

National News

Danny Graham pushes 'glasnost' in U.S.S.R.

Lt.-Gen. (ret.) Danny Graham, the head of Washington's "High Frontier" group, went on a hush-hush trip to the Soviet Union in mid-June, to attend a conference on the theme of "After Reykjavik: Planning the 1990s." The meeting was sponsored and funded by the Soviets' World Disarmament Campaign and the U.N. Department of Disarmament Affairs (DDA).

According to a spokesman for the DDA, Graham spoke on the need for both the United States and the Soviet Union to develop strategic defense capabilities, and proposed "satellite glasnost": a joint satellite data pool to share the data in the U.S. Library of Congress, Soviet encyclopedias, and the collected works of Lenin and Marx.

American reporters were generally prohibited from attending the meeting. Among those attending were Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Bessmertnykh, Deputy Chairman for Treaties and Legal Affairs of the Defense Ministry Chervov, U.S. arms negotiator Edward Rowney, and Sir James Eberle of the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

In Congress, 'Reason has slipped its leash'

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, in a statement released June 19, said that the 1988 budget proposed by Congress was proof that "reason has slipped its leash on Capitol Hill."

"The 1988 budget emerging from Congress will deny this country an adequate defense," he said. "It is exactly the wrong way to go, and is a clear sign that reason has slipped its leash on Capitol Hill. In addition to threatening us with a tax increase of more than \$19 billion next year and \$65 billion over the next three years, those who support this budget insist on at least a \$16 billion cut in defense spending—and more likely—a \$23 billion cut. . . ."

"All this amounts to is simply a bald and

irresponsible political document that disregards our national security. The congressional leadership is telling the President . . . 'Mr. President, we, the Congress, are ready to do something dangerous if you are willing to do something unwise, and if you don't, we'll do something worse.'"

General Rogers: Go slow on arms control

Outgoing NATO Supreme Commander Gen. Bernard Rogers sharply questioned the U.S. administration's flight forward toward a "zero-option" arms-control deal with Moscow, in a commencement speech in the Federal Republic of Germany on June 17. "Somebody ought to stand up out there and say to NATO, 'Time out, dammit!' We have moved too quickly and it is time for us to sit back and think and reorganize ourselves," he said.

"Somebody has to say, 'We go no further until we know what we are doing and what the long-term impact is going to be,' not just what the short-term advantages for governments and their credibility are."

"When the future of Western Europe is at stake, I don't know why it is so necessary to make decisions . . . to rush into this, other than the fact that certain administrations are going out of existence by certain time frames," Rogers said. "Is it more important to have these things accomplished on certain people's watch, or is it more important in the long term to ensure what we are doing is right to the future of Western Europe? I happen to think the latter is more important, but then I am only a dumb infantryman trying to make a living as a commander in Europe and with only 10 days to go."

Rogers was particularly incensed by "the preemptive concedes in high positions in the United States government," who do not push maximum U.S. positions with Russia because they think "the Russians won't accept this." Rogers insisted that "the alliance has to say enough is enough and recognize the fact that nuclear weapons are necessary into the foreseeable future."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitz-

water read a statement to the press June 18, objecting to Rogers' inference that President Reagan was putting political considerations ahead of national security.

Police face AIDS danger from suicide victim

A recent rescue attempt by police in the Richmond, Virginia area has sparked discussion among police and rescue workers about the necessity for gloves and other precautions to protect the workers from AIDS, according to a report in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* June 18.

Three officers sought to aid a victim of a suicide attempt, who had slit his wrists. They applied compresses to his wounds, and some of the blood spilled on their hands and clothing. During the ride to the Medical College of Virginia (MCV), the man revealed that he had AIDS. The officers were told to bathe immediately and destroy their clothes and shoes. They are scheduled to be tested for AIDS in 90 days.

Dr. Lisa Kaplowitz of the MCV hospital's Division of Infectious Diseases said the officers' chance of catching AIDS is "very minimal," but police officials are not so sure.

Physicist compares SDI report to Nazi science

Frederick Seitz, the former president of the American Physical Society and the National Academy of Sciences, on May 19 sharply criticized the APS's April report denying the feasibility of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

"Physicists with long memories," he said, "will recall that when the Nazis came into power in Germany in the 1930s, the German physics journals—which had been, until then, among the finest in the world . . . began to publish works of questionable quality. That was one of the earliest indications of the decline of German science in the pre-World War II period."

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Seitz continued, "I know of no precedent, in my long association with the American Physical Society, for the issuance of so seriously flawed a document as this. . . . What we see here is a lowering of the standards of publication in the journals of one of our most respected scientific organizations, in respect to an important defense program that happens to be unpopular with a number of American physicists. . . . In my view, this report is not worthy of serious consideration."

Seitz is chairman of the Science Advisory Committee for the SDI. His remarks were quoted in a commentary in the *Washington Times* June 16 by Maj.-Gen. (ret.) Henry Mohr.

EIR's critique of the APS report was published in our May 29 issue ("'Flat Earth Society' mounts feeble comeback").

Janice Hart rips Illinois AIDS bill

LaRouche Democrats Janice Hart and Susan Johnson held a press conference in Springfield, Illinois on June 16, to announce a lobbying effort for legislation to combat the AIDS crisis. A package of AIDS legislation is now before the state Senate.

Hart won the Democratic primary nomination for secretary of state of Illinois in 1986, unleashing the fury of the liberal Democratic machine around Adlai Stevenson III. Her campaign centered around AIDS, the War on Drugs, and the economic crisis.

One reporter told Mrs. Hart, "I've got to hand it to you people. You were the first to put AIDS on the agenda."

Asked about the bill before the state legislature, Mrs. Hart stated: "Not only is the legislation inadequate, but it must address the economic questions facing this country and the world. If people think the government is committed to saving their lives, they'd better think again. It is becoming apparent to all, that people within the government and the medical profession are covering up the truth about AIDS. The government is only interested in balancing the

books, not saving lives. For this reason, 'country club' Republicans and 'Project Democracy' Democrats are sticking with the condom approach. We are here to meet with these legislators to bring them reality."

Asked what is the most important thing the legislature could do, Hart replied: "Deal with the question that the economy is bankrupt, and if we don't deal with that, the AIDS disease will spread like wildfire. We are in a war against poverty, AIDS, and disease. If you go into battle wearing only a condom, you're going to get killed."

Edwin Wilson claims Irangate coverup

Former CIA agent Edwin Wilson, who has been in jail since 1982 for smuggling arms to Libya, said in a TV interview on CNN June 17 that congressional Irangate investigations have so far failed to uncover the full story behind the scandal. The key to the Iran-Contra deals, he said, lies with forcing full testimony from former State Department consultant Michael Ledeen and Associate Attorney General Mark Richard.

Ledeen is a kingpin of the Israeli Mossad's Irangate apparatus. Richard is an operative of Project Democracy's parallel government within the Justice Department.

Wilson said they are the "two men who know the full story." He announced that he is filing a RICO suit against four Irangate principals, Theodore Shackley, Richard Secord, Albert Hakim, and Thomas Clines.

According to Wilson, the Irangate coverup stems from efforts to limit the investigation to the period from 1985 to the present, whereas the weapons-to-Iran apparatus (in which Wilson himself was a participant) was actually established in 1978. It centered on the formation of the Eatsco company, a CIA proprietary involved in shipping arms to Iran.

According to a report in the *New York Times* June 18, "Wilson's ring formed much of the structure for the private foreign policy selling weapons to Iran and providing money to the Contras that was run by Oliver North."

● **ELLIOTT ABRAMS** met with Gabriel Lewis Galindo, the leader of the effort to destabilize the government of Panama, in mid-June. No details were released, but Lewis Galindo was in the United States to seek support for ousting Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, chief of the Panamanian Defense Forces.

● **JESSE JACKSON** called for the resignation of the State Department's Elliott Abrams, in a press conference in New Hampshire. "I believe he should be removed, but Abrams was simply the mailman for others," Jackson said, in response to a question from a journalist.

● **ARMAND HAMMER**, who was to accept a National Medal for the Arts award at the White House, slipped in his bathtub and fractured a rib on June 18. He was confined to bed and was unable to pick up his award in person. Commenting on the award, Hammer said, "I'm just back from Moscow, where I got an award from Physicians to Prevent Nuclear War, the Nobel prize winners, and then I was in Budapest, where I received another award. . . . This one that the President has honored me with is the one that I prize most highly."

● **U.S. ATTORNEY** Robert Barr announced on June 17 that there was insufficient evidence to indict Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young for obstructing a police investigation of drug-use allegations, laid by Mrs. Alice Bond against Julian Bond, Young, and other black Atlanta politicians. The drug charges will be pursued, however, Barr said.

● **SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY** (D-Mass.) isolation requiring economic sanctions against South Korea. At a news conference with Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), Reagan administration "tilts toward the Chun Doo Hwan regime" and "has shown contempt for the struggle for democracy."