

# National News

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## Israeli spy may be set free

Jonathan Jay Pollard, the spy for the Israeli Mossad who was arrested on Nov. 26, 1985 for stealing U.S. military and scientific secrets, may be set free without ever standing trial in the United States, Reuters reports.

Pollard was no "friendly spy" for Tel Aviv, as his defenders in the U.S. State Department and the Anti-Defamation League have claimed; he was a "false flag" agent for the Soviet KGB. He was caught with classified U.S. documents intended for an Israeli spy unit which bartered secrets to the Soviets on behalf of a network of Israeli rightists around former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

Pollard is now said to be "cooperating" with U.S. authorities, and that is the pretext for his potential release. Pollard's wife, Anne Henderson Pollard, was secretly released on bail in February, despite the fact that she was caught with classified documents going into the Israeli embassy in Washington on Nov. 21, 1985.

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## Federal prosecutor caught lying in hearing

The tables were turned in federal court in Newark, New Jersey on Feb. 28, as Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Small, a would-be "Grand Inquisitor" with a reputation for bullying witnesses in grand jury proceedings, was grilled for two hours by a federal judge.

The hearing was called by Judge Harold A. Ackerman to resolve conflicting sworn statements by Small and lawyers representing The LaRouche Campaign and Independent Democrats for LaRouche, concerning the availability of TLC and IDL documents in Small's possession, which were needed for a court battle between the campaign committees and First Fidelity Bank of New

Jersey. Small is conducting a grand jury investigation into TLC, IDL, and companies associated with Lyndon LaRouche.

Small first tried to claim that he had not given the documents to lawyers for TLC and IDL as requested, because the originals were not in his position; but he was forced to admit under questioning that originals had never been requested—only copies.

Small was also forced to admit his personal animosity toward political associates of LaRouche. "Was there bad feeling between you and the LaRouche people?" the judge asked. Small replied: "They spent a lot of time insulting my boss, William Weld. They called him a 'dupe of the dope lobby' and a 'Harvard punk.' They would chant 'William Weld is a fag' outside the window."

Small admitted to having been in contact with lawyers for First Fidelity for over a year. It has become increasingly obvious to observers that the bank's attorneys are conducting their pre-trial discovery for purposes of assisting Small in the Boston grand jury proceeding. First Fidelity lawyer Al Besser even boasted, "I'm going to make the government's case for them."

Judge Ackerman is expected to issue a ruling soon.

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## Crime task force seeks military war on drugs

President Reagan's Commission on Organized Crime issued a report on narcotics trafficking March 3, calling on the President to order the military into the fight against "an airborne, amphibious, and overland invasion" of the United States by the drug mafia.

According to the panel, "The Joint Chiefs should be instructed by the highest levels of government . . . that hostile or destructive action from within or without—overt or covert—shall include the . . . invasion of this country by drug smugglers."

Leading military figures quoted in the Commission's report emphasized the link

between drugs and terrorism—in direct contradiction of the Feb. 14 claim by FBI Director William Webster that the two are unrelated.

Retired Army Gen. Paul F. Gorman declared that the drug pushers' infrastructure "is used to move . . . arms and munitions, dangerous persons such as terrorists, spies, subversives or criminals, and pernicious information, such as political, economic, and military intelligence . . . to imperil U.S. national interests. . . . The money, mobility, communications, and transnational resources of the *narcotraficantes* lend wholly new dimensions to threats to U.S. lives and property from terrorists or insurgents."

Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters on March 2 that the connection between drugs, insurgencies, and terrorism is well-documented.

Attorney-General Edwin Meese stated his disagreement with the Commission's recommendation of an increased military role in the war on drugs. "We do not use it in an actual law enforcement capacity, and I agree with Secretary of Defense Weinberger that this is not an appropriate role for the military," he said.

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## Religious coalition formed to support SDI

Approximately 30 conservative Protestant and Catholic groups announced the formation in late February of the Religious Coalition for a Moral Defense Policy to support the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

The Center for Peace and Freedom, a conservative foundation, will coordinate the coalition.

According to the statement issued by the group, "As religious leaders concerned about the morality of public policy, we declare that if genuinely defensive systems can be developed that prove feasible and also practical from an economic and military standpoint, then their development and eventual deployment by the U.S. is not only morally justifiable, but morally imperative."

Signers of the statement include Rev. Jerry Falwell; Rev. Jimmy Swaggart; Rev. Jim Bakker; Rev. Tim LaHaye, president of the American Coalition for Traditional Values; Rev. Ben Armstrong, executive director of the National Religious Broadcasters; and Catholics for a Moral America.

## N. Y. Times ends its coverup on AIDS

The *New York Times Magazine* published an article on March 2, "Teaming Up Against AIDS," which reports—finally—what *EIR* readers knew five months ago: that a team of Harvard University medical experts, including notably Dr. Myron Essex and Dr. William Haseltine, is sounding the alarm that the AIDS virus is much more dangerous and widespread than public authorities, such as the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control (CDC), have been willing to admit. (See, for example, *EIR*, Oct. 4, 1985, "Doctor Tells Congress: Ten Million Africans Are Infected With AIDS").

The *Times* quotes Dr. Essex: "The CDC has been trying to inform the public without overly alarming them. But we outside the government are freer to speak. The fact is that the dire predictions of those who have cried doom ever since AIDS appeared, haven't been far off the mark."

The article reports the findings of the Harvard team, that "there isn't just one AIDS virus, but a score that we know of."

## Weinberger ducks issue of U.S. aid to Aquino

On CBS-TV's "Face the Nation" program on March 2, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was questioned on whether the United States had provided assistance to rebel forces that overthrew Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos.

Weinberger replied that the main con-

cern of the United States was to prevent the "threat of bloodshed." He rejected a suggestion that U.S. intelligence was provided to the forces of Cory Aquino, Gen. Fidel Ramos, and Juan Ponce Enrile, but was evasive in confirming whether or not the United States had allowed rebel helicopters to refuel at U.S. bases, to dissuade pro-Marcos forces from attacking.

"Eventually, what was clear was that there could be a major attack on civilians and people loyal to Mrs. Aquino," Weinberger said. "And we did everything we could to avoid that." Weinberger praised General Ramos and said that he had written to Defense Minister Enrile some months ago.

Asked how much military aid the United States might offer the new Aquino regime, Weinberger said he could not say. "We don't know how much military aid we're going to give the U.S. government," he quipped.

## Carter dispels myth of Reagan arms build-up

Speaking from his home in Plains, Georgia, ex-President Jimmy Carter performed the useful service of demonstrating that the "Reagan military buildup" is more appearance than reality.

Responding to attacks on his military policies in the President's defense budget message released the last week of February, Carter pointed out that it was he who pushed for deployment of 200 MX missiles (with implicit comparison to the administration's current wrangle to get 50 deployed), as well as insisting that they be mobile-based, rather than in the fixed silos Reagan has settled for.

This latter feature, said Carter, makes the missile a "sitting duck" for Soviet preemptive strikes. He also noted that five of the seven Trident Missile subs currently at sea were commissioned before 1981.

*EIR* has long noted that Reagan's "black-white" picture of how his administration reversed America's declining military, hardly jibes with the fact that his fiscal 1985 defense budget—before Gramm-Rudman—was less than even Carter's own projection!

## Briefly

● **JESSE HELMS'S** chief Israeli liaison, former parliamentarian Michael Kleiner, is hardwired into organized crime networks, an investigator in Tel Aviv reports. "Michael Kleiner does not just have connections to organized crime, he has connections *only* to organized crime."

● **THE STATE** Department has intervened directly in Israeli wage negotiations for the first time ever. Secretary of State George Shultz sent a letter to Histadrut labor confederation Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, advising that he adopt a "careful" wage policy.

● **JESSE JACKSON**, speaking at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas at the beginning of March, said that the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger came only a few months before two missions were to carry interplanetary probes powered by plutonium reactors. If the Shuttle had exploded while carrying one of the probes, he claimed, it "could wipe out all of Florida," or, if the wind were right, "the entire world." The Soviet daily *Pravda* had carried the bizarre charge the week before.

● **BOSTON** Superintendent of Schools Laval S. Wilson announced at a press conference that two students have come down with active cases of tuberculosis already this year. "We don't think this is any major cause for alarm," he said. But the resurgence of the disease known as the "white plague" follows other recent outbreaks in several locations of the city.

● **SDI DIRECTOR** Lt.-Gen. James Abrahamson has won Defense Secretary Weinberger to the idea of creating a think-tank for research on the Strategic Defense Initiative. According to a report in the *Washington Post*, this would be "a Star Wars version of the RAND Corporation"—a government-owned high-tech company doing SDI-related systems analysis, at a price tag of about \$30 million annually.