

National News

Byrd heads group to Moscow

Senate Majority Leader Robert Byrd took off for Moscow on Aug. 27, for meetings with Mikhail Gorbachov and other Soviet and Hungarian officials.

Byrd will deliver a letter from President Reagan to Gorbachov, which he said "underscores the strong support of the President for this trip and the discussions that will occur during this trip."

"We hope to establish a constructive dialogue" to convince Gorbachov that the Senate has a strong role to play in national security affairs. Byrd told reporters, adding: "We hope that we could help the new Soviet leadership understand that . . . on the fundamentals, the American people are united" behind the President. Byrd is being accompanied by a bipartisan delegation of Senate colleagues, including Nunn, Warner, Pell, DeConcini, Sarbanes, Mitchell, and Thurmond.

McFarlane vetoed post for Brzezinski

Robert McFarlane vetoed the appointment of Zbigniew Brzezinski to a new, congressionally mandated defense policy board, according to the Evans and Novak syndicated column of Aug. 27. McFarlane "was not about to broaden the administration's national security policies with strategic input from the dynamic and imaginative [sic] Brzezinski," the columnists report.

They also say that the President's National Security Adviser did not want to give the impression that the President needed Democratic help.

The national security adviser's decision, which stunned "Pete Wilson and other Republican senators," is indicative of McFarlane's "growing influence" within the administration, they add. McFarlane has begun a "deliberate, so far successful, campaign to assure policy dominance over the State Department on preparations for the Reagan-Gorbachov summit."

Brzezinski himself is maintaining a "stiff upper lip in the face of being axed from a congressionally mandated Pentagon study group," according to the *Washington Times*, which adds that he had already accepted an invitation to join the commission, to be headed by MIT provost John Deutch, before he was suddenly dropped.

Jersey politician contests subpoena

A hearing was scheduled for Aug. 29 in Boston on a motion brought by attorneys for New Jersey political leader Elliot Greenspan to quash a subpoena requiring him to testify before the Boston grand jury. The grand jury, convened at the direction of U.S. Attorney William Weld, is conducting a "fishing expedition" against organizations associated with Lyndon LaRouche.

EIR, founded by LaRouche, has charged Weld with covering up for the drug-money laundering practices of financial institutions associated with his family.

The personal subpoena to Greenspan was issued in mid-August while he was appearing before the grand jury in his capacity as record keeper for Caucus Distributors, Inc. When Greenspan refused to answer questions which went beyond the scope of the CDI record-keeper subpoena, Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Small ordered a personal subpoena to be immediately typed up which was served upon Greenspan by an FBI agent during the grand jury session. The subpoena, served at 10:58 a.m., ordered Greenspan to appear and testify in his personal capacity at 11:00 a.m.

Greenspan's motion to quash the subpoena states that the subpoena was brought strictly for purposes of harassment and intimidation and should therefore be quashed.

'Erotic' priest calls Church chaotic

Father Andrew Greeley, who has openly preached in the past that priests must become an "erotic force in the community"

and called for the use of drugs and sex in religious rituals, has now issued a report claiming that U.S. Catholics have rejected the Church's teachings on sex, divorce, and birth control.

Greeley said he issued the report now because of the extraordinary synod which Pope John Paul II has called for November.

Commenting that the synod appears to be an attempt by the Pope to turn back the "reforms" of Vatican II, Greeley said that the data in his report would suggest that "it will have little impact. . . . A reign of terror will only offend the laity and not cause them to return to the old ecclesiastical discipline. In the long run, such a reaction will only make a chaotic church more chaotic."

Physicist warns of Soviet first strike

The August edition of *American Legion* magazine carries a cover story entitled, "First strike! The Soviets' Master Plan?" by Dr. Robert Jastrow, a physicist who is director of Goddard Institute of Space Studies.

Writes Jastrow: "This nation faces the greatest peril it has ever known," because, with Mutually Assured Destruction "collapsing like a house of cards," and the Soviets building what can only be a "first strike capability," the Soviets will not be deterred by the fear of retaliation. The United States, writes Jastrow, "will not be able to retaliate."

Blaming the Henry Kissinger's 1972 ABM treaty for the United States' "present defenseless state," Jastrow calls for all-out development of the Strategic Defense Initiative technology for an anti-missile shield.

ASAT tests called crucial to SDI

Anti-satellite (ASAT) technology is crucial to the Strategic Defense Initiative, a Pentagon official told the *New York Times* on Aug. 26. The overlap between ASAT technology

and the SDI is so great, he said, that if the United States were forced to stop ASAT testing, "it would slow down certain parts of SDI today and probably prevent completion of the research program. . . ."

The Pentagon spokesman added: "Virtually any antiballistic missile system is going to have a capability against satellites as well, so if you actually did ban means of attacking satellites, you would be banning SDI."

The official said that September's ASAT test—which has caused howls of outrage from Moscow and the arms control mafia—will provide valuable information about technologies central to the SDI, and also indicated that the Air Force expects to conduct tests of directed energy beams against satellites.

NDPC demands Atlanta probe

Spokesmen for the National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) on Aug. 26 demanded that the U.S. Justice Department, under the Voting Rights Act, investigate a pattern of criminal break-in, arson, harassment, and attempted bribery directed against the slate of 18 candidates who recently filed and who are endorsed by the NDPC.

"This criminal pattern of harassment and intimidation is all being directed by the corrupt Andy Young machine," charged Michael Carr, a school board candidate and spokesman for the slate. The incidents have included:

- On Aug. 16, a city council candidate's car was apparently deliberately struck by a truck.

- On Aug. 19, a fire was discovered in the basement of the house of a school board candidate. The Fire Department has ruled the incident arson.

- On Aug. 22, candidate Louella Stephens's apartment was destroyed by fire, in a case that is also under investigation for arson.

- On Aug. 25, there was an attempted break-in at the home of candidate Elnora Tilman, who had previously been contacted by School Board Vice-President Rev. Pres-

ton Williams, who asked her to pressure his opponent Stephens to drop out of the race, saying he would "even pay her" to drop out.

- On Aug. 22, a city council candidate was visited by her opponent, City Councilman Robb Pitts, and city council candidate Grace Davis, who pressured her to drop out of the race.

NDPC spokesman Carr concluded: "Harassment and arson were standard crimes 20 years ago, designed to prevent people from exercising their right to vote and to run. The Voting Rights Act was specifically written to guarantee those rights. Today, we cannot tolerate Andy Young's thug machine ripping up those rights."

Secret FBI document leaked to the mob

A Brooklyn federal grand jury is currently investigating how members of the Gambino organized-crime family obtained a secret FBI document detailing a longstanding heroin racketeering probe.

The security breach, described as "extremely rare" and "shocking" by federal investigators, came to light in court papers filed recently by federal authorities. The document was an affidavit filed by the FBI detailing its investigation—carried out jointly with the Brooklyn Organized Crime Strike Force—and was submitted to the courts in order to justify and procure a wiretap against key members of the Gambino family, including Angelo Ruggiero.

The leak was discovered in July 1982 when an informant told authorities that Ruggiero had a copy of the affidavit, which was procured at the height of the investigation. The investigation resulted in an indictment against 11 mobsters in September 1983.

"Anybody who is not astounded is a suspect," said Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Raymond Dearie of the leak. The internal investigation—which has been taken over by the grand jury—focused on three possible sources for the leak: the FBI, Brooklyn task force, or the federal courts. Dearie told the Aug. 25 *Daily News* that progress had been made, but "we are not teetering on the brink of breaking the case."

Briefly

- **DON REGAN'S** "Acting President" routine is going over like a lead balloon among certain White House insiders—including the First Lady, who reportedly is very angry at the Chief of Staff. According to the *New York Post*, others including George Bush and key Republican senators believe that Regan's post-Labor Day strategy for confronting Congress on the deficit is going to backfire and hurt the President politically.

- **REV. MOON'S** New York City newspaper, the *New York Tribune*, ceased publication on Aug. 26, according to a report in the *New York Times*. *Tribune* managing editor Robert Morton told staff members that he did not know why the Moonie paper was folding, but that "financial difficulties were one possible explanation."

- **PRAVDA** will soon be translated into English and published in the United States. A small publishing company in St. Paul, Minnesota announced that it will begin printing a daily English translation of the Soviet party newspaper in September. Associated Publishers, headed by Charles Cox, has not sought Moscow's permission.

- **JACKIE PRESSER**, president of the Teamsters Union, made "illegal" use of funds as part of his role as an FBI informant. The FBI, however, failed to report this to federal prosecutors in Cleveland, who were investigating the payments to Teamster "ghost employees." Their 32-month investigation had to be aborted when they learned that the FBI had approved Presser's action.

- **THE FBI** is believed to rank second only to British MI-6 in degree of penetration by Soviet intelligence, according to intelligence analysts who have studied recent spy scandals in Europe and the United States. They now view as a greater problem for Western intelligence than the West German Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz.