arms embargo restricting weapons and parts shipments to Iran.

Still unindicted, although named in the original indictment for advising Hashemi on the illegal arms deals, is former Assistant U.S. Attorney-General J. Stanley Pottinger. According to federal officials, Pottinger was scheduled to be indicted along with Hashemi last summer, before the tapes of Pottinger's discussions with Hashemi were "lost" by the FBI.

Pottinger is also facing a motion for civil sanctions, as an outgrowth of a libel suit brought by Pottinger and other attorneys on behalf of Hashemi against *EIR*. *EIR*'s lawyers are charging that Hashemi's libel suit was brought in bad faith and in order to prevent *EIR* from publishing exposures of Hashemi's illegal activities. Hashemi's suit was dismissed in 1983 and the dismissal was affirmed by a Federal appeals court last year. Pottinger's response to *EIR*'s motion is expected imminently in federal court in Atlanta.

Briefly

● **REV. LOUIS FARRAKHAN**, at a four-hour "Welcome Back" address June 1, reporting on his 30-day Mideast tour, announced that his meetings throughout the Mideast were set up by Ahmed Ben Bella, with whom Farrakan met in Switzerland. Ben Bella is a protégé of Nazi International leader François Genoud.

● **JESSE JACKSON**, a Farrakan crony, shut down a Washington, D.C. press conference June 6 after *EIR* correspondents questioned him on his ties to Libyan-agent Farrakan, his refusal to attack the IMF, and his support of Soviet ambitions in Asia. Jackson had called the press conference to announce his Rainbow Coalition's solidarity with insurgent South Korean and Philippine groups calling for an end to U.S. military aid to those countries.

● **ROBERT MCNAMARA** released an article to the press June 5, co-authored with Hans Bethe, attacking the SDI and calling on the United States to abide by the ABM Treaty. "If we are unwilling to refrain from the tests," said the former defense secretary, "the Soviets will, with good reason, assume that we are preparing to deploy defenses."

● **NOW CIRCULATING!** A sticker that reads: "George Washington was the first President of the United States: he had excellent, anti-British economic policies which built this nation into a world-power. If President Reagan's pro-British economic policies succeed, President Reagan will be the last President of the United States. Unless the President changes to LaRouche's policies, 'Hello, you Soviet slaves!'"

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