

National News

NSC to investigate intelligence leaks

The White House has instructed the National Security Council to begin a systematic, government-wide investigation into the disclosing of sensitive intelligence information, to determine if additional preventive measures are needed, senior White House officials said on May 23. The officials indicated that the review would focus not only on government leakers, but on news media that publish the leaks.

The investigation was triggered by a number of recent leaks detrimental to the national security, including the release of top-security information about U.S. electronic espionage capabilities by NBC-TV, the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Times*, *Time* magazine, and *Newsweek*.

The review will involve the entire administration, including the Departments of State and Defense and the CIA. White House aides said that the review may lead to recommendations for strengthening the 1950 espionage law, which prohibits the publication of classified information relating to codes and intelligence gathered through intercepted communications. "There has been serious concern within the administration on leaks," one official said. "That has manifested itself in growing concern about how to tackle the problem of conducting the confidential work of the government without it appearing in the media immediately."

Schlesinger: Chernobyl accident will hurt SDI

James R. Schlesinger said in a television interview on May 25 that the Chernobyl nuclear accident, coming shortly after the disaster of the Space Shuttle Challenger, will enhance the "skepticism" of Americans about "technological hubris," and hence will hamper the implementation of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative.

Schlesinger, the former energy secre-

tary and head of the Atomic Energy Commission, spoke on NBC's "Meet the Press" program. He declared that President Reagan's idea of making nuclear weapons obsolete and putting a "canopy" over the United States is "10,000 times more complex than a Shuttle launch."

The author of the infamous "Schlesinger Doctrine" for limited nuclear warfare, Schlesinger's concept of military strategy is antithetical to that contained in President Reagan's call to replace the doctrine of Mutual and Assured Destruction (MAD) with one of Mutual and Assured Survival (MAS).

Asked what effect Chernobyl would have on nuclear power in the United States, Schlesinger replied: "We've had no new reactors here since 1978, and nuclear power will be moribund for at least another decade." When we have the next energy crisis, we're likely to revive it.

Crime links of Soviet emigrés under scrutiny

Over 150 law-enforcement officials gathered in New York City in May to discuss the growing threat of the "Soviet mafia," which has been rapidly expanding throughout the country in alliance with the Gambino and Colombo mob families, and the organized crime networks linked to officials of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

Centered in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, this mafia is based in the Soviet Jewish emigré community, which since 1964 has grown to 150,000, and overlaps the Israeli mafia. Key centers of its activities include: Los Angeles, Miami, Brooklyn, Antwerp, Rome, and West Berlin. According to intelligence sources, this community is thoroughly penetrated by the Soviet KGB.

This investigation of the Soviet emigré mafia could begin to lift the veil of silence imposed by the ADL and affiliated mob lawyers, who maintain that it is "anti-Semitic" to prosecute organized crime committed by Jews (they do not, however, allege that it is anti-Italian to attack the mafia). Such ADL attacks have curtailed law-enforcement efforts up to now. But on April 2, after the President's Commission on Organized Crime

issued a comprehensive report on mob activities, 9 out of the 18 commissioners issued a statement charging that, among other failings, the report "failed to address the roles of American black and Jewish organizations in organized crime."

Weinberger hits Dr. K's troop withdrawal plan

At a press conference in Copenhagen on May 21, Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger rejected Henry Kissinger's recent call for a U.S. military disengagement from Western Europe. "I disagree totally with Henry on this issue, and I am very sorry to see a man who used to be a strong defender of the alliance make such statements," Weinberger said, in a reply to a question from an *EIR* reporter. Weinberger emphasized that the Soviet threat is not diminishing but growing.

Asked about the possibilities of repealing the Gramm-Rudman budget-cutting bill, Weinberger said that the amendment was a potential danger to the defense program of the United States, coming from a Congress "totally fixated on balancing the budget." He said he hoped that the Congress would follow the recommendations of President Reagan to prevent "the mechanisms of Gramm-Rudman from ever being implemented."

Governor Lamm vs. the Statue of Liberty

Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm declared on May 29 that Americans have been "blinded" to the problem of uncontrolled immigration by the symbolism of the Statue of Liberty. "I never did believe in that 'give me your tired, your poor. . . .'" he said, according to UPI.

Governor Lamm, notorious as a spokesman for the "euthanasia lobby" and the drive to cut health costs by killing off the elderly, was testifying at the third Joint Economic Committee hearing, held by Rep. James

Scheuer (D-N.Y.), on the impact of immigration.

"We've been so blinded by the Statue of Liberty," he said. "It's been such an overpowering symbol. . . . We should stop illegal immigration, but we also must maintain responsible limits on legal immigration. . . . More and more immigrants are living in America separated by language, geography, ethnicity, and class. This is a social time bomb."

Petition drive set against 'gay rights'

New York City's Family Rights Coalition on May 29 announced a drive to gather signatures to place a referendum on the ballot in November that would repeal the city's gay rights law. The law, which was passed in March, outlaws discrimination against homosexuals in housing, hiring and public accommodations.

Coalition spokesman Noach Dear said at a press conference at City Hall that the law "deprives New Yorkers of the freedom to make up their own minds about getting involved with sexual deviates as employees, tenants or next-door neighbors." He said the issue could be placed on the ballot if 15,000 more signatures were gathered.

Dear called the law unconstitutional and said, "This is not a civil rights law. This is a public relations gimmick. . . . We think the people should be given a chance to go into the voting booth and make their own decision about whether or not New York City should have that kind of law on its books."

Photographer assaulted at Chicago NBC studio

Tom Szymecko, a photographer for New Solidarity International Press Service, was attacked on May 21 outside the NBC-TV studio in Chicago, by a man who identified himself only as "the owner" of the station. Szymecko was taking pictures of a "Boycott NBC" rally by the National Democratic Policy Committee.

This was the second assault on Szymecko by an NBC employee in less than a week; the first occurred on May 16, when an NBC cameraman punched him, breaking his glasses and injuring his nose, at the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago. In a related incident, national NBC-TV talk-show host Phil Donahue assaulted a supporter of presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche at New York City's LaGuardia Airport on May 11.

In the latest attack, a man in a black overcoat emerged from the studio, walked over to Szymecko, and said in a threatening tone, "You can't take pictures here—get out of here! Who are you taking pictures of? Who are you?"

Szymecko replied: "I'm a cameraman. Who are you? You're not with NBC, are you?" The assailant yelled back, "I own NBC!" He lunged forward, grabbed the camera, which was around Szymecko's neck, pulled it, and screamed, "Give me that film, give me that camera!" A five-minute scuffle ensued. Szymecko has a heart condition for which he wears a pacemaker.

Meese disclaims Helms charges against Mexico

Attorney-General Edwin Meese, in a telephone conversation with his Mexican counterpart, Sergio Garcia Ramirez, on May 22, repudiated the charges made against Mexico in May 12-13 hearings conducted by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.). At the Senate hearings, U.S. officials, including Customs Commissioner William von Raab, charged Mexican government officials with corruption and involvement in drug-trafficking.

Meese's disclaimer was made public by Garcia Ramirez's office on May 23. According to the Mexican release, Meese "deplored the commitments made in hearings of a Senate subcommittee of the United States that does not reflect, in any way, the opinion of President Ronald Reagan or the point of view of the Justice Department."

The U.S. Customs service responded to Meese's remarks by saying it stands by the statements of von Raab. The White House and the State Department refused to comment.

Briefly

● **'GENERAL NORIEGA'S** days are numbered," said Debra de Moss, a top aide to Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), to a member of the Panamanian Human Rights Commission recently. Gen. Manuel Noriega, commander of Panama's defense forces, has been targeted for ouster by Helms and the World Bank/IMF. De Moss told the anti-government human rights group, "The Pentagon will withdraw its support from General Noriega. You should keep up the struggle."

● **TIME** magazine's poll of Democratic presidential possibilities, published June 2, listed Lyndon H. LaRouche for the first time, giving him 39% name recognition, against 84% for Gary Hart, 74% for Lee Iacocca, 94% for Jesse Jackson, and 42% for Mario Cuomo.

● **FBI AGENT** Robert Friedrich, surrounded by 60 fellow agents in a show of support on May 29, pleaded not guilty to charges that he lied to the government about the role of Teamsters President Jackie Presser in a payroll-padding scheme.

● **J. PETER GRACE** is "trying for world power," according to a lawsuit filed in a Milwaukee court by Miller Brewing Co. heir Harry G. John. John charges that Grace is trying to oust him as director of the De Rance Foundation, a Milwaukee-based charity. John's lawyer, Thomas Jeffers, cited Grace's membership in Yale University's "subversive" Scroll and Key society, "that well-known Soviet support organization," and his takeover of the Ford and Carnegie Foundations.

● **DON REGAN** delayed the expected announcement of approval of a \$2.8 billion Space Shuttle orbiter to replace the Challenger, objecting that NASA had not provided adequate justification for it. At a morning staff meeting, Regan contended that the agency had not made "adequate response" to questions he raised at a National Security Council meeting two weeks before.