

National News

Indict Bank of New England on drug-money

A federal grand jury on Oct. 15 indicted the Bank of New England, two head tellers, an officer, and a customer on charges of illegally concealing cash transactions totaling more than \$800,000.

The charges involved a scheme to hide the transfers from the IRS, failure to file reports on the cash transactions, and perjury, in the case of the branch manager and one head teller.

U.S. Attorney William Weld and IRS District Director John Johnson said the 43-count indictment lists 36 transactions totaling \$817,000 between May 1983 and July 1984. James V. McDonough, 51, is the customer charged; he and seven others were indicted in April for running an illegal gambling operation.

More than a half-dozen banks have now been indicted and/or fined by the federal government for involvement in money-laundering believed related to the international drug trade.

DoJ refuses to act on Weld complaint

The Justice Department has found "no merit" in allegations that U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts William Weld has violated the Ethics-in-Government Act by covering up the Bank of Boston money-laundering scandal and then

investigation of those who for years had opposed the Boston drug-money banks, namely organizations associated with Lyndon LaRouche, *EIR* founder.

Attorneys for Campaigner Publications were notified that the Justice Department had considered the conflict-of-interest complaint, and, "after investigation, found no merit to the allegations."

However, the fight is not over yet, as attorneys for Campaigner filed a mandamus

action in federal court in September to force Attorney-General Meese to remove Weld from the investigation of the LaRouche Campaign and Campaigner Publications in Boston; that action is still pending in federal district court in Washington.

Ex-Head Start director: Quarantine AIDS victims

Pediatrician Robert Mendelsohn, former director of Project Head Start, wrote an article for the Oct. 13 *Chicago Sun-Times* recommending a quarantine approach to AIDS victims.

Saying that he is concerned about researchers constantly changing their story on who can get AIDS, Mendelsohn wrote: "It's time for medical leaders to forego political pressures from civil libertarians and gay advocates, and call for a quarantine. We have an epidemic on our hands. . . ."

"I think food handlers and other people who deal with the public will be next," he said. San Diego and Hartford school boards ban AIDS children; Cook County, Illinois does not.

Right-wing coalition pushes for Novak

A "New Right" coalition, led by suspected KGB asset Paul Weyrich, is promoting sociologist Michael Novak to become the Reagan administration's new secretary of health and human services (HHS).

A leader of the radical movement within the Catholic Church in the 1960s, Novak has since relocated to the "conservative" Benedictine-oriented American Enterprise Institute, where he has been involved in promoting the solidarist idea that small, private groups (such as the Guardian Angels) do a better job of providing services than government institutions (the police, for example).

Recently, Novak wrote a syndicated column praising the latest draft of the U.S.

Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter on the economy, which calls for drastic cuts in U.S. military spending.

The Moonie-controlled *Washington Times* has joined the efforts to promote Novak. "HHS Needs Michael Novak," was the headline of the *Times*'s editorial, of Oct. 15, and the article argued that the HHS must change, "and not just in minor ways." The United States "must entirely rethink its approach to poverty. . . . HHS needs a conservative with the heart of a revolutionary. . . ."

Bishop Paul Moore: Sue the Pentagon!

Episcopal Bishop Paul Moore, head of New York Gov. Mario Cuomo's AIDS advisory committee, became quite upset Oct. 16 during a telephone interview on the AIDS issue, and finally hung up.

Moore had said that the Pentagon should be sued over its AIDS screening program, insisted it was "paranoid" to think the Soviets would encourage the spread of AIDS to the West, and defended his committee's decision in mid-October not to close gay bathhouses, because gays "have fought so hard for their rights, and are only barely getting some respect now."

He further claimed that AIDS is spread only through contaminated needles and sex. When it was pointed out to him that medical experts had proof AIDS is transmitted in other ways, Moore started screaming: "I don't care what they say! I have my own experts! I don't like the way this interview is going!" and slammed down the phone.

Helms attacks Burt for letter campaign

Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) has accused U.S. Ambassador to Bonn Richard Burt and his successor at the State Department, Rozanne Ridgway, of orchestrating a campaign

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of letters from West European governments to the White House, objecting to Robert McFarlane's Oct. 6 announcement that the United States had adopted a much broader reading of the ABM Treaty.

Helms said on the Senate floor on Oct. 17 that there are some who "believe they [Burt and Ridgway] instigated our allies to strike a blow at our defense. Once again, we have succumbed to the appeasement policies of our so-called allies."

He charged that unidentified people have been "able to sneak around and neutralize" the development of the SDI.

"It is clear the bureaucracy itself is jeopardizing this program."

Gelb plays a familiar role

New York Times reporter Leslie Gelb claims that the "gap is narrowing" between the United States and the Soviet Union on SDI and related issues.

As evidence, the former State Department operative brings up two developments:

First, he cites his Oct. 12 interview with Soviet General Staff chief Marshal Sergei F. Akhromeyev, in which Akhromeyev said that the Soviets are prepared to permit basic laboratory research and testing on SDI.

Second, there is George Shultz's successful attack of the broad interpretation of the ABM Treaty advocated by National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane.

These developments mean that "pressures are mounting to ensure that the summit meeting is not a failure," writes Gelb.

Pentagon counterattacks against Nunn-Goldwater

On Oct. 17, the Pentagon attacked the report issued by Sens. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) for overhauling the military.

The 600-page report, which has been

highly praised by the *New York Times*, is the kickoff of a major campaign aimed at streamlining the military, imposing greater unity on the services, and increasing the role of Congress in military affairs.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger strongly opposes the thrust of the report.

"Based on our experience of nearly five years, we see no need for the type of drastic, fundamental changes . . . recommended by the [congressional] staff study," said DOD spokesman Robert Sims.

Under the current administration, "The decision-making machinery is running smoothly, and our civilian and military leadership meshes as [it has] rarely in the past."

Sims also disclosed that Defense Secretary Weinberger has appointed a Pentagon "task force," headed by Gen. Chapman Cox, to analyze the report.

Did U.N. 'aristocrat' die of AIDS?

One day following an Oct. 17 *EIR* seminar at the United Nations entitled, "The IMF and the AIDS Epidemic," the *New York Post* carried a banner headline, "U.N. Big Here Dies of AIDS."

The noon briefing at the U.N. that day was dominated by questions on the death of Emilio de Olivares, described by the *Post* as "a well-liked aristocrat who was the chief spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Javier Pérez de Cuellar."

The U.N. spokesman refused to answer any questions on the death or the reported 30 other cases of AIDS in the international organization, prompting one reporter to ask, "But this is an epidemic, people are fearful, why don't you say anything?" The U.N. spokesman replied, "We are all going to die someday."

Emilio de Olivares, according to reports, had told friends that he was suffering from "Bulgarian pneumonia," contracted when he visited Bulgaria recently. No one in the West yet discovered by *EIR* had heard of this particular disease before.

● **WALLACE D. MUHAMMAD**, the son of the late Elijah Muhammad, has issued a claim to leadership of Black Muslims in the United States, attacked Louis Farrakhan, and says he will go on a nationwide speaking tour in 1986. He deplors the racial-hatred message of Farrakhan. His father, he said, repudiated the "hate-whitey" side of his message just before his death.

● **DR. THOMAS KRINGS**, the Methodist minister called by some California's "Abortion Czar," is allegedly a supporter of China's "one-child-only" law. Krings is the former director of the Sacramento office of Planned Parenthood, and is currently executive director of the Los Angeles regional Family Planning Council. A source has revealed that Krings "has made seven trips to China" and "is very proud of it." China's population-control program features infanticide and forced abortion.

● **UP TO 100,000** patients die each year from infections acquired in American hospitals, according to the Centers for Disease Control. About 2 million out of 14 million Americans hospitalized each year acquire infections in the hospital (14%).

● **WILLIAM SIMON**, former treasury secretary and a partner in Kissinger Associates, is a frontrunner for the Republican nomination for governor of New York, according to published reports. Simon recently endorsed Ed Koch for mayor of New York, against the Republican candidate, Diane McGrath, who has demanded the closing of gay bathhouses there to prevent AIDS.

● **NORTH JERSEY** police are so afraid of catching AIDS during routine police work that they are equipping cruisers with "AIDS Kits" and are buying leather and rubber gloves to avoid contact with suspects.