

National News

Attacks on SDI accelerated

Flora Lewis, *New York Times* Paris correspondent, wrote on Dec. 2 that the Reagan administration is "covering up scientific failure" in the x-ray laser program with "a government disinformation campaign" about the weapon's capabilities.

"Instead of a weapon, we have a toy," she quotes an unnamed "scientist" saying. She argues that instrumentation problems have made previous tests "unreliable."

"The willful distortion of research is a scandal, reminiscent of Stalin's support for Trofim Lysenko's phony theories of genetics . . . The American physicists working on the SDI aren't threatened with the Gulag, but they are being put in a demeaning position that undermines their integrity."

The degree of Ms. Lewis's deceit is flabbergasting, in light of the fact that the x-ray laser test results have indeed been "unreliable"—because they have been so much more successful than expected that existing diagnostic equipment has proven incapable of registering the power produced.

Weld coverup for Bank of Boston exposed

A careful review of U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts William Weld's handling of the Bank of Boston money-laundering case (February 1985) reveals that on the basis of standing federal statutes, the Bank of Boston should have been fined over \$2.4 billion, and scores of bank officials should have been placed behind bars.

Instead, Weld collapsed over 1,200 separate, documented incidents of violations of the Bank Secrecy Act, involving collusion between the Bank of Boston and nine foreign banks, into a one-count felony indictment. As the result of a plea bargain, Bank of Boston was fined a paltry \$500,000, one-twentieth of one percent of the laundered

cash, and no bank officials were even named in the Bill of Information.

The same Weld has launched a criminal witchhunt against Lyndon LaRouche in which he has vowed to manufacture a massive RICO multi-count indictment against LaRouche and his collaborators. Already, Weld and judge A. David Mazzone have fined LaRouche-connected companies and political committees \$430,000—almost the amount levied against Bank of Boston for the \$1.2 billion in dope money it washed. The fines have been levied although no charges against any individual have been forthcoming from more than a year of a grand-jury fishing expedition.

The Bank of Boston coverup by Weld was forced by the fact that the Enforcement Division of the U.S. Treasury Department had isolated the Boston banking community in general and the Bank of Boston in particular as the most flagrant violators of the federal statutes mandating that all cash transactions of \$10,000 or more be reported to the IRS.

Treasury auditors cited even Florida's notorious laundromats as paragons of honest record-keeping compared to the Boston banks. In response to the Washington-initiated probe, Weld's office went into gear to bail out the bank with a pre-emptive "conviction," and then a slap on the wrist.

American Enterprise Institute urges genocide

It's cheaper to kill than to breed, was the thrust of remarks by Allen Kelley of Duke University during a round-table discussion of the national security implications of world population trends sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute in Washington on Dec. 3.

"Frankly, pro-natalist programs are very expensive. It is cheaper to continue our efforts at lower population levels in the Third World than to try to raise them in the developed sector," he said.

The "consensus" was that if current declining population trends in the United States

are reversed, it will only be due to an impulsive change in attitudes towards having more kids, but that any promotion of population growth as a matter of public policy is bad, because it always implies authoritarian or totalitarian measures. "These things are like fads. I just have a feeling the fashion is going to change," said Richard Perle, undersecretary of defense for policy.

U.S. bishop hails 'anti-technology bias'

Defending the explicitly "anti-technological bias" of the second draft of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy, Milwaukee Archbishop Rember Weakland stated on Dec. 3 that the source of the bias is Pope John Paul II, himself.

Speaking at the American Enterprise Institute conference here, Weakland said that the Pope had exhibited a "negative attitude" toward technology in a number of his writings. He proudly quoted Italy's *Corriere della Sera* for its editorial conclusion that the U.S. Bishops' letter "proves that we have to slow down the rate of technological progress."

Hospitals told to use AIDS disinfectant

The National Institute of Health has told hospitals to treat AIDS-contaminated surfaces with a special new disinfectant, even though they say there is no danger of getting AIDS from surface contact.

The disinfectant, called LD, is non-toxic and kills the virus without irritating living tissue. Regular disinfectants are not always strong enough. LD is now being tested for destroying the virus in contaminated blood, without rendering the blood unusable, but the project is "highly speculative" so far,

said Alcide Corp., which manufactures the disinfectant.

LD releases chlorine dioxide when it comes in contact with viruses or bacteria, thus killing them. Scientists do not yet understand the chemical process involved, however.

Grace attacks U.S. weapons procurement

Cost-cutting maniac J. Peter Grace charged on Dec. 2 that the Pentagon's "poor procurement" procedures are as much to blame as defense contractor "greed" for fraud and abuse in military production and procurement.

Testifying before a special House Armed Services panel, Grace charged: "There is no incentive whatsoever [in Pentagon procurement procedure] to streamline that process. All the incentives are the other way."

J. P. Bolduc, a Grace associate and president of Citizens Against Government Waste, stated: "The situation we have today is not tolerable."

CFR blames Africans for Africa's problems

The New York Council on Foreign Relations and the Overseas Development Council's Committee on African Development Strategies released its "Compact for African Development" at a press conference on Dec. 2.

The committee, co-chaired by Lawrence Eagleburger of Kissinger Associates and the Bank of Boston's Donald McHenry, lays the blame for the African crisis on the African nations themselves, "which have mismanaged resources, mistaken priorities and misinterpreted warning signs of economic and environmental chaos," and blames the donor countries for focusing "on large-scale projects, and training Africans in technologies their nations could ill afford."

At the press conference, McHenry was directly challenged by a reporter from *EIR*, who asked him: "You've been very liberal in spreading the blame around. But Presidents García [Peru] and Marcos [Philippines] have laid the blame right at the foot of the IMF, and its policies of austerity and looting. These policies have caused holocaust in Africa. Isn't this just an attempt to maintain the control and the looting rights of the IMF and the international bankers, for which the CFR is the spokesman?"

McHenry mumbled that the CFR was not a spokesman for anybody, but that trying to blame the IMF for the problems in Africa was just the kind of "simplistic charge" which had led to the crisis in the first place. When the same questioner instructed McHenry to look at the balance sheet on what the IMF had done to Africa, he said, "That's your point of view. . . . I cannot accept this suggestion that by simply doing something with the IMF we solve the problem."

Congress debates Playboy in Braille

Not long ago, *EIR*'s *Congressional Closeup* column praised Rep. Chalmers Wyley (R-Ohio) for successfully excising from the federal budget funds to produce *Playboy* in Braille. We thought that was the end of it. Boy, were we wrong!

A suit has been filed against the Library of Congress, which produces publications for the blind, by the American Council for the Blind and *Playboy* Enterprises, a very unlikely team. They cry censorship and claim that the blind are singled out because "no attempt was made to deny sighted patrons of *Playboy*." Two congressmen, Reps. Vic Fazio (D.-Calif.) and Jerry Lewis (R.-Calif.) have joined the suit, as friends of the court.

Evidently, if it were reported tomorrow that sighted patrons of Macy's Department Store were practicing fellatio in Macy's main Christmas window, two congressmen could be found to support the right of the blind to have the act reproduced in Braille—at federal expense.

Briefly

● **'THE FILIOQUE?** What's that?" was the response of Philip Lawler to a question concerning John Paul II's Extraordinary Synod in Rome. Lawler's American Catholic Conference claims to represent conservative U.S. Catholics, but he claimed to have no idea whatever of the significance of the Pope's actions.

● **THE ACLU** has called upon the Senate Intelligence Committee to determine whether President Reagan has "secretly suspended" a ban against the assassination of Muammar Qaddafi. Citing a Nov. 3 *Washington Post* article on CIA operations against the Libyan maniac, the ACLU also urged the committee to ensure that "effective steps" are taken to prevent the killing of Qaddafi.

● **FREDERICK ALLEN**, columnist for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, titled his Thanksgiving Day column, "Farrakhan's Real Message Has Validity." "Where other leaders invariably make blacks feel helpless, [Nation of Islam leader Louis] Farrakhan offers hope. . . . [His] anti-Semitism is not the source of his appeal, and for this we can be thankful," Allen wrote.

● **THE CATHEDRAL** of St. John the Divine in New York is leading the fight to defend AIDS victims from Church "discrimination." Bishop Woodie White called AIDS victims "the new lepers," and said the churches are rightly beginning to show compassion for AIDS victims—in fact, St. John's is writing special prayers for them.

● **'FOR ADDICTS**, Jersey City is AIDS City," read a front-page headline in the *Sunday Bergen Record* Nov. 29. It stated that there are 500 reported drug-related AIDS cases in Jersey City alone. "In other states, less than 20% of AIDS cases are among intravenous drug users. But in New Jersey the figure is a whopping 52%.