

National News

Rabbis censure 'Crazy Eddie'

New York Mayor Edward "Crazy Eddie" Koch was "excommunicated" the first week of November by a group described as "ultra-conservative Jewish rabbis," furious at his defense of homosexual rights. Koch attacked them as a "small fringe group" exploiting religious principles "for vulgar political purposes."

The mayor of the nation's largest city enjoys an extremely favorable press. Whenever there is cause for the matter to arise, New York newspapers refer to him as "a bachelor."

Rabbi Isaac Levy, chairman of the board of the Orthodox "Jews for Morality," denounced Koch's "zealous support of the homosexual cause and its harmful effects on the public, especially children," his refusal to close bathhouses frequented by homosexuals despite their proven role in the spread of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, and his participation in a parade given by homosexuals which reportedly included the radical pederast group, the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA).

The Rabbis' group carried signs saying, "Koch AIDS NY."

UAW leader pledges WWII-type mobilization

Hank Wilson, an executive board member of UAW Local 600 and a member of the Schiller Institute trade union delegation, in a speech to the Augustine Conference in Rome on Nov. 2 (see Feature), drew on his personal experience of the World War II mobilization of the American automobile industry to compare the moral challenge successfully met by American labor in the early 1940s with that of stopping the genocidal policy of the IMF and rebuilding the devastated continent of Africa today.

Mr. Wilson began by citing the "casualties" of the ongoing depression in the United States—11,000,000 manufacturing jobs lost since 1979, one-quarter of which have not been replaced; 240,000 jobs in the steel in-

dustry, 62,000 in farm equipment manufacture, 215,000 in automotive. Mr. Wilson then compared these figures to the state of American preparedness on the eve of the Second World War—3,000,000 men in arms for the Nazis, 370,000 for the United States; 40,000 planes for the Nazis, 5,000 for the United States.

He told the conference participants: "I am proud of the role we played in World War II, and we're ready to do it again. . . . I know the power of the American workforce; if President Reagan mobilizes it, we can solve the problems of development. For me, this is the American dream: Use Detroit to make the world better."

Mr. Wilson concluded by quoting Dr. Martin Luther King: "As wondrous as Handel's *Messiah*, as wondrous as the stars, is the mind that contemplates them," and by making an appeal to halt the industrial and moral decay that denies the world's children the chance for development.

Nuclear Winter: 'Codswallop'

Ninety-six percent of scientists surveyed at the annual meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontologists in October dispute the theory that dinosaurs were wiped out 65 million years ago by the impact of a large meteorite.

"It's codswallop," said Dr. William A. Clemens of the University of California at Berkeley.

The meteorite theory inspired the nuclear-winter hypothesis, championed by romper room physicist and nuclear-freezenik Carl Sagan. The original source of the theory was Soviet scientist Alexandrov. The Soviets then promoted it in the West as part of their building of the nuclear freeze movement.

Weinberger warns on arms control

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger warned on Nov. 4 that the U.S. cannot afford "to isolate arms control from the entire context of U.S.-Soviet relations," and called

for a "comprehensive negotiating posture" at the summit that would address "Soviet aggression" in the Third World, the Soviet chemical warfare buildup, Moscow's violations of arms treaties, and so forth.

"We do not share the belief of those who hold that the mere process of negotiations on arms reductions, isolated from all other pressing disputes and competitions, is good in itself," Weinberger told the New York Foreign Policy Association. In fact, focusing on arms control alone could "mask Soviet adventurism."

He blasted those who do not want to go public with evidence of Soviet arms treaty violations for fear they will upset Moscow: "Blinking at Soviet violations and aggression may make us feel comfortable and secure, but this feeling, history shows, will be short-lived."

U.S. plane fired on from Cuba

A U.S. Blackbird spy plane was fired on while over Cuba photographing the transfer of large amounts of heavy Soviet war material from Soviet and Bulgarian ships to coastal freighters bound for Nicaragua in October.

The plane evaded Soviet surface-to-air missiles (SAMs) fired at it from Cuba. Cuba protested the Blackbird's flights and mustered 20,000 demonstrators to protest outside the U.S. Interests Section of the Swiss Embassy in Havana.

Prisons to free AIDS victims?

The Washington, D.C. prison system wants to "kick out" AIDS patients now in jail because of inadequate facilities to handle them.

At present, an AIDS victim in the prison system is being held in a locked room in a hospital with no running water or sanitary facilities. A local union of prison guards met in the first week in November to decide on the issue of protective clothing.

AIDS in the prisons is under control, but "there's certainly the potential for it becom-

ing unmanageable," said Donald Soskin, health administrator for the D.C. Department of Corrections.

Meanwhile, in testimony before the House Republican Study Committee, Registered Nurse Norma Watson of the San Francisco General Hospital said: "Myself and my colleagues were 'forbidden' to wear mask, gloves, and gown while in close direct personal contact with AIDS patients . . . we have been formally reprimanded for protecting ourselves, and we are now facing termination."

Jack Kemp bash raises \$1 million

A fundraiser at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for presidential hopeful Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.), raised more than \$1 million Nov. 1.

The bash was chaired by Herbert Siegel, president of Chris-Craft Industries. Other major contributors included: Morris Amitay, a lobbyist for Israel; Norman Bateman, owner of the Philadelphia Eagles football team; and Thomas Pownall, chairman of Martin-Marietta Corporation.

'Astounding' progress on SDI

"Remarkable and in some cases astounding progress" has been made on the SDI over the past two years, White House science advisor George Keyworth told a London *Financial Times* conference on "The SDI and Eureka" on Nov. 4. Eureka is a French-proposed project for civilian use of SDI technologies.

Keyworth said the work had convinced scientists that a shield to defend the West from Soviet missiles was feasible.

SDI Organization chief scientist Gerald Yonas reported specific advances in sensors, optics, and computers, moving things to the stage where engineers would attempt to mass produce devices such as small anti-missile warheads and microscopic sensors.

Dr. Allen Puckett, chairman of Hughes Aircraft, said: "We should expect to discov-

er new phenomena and totally unexpected results."

But Lord Chalfont, chairman of the all-party defense group in the House of Lords, expressed the fear that the Pentagon would object to transfer of sensitive SDI technologies. History Professor Michael Howard of Oxford said SDI could lead to greater international tensions; and R. V. Jones, World War II's scientific intelligence chief, wasn't sure SDI would work, and demanded answers to the arguments of groups like the Union of Concerned Scientists, which have already been exposed as either wrong or simply fraudulent.

Money-laundering ring broken

Five men, including a vice-president of the Bank of Texas, have been arrested in Dallas on charges of running an international money-laundering ring involving an unnamed Swiss bank.

The arrests capped an undercover investigation by the Internal Revenue Service into a multi-million dollar drug-money laundering operation. The money-laundering scheme was allegedly operated by David Fisher, vice-president of the Bank of Texas, and Johannes Faul, a Dallas diamond importer.

A third term for Reagan

A new group called "Patriotic Americans For a Reagan Third Term" took out an ad in the Nov. 7 *Washington Times* urging that the U.S. Constitution be amended to allow Reagan to serve a third term as President.

The ad motivates this on the grounds that the Soviets are expecting a "less security-conscious, more conciliatory" president to be elected in 1988.

Though the ad does not mention it, Reagan himself has indicated several times recently that the two-term limit, which was added to the Constitution in a reaction against Franklin Roosevelt's four-term presidency, should be revoked.

Briefly

● **THE SUPREME COURT** has agreed to decide on the constitutionality of "gay rights," including sodomy, child molesting, and other such "freedoms." The Supreme Court has heard cases involving homosexuality only twice before: in 1967, when a homosexual foreigner was deported for having a "psychopathic personality," and in 1984, when an Oklahoma school teacher encouraged homosexuality.

● **AIDS RESEARCH** money is largely taken from other disease research budgets, which has harmed other programs, such as that for T-cell leukemia (ATL), a rare and lethal cancer found in hundreds of AIDS victims. The ATL researcher who reported this to *EIR* speculates that this leukemia was acquired from African monkeys, like AIDS, and transmitted to other countries in the 16th century via the Portuguese slave trade. Five percent of the heroin addicts and homosexual men with pre-AIDS symptoms also carry ATL virus, but only 1% of apparently healthy members of these groups do.

● **ROY WILLIAMS**, the imprisoned former Teamsters' international president, in testimony to the President's Commission on Organized Crime, named alleged mafia-Teamster connections in Las Vegas casino deals, including connections to current Teamster president Jackie Presser.

● **LLOYD CUTLER**, Carter administration special counsel and self-appointed lawyer for the Greenpeace anti-nuclear group in its battle with the French government, is now defending George L. Ball, current chief executive of Prudential Bache Securities Inc. Ball is former president of E.F. Hutton. During hearings in Congress the last week in October, Ball denied involvement in the massive check-kiting schemes that Hutton has been accused of during the past few years.