

National News

Administration under fire for Mexico policy

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) condemned the U.S. State Department for blaming Mexico for drug trafficking, at a press conference May 14. Rangel is chairman of the House Narcotics Abuse Subcommittee.

"We're shocked at the statements from the State Department, when we don't have a strategy to assist them in eradicating drugs," he said. Rangel reported that he has been trying for several years to get the administration to work out a comprehensive drug fighting plan with Mexico. "However, now that the reality of the situation to the South is spilling uncontrollably across our border in the form of tons of heroin, cocaine, and marijuana, certain administration spokesmen have taken it upon themselves to condemn the nation of Mexico. . . . For these officials to thrash Mexico around and make ridiculous demands that they halt the drug trade is like cursing the darkness. . . . The real problem is we have no foreign policy for dealing with Mexico on narcotics, trade, debt, immigration."

Criticism of the anti-Mexico campaign also came from outgoing Ambassador to Mexico John Gavin, who chided the "sanctimonious posturing" by those attacking Mexico, in his farewell address to the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico on May 15. Gavin pointed to the "quarter of a century that the United States and Mexico have jointly fought drugs," and said, "I know corruption exists. It exists on *both* sides of the border, wherever the merchants of slow death do their business. We must stop this cancer. We must attack this evil wherever it exists."

FBI agent arrested on firebombing charge

Frank Camper, the FBI informant who trained Sikh assassins seeking to murder Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, was ar-

rested by agents of the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms on May 20 and charged with two August 1985 firebombings in California.

Also arrested were Elizabeth Hamilton and Charlotte Wychoff, owners of the California Learning Centers, a nursery-school chain. All are being charged with conspiracy to firebomb the cars of two former employees, who had been dismissed by the school and had filed a complaint with the California Labor Board. Camper faces up to 25 years in prison and \$750,000 in fines.

As documented in *EIR's* book *Derivative Assassination: Who Killed Indira Gandhi?* (New Benjamin Franklin House, 1985), Camper ran mercenary training camps in Alabama and New Jersey, where Sikh terrorists were trained with the knowledge of the FBI. On May 5, 1985, five terrorists were arrested in New Orleans and charged with a plot to assassinate Bhajan Lal, the chief minister of the Indian state of Haryana, who was in the United States for medical treatment. The group was also planning the murder of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Following the New Orleans arrests, the FBI came under pressure to shut down Camper's arms-training camp in Columbia, New Jersey, but refused to do so, saying that a raid would be premature. This delay gave 15 Sikh terrorists the opportunity to escape to Canada.

LaRouche on CBS: 'I hate cults'

Democratic presidential contender Lyndon LaRouche discussed his political and philosophical views, in a wide-ranging interview conducted at his home in Leesburg, Virginia by Chicago CBS-TV broadcaster Bill Kurtis, and aired on May 18.

Kurtis asked LaRouche about charges that "you are running a cult and that you are some kind of Elmer Gantry." LaRouche replied: "I'm against Elmer Gantry. That's why I'm against Pat Robertson. In my view he is worse than Elmer Gantry. . . . I hate cults. We are committed to eliminate cults. We are committed to only one thing, and

that is reason, as it is applied to science. Our whole lives are committed to this. Cults come from anything that is arbitrary. For example, the free-market economic theory is based on the magic of the invisible hand. This is cult thinking and gives way to cult activity. People who read and believe in astrology magazines are people who practice cult activity. This is irrationality. Also, people who believe that Pat Robertson is a Christian are cultists."

The taped interview sparked a heated controversy between Kurtis and his co-host on the "Sunday Newsmakers Show," Walter "Skippy" Jacobson. Jacobson, a hostile left-liberal journalist, said, "The longer he talks, he makes no sense to me at all." Kurtis replied: "I think he really is a philosopher. The problem Mr. LaRouche poses to us in the media, is that we think in terms of specifics. We are always looking for some particular things to tell the viewing audiences. He is really into the Augustinian thinking. This is difficult for us in the media to understand."

Jacobson proceeded to attack LaRouche as "a paranoid, fantasy-ridden liar," particularly denouncing the candidate's security protection. To this Kurtis replied: "He may well be something of a prisoner. He is very serious about his security. . . . There have been several incidents of people attempting to gain entry onto his estate. . . . I'm not defending him, but if someone is trying to kill you, you do have to protect yourself." Skippy jumped in: "Go, ahead, defend him. . . . I'll attack you too!"

Newsman quits in disgust with media

Paul Reese, a veteran newsman with the Washington, D.C. affiliate of CBS television is quitting his job in disgust with the "news industry's" unprofessional reporting.

Reese, an employee of station WDVM, was assigned to conduct an interview with Lyndon LaRouche on May 16. The discussion focused on economic issues facing the country, such as the federal budget deficit,

the role of the International Monetary Fund, and the slide of the United States into the "post-industrial" society.

After the hour-long interview, Reese went back to his desk, only to find there a note from his news director: You have an appointment now in Leesburg to interview Frank Rafo, "to get the other side of the story." Rafo is a member of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors in Leesburg, Virginia, where LaRouche resides; he is working with the Anti-Defamation League and the Averell Harriman wing of the Democratic Party in an effort to "stop LaRouche."

Puzzled, Reese went to his news director: The other side of the story? he asked, an interview with Rafo on economic policy?

Of course not, the news director responded, the story is on LaRouche in Leesburg!

Reese comments that the news media is no longer interested in news, but rather "show business." "Remember," he says, "when the old newsman would come in front of the camera and say: 'and here I am to bring you the news'? Well now he says, 'and here's the news to bring you me.'"

Perle backs Kissinger's troop pullout plan

U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Perle endorsed Henry Kissinger's call for withdrawing American troops from Western Europe, at a briefing to foreign correspondents in Washington on May 20, the London *Guardian* reports.

"The U.S. may have to reconsider its deployment of troops in Europe unless it gets assurances from its NATO allies that they can be moved to other theaters in times of crisis," the *Guardian* summarizes. Perle said there are "no plans" now for pulling U.S. troops out of Europe, but "when the U.S. looks for support, and that support is not forthcoming in Europe, it will only fuel the isolationist sentiments that already exist in this country and make it easier for legislation encumbering the administration's

freedom to place troops overseas. . . . [If] by assigning American forces to Europe, they are rendered unable to respond to military requirements of the U.S. elsewhere in the world, then I think logically people are going to think twice before assigning those forces to Europe."

Kissinger's most recent proposal for a U.S. troop withdrawal appeared in a syndicated column in newspapers around the world during the second week in May.

NYPD runs cover for Jewish terror group

Detectives from the Intelligence Unit of the New York Police Department shrugged their shoulders and refused to intervene in a demonstration conducted May 18 by members of the terrorist Jewish Defense Organization (JDO), in which death threats were issued against Lyndon LaRouche.

The demonstration was led by JDO leader Mordechai Levi, who has been caught in a campaign of criminal harassment, attempted break-ins, and telephone death threats directed at employees of Campaigner Publications, which provides editorial services for *EIR*. Although Levi had forecast 2,000 participants, only 9 showed up to parade in front of the office of Campaigner Publications in New York City.

The JDOers chanted, "Who do we want? LaRouche. How do we want him? Dead!" and "Stop the Nazis, Stop LaRouche."

In spite of advance warning to the NYPD's Intelligence Division that Levi would be present at the demonstration, neither the NYPD nor the FBI arrested him. Detective Gretchyn, responsible for monitoring the Jewish Defense League and the Jewish Defense Organization, reportedly considers Levi's death threats "street rhetoric" and not a direct threat. "They have a First Amendment right to say what they want," she commented. Despite her knowledge of JDL/JDO acts of violence, Detective Gretchyn insists she has no information of Levi's criminal activities or his criminal past.

Briefly

● **DIXY LEE RAY**, the former Democratic governor of the state of Washington, may be named science adviser to President Reagan, to replace George Keyworth, who resigned in December. Ray is an outspoken supporter of the Strategic Defense Initiative and an advocate of nuclear power. Among her promoters are Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, SDI chief James Abrahamson, National Security Adviser John Poindexter, and nuclear physicist Dr. Edward Teller.

● **CONSTANTINE MENGES**, the Latin America chief for the National Security Council, is going back to the CIA, the White House announced May 21. Menges has been one of the most hardline backers of the Nicaraguan contras in the Reagan administration. At the same time, Henry Kissinger's crony William Perry has been brought onto the NSC staff. He says he will maintain a "low profile."

● **MICHIGAN IS RIPE** for terrorism, according to a highly placed state law-enforcement official, who cited the effect of attacks on police intelligence by the National Lawyers Guild and American Civil Liberties Union. "Michigan police can keep no files on any group," he said, "and only on individuals after a crime has been committed. No Michigan police department can cooperate on intelligence gathering with any other police department or law enforcement agency, in or out of state. We have zero intelligence capabilities. Meanwhile terrorist groups like the Shi'ites keep growing."

● **ADLAI STEVENSON**, following the failure of his bid to run for governor of Illinois as an independent, has attracted media derision by his denials that he is either a "wimp" or a "turkey." Yet he has taken to frequenting turkey-shoots, where he "gobbles like a female turkey to lure male turkeys to him."