

In the five days following a Sept. 1 speech by President Miguel de la Madrid, the market went up 18%, equivalent to a one-week rise on the U.S. market of 485 points! In one day alone, the market rose the equivalent of 200 points on the U.S. market.

The five-day rise was 22% greater than the entire rise in the market between 1982 and 1986.

Between 1975 and 1978, the volume of stock market transactions totaled no more than 7.2% of the GNP. But in the first six months of 1987 alone, the volume of transactions exceeded the GNP by 88%.

Analysts say the market is being fueled by both the "return" of flight capital from the United States and the "flight" of capital out of the Mexican banking system, which is being drained of assets.

Labor

Giuliani to take on Teamsters union case

At the end of August, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Joseph E. Di Genova was taken off the case involving the U.S. Justice Department's attempt to place the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in receivership. Di Genova was reportedly "foot-dragging" on the case.

On Sept. 15, the U.S. Attorney for New York's southern district, Rudolph W. Giuliani, was put in charge.

Late last year, the government used civil provisions of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act to place the Union City, New Jersey Teamsters local in receivership. Now, the Justice Department says it is preparing a suit aimed at ousting the union's 21-member international executive board, even though only union president Jackie Presser has been indicted or even publicly accused of any crime—and the evidence against him is weak at best. The Justice Department attacks on labor are so blatant that even the AFL-CIO executive board has condemned them.

On the same day that Giuliani's takeover of the case was announced, 3,000 Teamsters rallied in Cincinnati against the Justice Department action. Presser told his members

that this was the first attempt by government to take over a national union and is totally unjustified.

The Justice Department action would give the government the right to appoint local leaders, take over local negotiations, and control pension funds, welfare funds, and organizing drives.

The Teamsters, the largest U.S. union with 1.7 million members and historically one of the most aggressive organizers, is one of four unions targeted by the President's Commission on Organized Crime.

Three presidential hopefuls, Republicans Alexander Haig and Jack Kemp and Democrat Jesse Jackson, addressed the Cincinnati rally and expressed their support for the union.

The Sept. 14 *New York Times* noted that after Teamster President Presser talked the union's board into supporting Ronald Reagan in 1980 and 1984, the administration responded by issuing a "report last year [by] the President's Commission on Organized Crime [that] urged that law-enforcement officials consider ousting union leaders"—going after the Teamsters by name.

AIDS

Cuba adopts public health measures

The Castro government in Cuba has adopted a very strict national policy to stop the spread of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), including universal testing and quarantine. Outside of such Soviet satellites and the Soviet Union itself, only Israel has taken this classic public-health approach to containing the deadly pandemic.

Cuba, according to Havana news reports, has already tested more than 10% of its population, or 1.1 million people. The tests have been given to every Cuban who has been out of the country since 1976. In addition, anyone entering a hospital or doctor's office will be tested, and all foreigners who stay for more than three months, except diplomats, must be tested.

Those found to be infected are immediately quarantined at a sanatorium on the outskirts of Havana.

Briefly

● **WESTINGHOUSE** built the Angra I nuclear plant to fail, Brazilian Science and Technology Minister Renato Archer charged Sept. 10. He said Westinghouse "knew from the beginning that the reactor would not function, because it was deliberately constructed not to succeed . . . because they deliberately wanted to demoralize us on nuclear energy." West Germany's Siemens will get the contract to repair the plant, he announced.

● **CHINA** began production at the world's largest surface coal mine at the beginning of September. The mine was built by Soviet agent Armand Hammer's Island Creed Coal Corporation. Hammer was on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

● **THE SOVIET** minister for the radio industry, Pyotr Pleshkov, 65, died Sept. 14 after a long illness. Pleshkov had been radio minister since 1974. The post is one of the most important ministries within the Soviet military-industrial complex. The Soviet Deputy Defense Minister for Armaments since 1980, and high-tech weapons specialist, Army General Shabanov, had served as a deputy minister for the radio industry under Pleshkov from 1974-78.

● **THE WORLD BANK** says that even though more Third World development projects were financed in 1986 than ever before, the amount loaned fell to \$920 million from \$1.16 billion, and World Bank data showed that 109 debtor nations paid out \$30 billion more in interest than they received in net disbursements from official and private lenders.

● **MEAT INSPECTORS** who have AIDS should be fired, but only if they show a full-blown case of the disease. If they merely test positive for AIDS antibodies, however, they should not be dismissed, according to a draft proposal submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services by the Agriculture Department.