

National News

Is Henry Kissinger eyeing senate seat?

Henry Kissinger's presence at the New York Conservative Party's dinner the third week in January has renewed speculation that he wants to run for the Senate against incumbent Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D) in 1988.

"I have absolutely no plans to run," Kissinger said, claiming that he was at the dinner merely "as a friend of Bill Buckley."

But Conservative Party executive director Seraphin Maltese said that he discussed the matter with Kissinger in December. "He seemed interested in the fact that I expressed the view that Mr. Moynihan was vulnerable," Maltese said, adding that Kissinger would make a good candidate: "He has charisma, he attracts the press, he attracts the public. I think certainly he merits serious consideration."

Maltese said that Kissinger has been "changing some of his positions" to a more conservative line, and that "there has been a new appreciation" of his accomplishments by many conservatives.

Bush courts fundamentalists

Vice-President George Bush during the third week of January delivered the keynote speech to a leadership conference sponsored by the Liberty Federation in Washington, the successor organization to the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority. It was established in December for the purpose of boosting the fundamentalist movement's political clout. Falwell has already endorsed Bush's presidential candidacy.

Bush, of course, is a charter member of the Eastern Establishment that Falwell and his followers claim to despise. But he bent over backward to prove his loyalty to the fundamentalist cause.

Introduced by Falwell's wife as the "next President of the United States," Bush exclaimed to the group: "What great goals you

have!" and vowed his support for the Liberty Foundation's positions, including prayer in the schools and an end to abortion.

"America is in crying need of the moral vision you have brought to our political life," Bush declared, and called on his listeners to get more deeply involved in politics. "Go for it!" Bush urged at one point.

"As a Baptist preacher, that's good preaching," Falwell told the Vice-President at the end of his address.

Space scientist refutes criticisms of SDI

In the January *Physics Today*, Dr. Robert Jastrow replies to the lying review by IBM's Richard Garwin of Jastrow's book, *How To Make Nuclear Weapons Obsolete*.

Jastrow shows that Garwin's calculations that missile defense cannot work are off by orders of magnitude: For example, Garwin contends that shielding SS-18 would cost 350 kilograms of payload. Jastrow shows this wrong by a factor of 10. Garwin's shielding proposal would leave the SS-18 without any payload capability, which as Jastrow ironically notes, would fulfill President Reagan's call for "making these missiles 'impotent and obsolete.'"

Many other examples are given. As to Garwin's method, Jastrow points out: "It is interesting to note, finally, that these order-of-magnitude errors are always in one direction—to make the proposed defenses against a Soviet nuclear attack seem costly and ineffective."

Washington considers legalizing murder

The Washington State Legislature is presently considering legislation to amend the 1979 Natural Death Act in order to permit the termination by guardians or relatives of naso-gastric tubes, intravenous feeding, and oral feeding to "terminal" patients, even if

the patient has not signed a "living will."

The bill defines a "terminal" patient as one who is comatose or in a permanent vegetative state, or one who has an incurable condition resulting from injury or disease.

This bill does not specify that death must be imminent to terminate treatment or feeding, just that the condition be deemed incurable. This bill, for example, would allow murder by termination of spoon-feeding for Alzheimer's disease patients, who have a life-expectancy of 8 to 10 years after contracting the disease.

Petra Kelly hires Ramsey Clark

On Jan. 23, German Green Party leader Petra Kelly served notice to a New York State court that she has hired Ramsey Clark, a former attorney-general of the United States, to pursue her libel claims against the newspaper *New Solidarity*, associated with *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche. Clark is a leading light of the "nuclear freeze" movement, and a supporter of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Kelly's libel suit alleges that she was defamed because a June 1982 article called her a "whore," "Nazi," "fascist," and "terrorist."

In June 1985, the defendants served Kelly with a notice of deposition to be taken in mid-July. Kelly obtained one adjournment and then directed her attorneys to back out of the case. On Aug. 1, 1985, Kelly's attorneys met with lawyers for *New Solidarity* and probed the possibility of voluntarily withdrawing the lawsuit, but were informed that the defendants would not agree to such a withdrawal unless Kelly paid court costs and attorneys' fees.

After two months of negotiations, Kelly unilaterally moved to dismiss her own case. She supported her motion with a signed affidavit claiming she was too busy to continue the suit.

However, in her recent submission, Kelly declared that the articles and public statements of the defendants in the United States and Europe have prompted her and her supporters to reconsider the case.

Clark's entry into the fight indicates that the suit is too important to let go, especially in light of the defendants' threat of counter-suit for malicious prosecution as well as a potential motion to collect attorneys' fees and costs from Kelly.

Governor to cure state problems with gambling

Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards (D), whose trial in December on charges of fraud and racketeering ended in a hung jury, declared his intention to cure the state's dire financial troubles by legalizing casino gambling and starting a state lottery.

Edwards has promised to make New Orleans a gambling mecca bigger than Atlantic City, bringing 100,000 new jobs and increasing revenue by about \$500 million annually if his proposals are adopted. Edwards also promised, "I will never make a wager at a casino in New Orleans as long as I am a public official." Apparently, he will gamble elsewhere.

The governor plans to establish a casino control commission modeled on the New Jersey Gaming Commission that oversees Atlantic City casinos. New Jersey law enforcement officials have reported that organized crime exerts extensive influence and control over all aspects of the gaming industry there.

A similar proposal to legalize casino gambling has been made in Florida.

AIDS infects newborn in New York City

AIDS is the principal infection of newborn children in many regions of New York, according to an Agence France Presse wire covered in the Spanish press in late January.

AIDS develops more rapidly in newborns than in adults, and 69% of infected infants have died, as opposed to 52% of adults.

Dr. Howard Minkoff, director of the

Obstetrics Department of the Medical Center at the University of the State of New York, says that infant AIDS is extremely difficult to combat, since often no signs of infection are shown in the mother.

Rita O'Donnell, adviser to New York City health services, estimates that cases of infant AIDS in New York City will double in one year, faster than the doubling rate for adults. Most cases come from children of mothers who are drug-addicts.

Judge hits FEC on Freeman suit

The Federal Election Commission received a kick in the teeth Jan. 29 from U.S. District Judge Thomas Griesa, when he refused to enforce a subpoena for documents and interrogatory answers against Caucus Distributors, Inc. (CDI). The FEC, shortly after the FBI and Justice Department closed its almost two-year-long investigation of Debra Freeman and her 1982 congressional campaign committee (Citizens for Freeman), reinitiated its witchhunt against Freeman and CFF. Mrs. Freeman is a "LaRouche Democrat" who is now a candidate for Senate; CDI is the national distributor for publications including *EIR*.

Judge Griesa took one look at the FEC's submission and said: "What idiot wrote this? Don't you have something better to spend taxpayers' money on? Can't you people ever draft these things in English? I'm not going to enforce this subpoena. Besides, you didn't comply with our local rule; you were to confer with your adversary before you ever filed this thing."

The FEC investigation was initiated by Freeman's opponent, Barbara Milkulski, who submitted a complaint, attaching a libelous three-part series by Mark Arax of the *Baltimore Sun*. Arax had conducted shotgun interviews of Freeman's supporters; he maintained that monies claimed by CFF were actually for subscriptions to "LaRouche publications," and that money raised for CFF went to purchasing such subscriptions. It was the Arax series which was used by the FBI as a pretext to open an investigation.

Briefly

● **AVERAGE RENT** on new multi-family housing would have to rise by 30%, to compensate for the proposed elimination of tax subsidies to real estate under current versions of tax reform, a study by the Price Waterhouse accounting firm shows.

● **REP. JIM WRIGHT** (D-Tex.), House majority leader, appeared at the White House on Jan. 27 with a broken left arm. He said it happened in a fall from a make-shift podium on Jan. 26, and called it the "first cut under Gramm-Rudman." Others say it happened when the Soviets twisted too hard.

● **THE CDC** (Centers for Disease Control) will send a team to Belle Glade, Fla. in early February to find out why "non-risk groups" are getting AIDS. Many victims are not homosexuals, drug-users, or blood transmission recipients. Mosquitos are suspected by two north Miami physicians, Mark Whiteside and Carol MacLeod, who blame the squalid living conditions, but the CDC denies this possibility. Its team will test for AIDS and 10 mosquito-borne viruses, but CDC has made clear that prostitutes will be blamed if at all possible.

● **TOWN MEETINGS** around the country will be sponsored by the Jefferson Foundation, a think tank which works with the Committee on the Constitutional System, whose members include Lloyd Cutler, former counsel to President Carter. The purpose of the town meetings is to convince Americans that the U.S. Constitution is no good. Cutler is a member of the Trilateral Commission and the attorney defending the constitutionality of the Gramm-Rudman bill.

● **WATER CONTAMINATED** by giardia cysts from human and animal wastes has been found by authorities in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, for the second time in a year. One official blamed the find on the water authority's "very old plant," which has "not been maintained very well."