

National News

Problems in Sodom (or is it Gomorrah?)

In early February, New York Mayor Ed Koch was reportedly expecting the ax to fall on the mayor's mansion in the very near future, as several more of his top administration officials have either resigned or been discovered to be under federal investigation for corruption.

Koch, who had to retract his "1,000% support" for Queens Borough President Donald Manes, nervously commented on Jan. 31, ". . . They [the U.S. Attorney] want bigger fish." Koch, "If a guy could be raped, that's the way I feel. I feel that a friend beat the sh—out of me and took advantage of me. Here I was running the most honest government in the history of the world, doing what everybody would want me to do. And suddenly, like it's a fish smack in your face."

The FBI had swooped down on the Queens Democratic Party Committee headquarters Jan. 31—amid the exploding political scandal surrounding Donald Manes. A federal agent seized four cartons of financial records. The raid came three days after Manes stepped aside as Queens Borough President and made a clumsy suicide attempt, as he was embroiled in accusations that he engineered a series of payoffs from collection agencies. The treasurer and secretary of the Democratic Party Committee were subpoenaed by the FBI.

Additionally, Mayor Koch's "super cop," City Investigation Commissioner Patrick McGinley, resigned under fire on Jan. 31 after it was revealed he was being investigated for alleged misuse of office.

State wants Kahane out; ACLU doesn't

In early February, the U.S. State Department issued a legal brief explaining why radical Zionist and terrorist Meir Kahane's religious and political affinity for Israel is cause for revoking his American citizenship. Kahane's lawyers at the ACLU called it "an invitation to anti-Semitism."

Kahane, born in Brooklyn, was the founder of the Jewish Defense League (JDL). In 1985, he was elected to the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and now holds dual citizenship. He is a convicted felon in the United States.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1967 upheld U.S. citizenship for those who vote in both countries. The State Department explained that Kahane has publicly announced that his U.S. citizenship is only to maintain access to the country, and, because of his allegiance to Israel, he owes none to America. They quoted Kahane's book stating that conflicts between Israel and "the land in which [one] temporarily resides" should be solved by giving up one's citizenship to join Israel.

The fact that Kahane is a convicted felon is grounds for denying an immigration visa and is additional grounds for revoking his U.S. citizenship.

Kissinger now eying Senate seat?

Senator Pat Moynihan (D-N.Y.) has lost three top aides in recent weeks, sparking speculation that he may not run for reelection in 1986—a move that could open the door to Henry Kissinger's ascent to the Senate.

According to the *New York Daily News*, Moynihan has lost his chief of staff, Robert Peck, his top domestic policy craftsman, Robert Shapiro, and his main foreign policy specialist, Thomas Melia, leaving his staff "very thin in political and legislative experience."

At the same time, the *News* noted that Moynihan has become "increasingly disenchanted with life as a member of the minority party in the Senate," and is particularly upset about recent charges by Sen. Phil Gramm that he is "weak on defense."

Meanwhile, Henry Kissinger has withdrawn, after a record one-week campaign, from his race for the governor's seat. According to wire service reports, Kissinger called New York Assembly Republican leader Clarence Rappleyea Feb. 3 and said he would not seek Gov. Mario Cuomo's seat, saying that "time constraints" prevent-

ed him from mounting a strong campaign "in light of his current focus on national and international events."

Previously, both the *Washington Times* and columnist William Safire in the *New York Times* had urged Henry to run for governor, but it is rumored that Kissinger, in a change of style, has his eye on higher things.

TV figure attacks SDI, praises Soviet Union

Ted Turner, U.S. television magnate, lashed out at President Reagan's SDI program on Feb. 5. Turner had just returned from the Soviet Union.

He launched his attack in a speech to the European management forum in Davos, Switzerland. Turner stated:

"You know the shuttle that blew up? That was high technology. And what's SDI? High technology. What's the whole nuclear weapons system? High technology."

Turner said that while he was in Moscow, he was convinced that Gorbachov is sincere about wanting to eliminate all nuclear weapons by the year 2000.

"Why wait?" Turner asked. "Why not eliminate them by the end of this year?" His newly formed "Better World Society"—a disarmament *cum* Malthusian genocide group—had just recruited Georgii Arbatov, a member of the Soviet Central Committee and head of its U.S.A./Canada Institute, to its board.

Euthanasia 'treatment' now standard in U.S.A.

Hospice "care," a form of "death with dignity" euthanasia, is now a legally required option for insurance company health plans.

A 1985 survey found that 59% of the Fortune 500 companies offered the hospice "benefit" to their employees. In January, Blue Cross/Blue Shield even produced a "model hospice benefit" to guide its affiliates.

All New York insurance companies and group insurance plans are legally required

to provide a hospice option, and the option is now mandated in Colorado, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, and West Virginia.

"Hospice is definitely a cost saver if administered properly," said the survey groups' vice-president. The National Hospice Organization estimates that American hospices are now "serving" 100,000 patients a year. Medicare has paid for hospice care since 1984, but the benefits will end Sept. 30, unless Congress makes them permanent.

Hospices do not make any attempt to cure or prolong the life of inmates, but simply house them while they die. The savings to Medicare per hospice patient? About \$330.

Regan associate indicted in Peru

Pedro-Pablo Kuczynski, co-chairman of the powerful New York-based First Boston International investment bank and old friend of Donald Regan, was indicted along with 12 others in Lima on Jan. 12; embargoes were slapped on their properties, and orders given that they be prohibited from leaving the country. Kuczynski is safe in New York City.

As Peru's energy and mines minister in 1980-81, Kuczynski wrote the "Kuczynski Law," which reduced payments to the Peruvian government on foreign oil company profits from 68.5% to 41.1%, on the condition that the companies would reinvest the difference—no reinvestments were made.

Peruvian President Alan García nullified the Kuczynski Law and the oil company contracts, with the unanimous support of the Peruvian senate last year.

Governor fears tax-reform plan

Texas Gov. Mark White stated in early February that President Reagan's proposed tax-reform bill will place a Texas water plan in jeopardy.

The \$1.4 billion Texas water plan, ap-

proved by voters in November, has been put on hold because of financing difficulties caused by the new federal tax reform legislation. The Texas Water Development Board tabled the project after financial experts warned that the tax reform seriously hampered the state's ability to issue bonds to finance the water projects. The bonds would be more expensive and many of them would become taxable, making them much harder to sell.

An incensed Governor White wrote Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Packwood (R-Oreg.): "I feel the bond provisions represent a damaging attack on the ability of state and local governments to issue tax-exempt bonds for public infrastructure and other public purposes. This attack need not be part of tax reform. Clearly, if this effort is successful, the cost of state and local government will rise, the costs to our citizens will increase, and the public will suffer."

Who supports the goals of Gramm-Rudman?

Apart from the congressmen who voted for Gramm-Rudman in order to avoid their responsibility as elected officials, those who support the bill's limits on the federal budget are invariably those who oppose American System economics.

For example, environmentalists, who love the law because it kills big projects such as dams and highways which threaten their beloved wilderness.

"We look at it as a real bonus from Gramm-Rudman that a lot of funding for road-building and dam-building will be lost, and that will protect our forests," says a co-chairman of the Sierra Club, long known for its anti-industry, anti-human policies.

A spokesman for the Environmental Defense Fund added, "Reaganism" has forced developers to cancel many projects on their own.

Another group of supporters, this time so-called fiscal conservatives, gathered in New York City, on invitation of Jack Kemp, to debate measures on how to reduce the U.S. budget deficit.

Briefly

● **THE HOMICIDE** rate as of January 1986 in Washington, D.C. climbed by 120% over January 1984, according to a recent study. This gives the nation's capital the second highest rate of any American city. The response from one municipal official: "You're kidding."

● **SEN. HARRISON WILLIAMS** was released from a Newark halfway house on Jan. 31, after serving a two-year prison sentence on trumped-up charges of bribery and conspiracy stemming from the FBI's Abscam sting operation. Williams, who was proven innocent by the FBI's own videotape, and in a recent interview said his conviction was "contrived," plans to write a book on the corruption of the U.S. justice system, as evidenced by the Abscam operation.

● **AIDS** has never been spread by non-sexual contact, a study by the Montefiore Medical Center says. Among close family members of 39 AIDS victims, none contracted the disease, except one girl who inherited it from her mother. However, the group's statistics came from the Centers for Disease Control, notorious for a definition of AIDS that excludes many cases. The group also used CDC figures to claim that no health worker ever got AIDS from a patient. Their conclusion: "AIDS is an epidemic of fear."

● **JIMMY CARTER** is touring Central America, where he plans to "dialogue" with the regimes and guerrillas in Nicaragua and El Salvador. He will also be preparing for the debt conference he is holding in Atlanta in April, to be attended by both Peruvian President Alan García and by Pedro-Pablo Kuczynski, just indicted for helping Armand Hammer commit tax evasion in Peru.

● **THE PENTAGON** will test 2.9 million military dependents for AIDS on a voluntary basis, free of charge.