

National News

George Bush: Trojan Horse for Wall St.

George Bush became Ronald Reagan's 1980 running mate as the result of a June 1980 deal between Reagan's circles and the international banking community, according to a well-placed source in the intelligence community.

Bush was placed on the ticket, he said, in exchange for Wall Street's support for the Reagan campaign, and the arrangement included deals that imposed limits on how far the Reagan-Bush team would go in cracking down on banking involvement in the international drug trade. The decision to put Bush in charge of the administration's anti-drug effort, was reportedly symptomatic of this deal.

Bush, while throwing significant resources into the south Florida corridor, never made an effort to take on the role of U.S. and offshore banks in the laundering of drug money. This issue is reportedly feared by Bush's leading campaign advisers, who are concerned that his role in covering up for the banks could become a popular issue in the 1988 presidential campaign.

NDPC fights for its constitutional rights

The National Democratic Policy Committee secured a temporary respite on Oct. 2 on the collection of \$86,000 in civil contempt fines imposed for alleged non-compliance with a 1984 Boston grand jury. The NDPC is the multi-candidate political action committee of the LaRouche movement.

The U.S. government has been unremittent in its efforts to seek immediate collection of the fine. Unless the NDPC is able to produce the funds in the short term, the government will continue its efforts to place a levy on NDPC bank accounts and enjoy any day-to-day political activity apart from the most basic office routine. Such a result would

effectively shut down the NDPC and cripple its First Amendment-protected activity.

During the respite gained, the NDPC and its lawyers are attempting to work out a schedule of payment with the government, as part of an agreement that protects the constitutional rights of the NDPC, its members, and its officials.

At federal court hearings in Richmond, Virginia, NDPC chairman Warren Hamerman was the subject of two days of relentless government interrogation. Under repeated threat of contempt sanctions, he asserted his constitutional (Fifth and Sixth Amendment) rights and declined to answer questions on the basic operations of the NDPC.

After Hamerman invoked his Fifth Amendment privilege, the magistrate stated that he could not be blind to the fact that the government is conducting criminal investigations of organizations related to Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., and that these might, indeed, give rise to a Fifth Amendment privilege.

Pentagon analyzes effect of budget cuts

The Department of Defense on Oct. 7 released a new analysis of the impact that the automatic budget cuts mandated by the revised Gramm-Rudman law would have on the national security, which shows that the cuts would bring the "operating tempo" of the U.S. armed forces below that of the Carter administration years.

The cuts would force Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger to choose, "for instance, to reduce the armed forces of 2.1 million people by 275,000, which would make it the smallest force since the Korean War, or he could order delays in buying missiles, ships, and tanks."

Weinberger has declared that he will not cut combat personnel or matériel, and would sooner fire 100,000 civilian employees of the Pentagon, according to a report in the *Washington Times* on Oct. 8.

Robert Helm, who is the Defense Comptroller and the preparer of the report,

said that if personnel funds were totally exempted from reduction, "every non-personnel account will be reduced by 10.5% below the fiscal year 1988 appropriated level."

According to the report, "The operating tempo of deployed forces will be reduced below levels achieved in fiscal year 1980," just before the Reagan administration took office. The Army would decrease its operation by about 30%; the Navy's steaming days would be reduced to 33.5 in each quarter, a reduction of about 30%.

Robertson between a rock and a hard place

While Republican presidential contender Pat Robertson, the TV evangelist, is being pilloried by the press for his sexual and other indiscretions, *EIR* found him to be walking a tightrope on policy issues as well.

Queried by our reporter in New Hampshire on Oct. 2 about his position on the intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) accord for withdrawing nuclear missiles from Europe, Robertson claimed that he "opposes the INF treaties as they now stand," because "the Soviets could use the withdrawal to blackmail the U.S. and Western Europe because of their superior military position, and because the Russian SS-24 and SS-25 missiles are better than our MX." But, Robertson added, "I will enforce the treaty as President, because I must if the Congress signs it into law."

Robertson also endorsed Wall Street's plan for debt-for-equity schemes and "other prudent measures" to deal with the Third World debt crisis. "I believe the American taxpayers should not be saddled with the debts of David Rockefeller and the Chase Manhattan and Citibank. The debt is now more than \$18 trillion and is unpayable," he said. But he flatly rejected any new lending, proposing instead that "we should write down the debt and apply other prudent measures, which take into account the realities of the free market, such as equity swaps, lower interest rates, prudent management."

Briefly

Moynihan wants a brokered convention

Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D) of New York on Oct. 4 called for Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York and Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey to run for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination as "favorite son" candidates, and recommended that either Christopher Dodd or Gov. William O'Neill do the same in Connecticut. He told WABC's "Eyewitness News Conference" in New York that this plan would allow party leaders to "go to Atlanta and sit down as states and look around at our potential candidates and bargain with each other and pick someone we think can win."

"If we can't, we lose," he added.

The plan would sweep aside the currently announced candidates, make the primaries—and the voters' choice—irrelevant, and officially deliver control over the nomination into the hands of the party bosses. A similar plan has been proposed by former Democratic National Committee chairman Robert Strauss of Texas. Moynihan last year called for the abolition of primaries, citing the "danger" that "extremists" like Lyndon LaRouche might win them.

Anti-SDI activist on the stump in Europe

The Federation of American Scientists' John Pike is on a tour of Western Europe to "lobby U.S. allies to press Washington to negotiate limits to Strategic Defense Initiative research and development," in response to the recent offer by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to negotiate precise limits on what sort of space-based missile defense could be tested by the two superpowers, the *Financial Times* of London reported Oct. 2.

Pike claims that Shevardnadze's proposals closely mirror ideas which the FAS had urged on Soviet scientists for the past

three years, during various meetings involving Pike's friends and the Soviet Academy of Sciences. Pike claims that the Soviets had been rejecting any idea of negotiating SDI limits, until a meeting in November 1986, in Hamburg, when they changed their position. According to Pike, arms-control adviser Paul Nitze is the sole figure in President Reagan's inner circle who is sympathetic to negotiating limits on SDI development, while Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger is totally opposed.

In an interview with the London *Times* on Oct. 2, Pike said, "The Russians fear the progress of American technology. They have reason to." This superiority, he claims, furthers the argument for imposing threshold limits on SDI development by both sides.

Koop kooks edged off AIDS commission

The "Koop faction," which supports Surgeon General C. Everett Koop's insane belief that "safe sex and clean needles" are enough to stop the spread of AIDS, suffered a setback on the President's AIDS commission, which was set up in July.

Drs. Eugene Mayberry and Woodrow Myers, both Koop co-thinkers, resigned their posts as chairman and vice chairman respectively on Oct. 7. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said that Adm. (ret.) James D. Watkins, a panel member, would become the new chairman.

The homosexual member of the commission, Dr. Frank Lilly, is also considering resigning.

The *Washington Post* reported on Oct. 8 that Mayberry had told his friend White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, that he would be forced to resign unless the White House fired Drs. William Walsh and Cory Servaas, both of whom, Mayberry said, were imperiling the commission's work.

Myers, who resigned hours after Mayberry announced his departure, was the head of Indiana's public health service. Myers was the only black member of the commission.

● **THE JUSTICE DEPT.** is preparing criminal prosecution of three more trade unions, after its widely criticized actions to take over the Teamsters under the RICO statutes: the International Longshoremen's Association, the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union, and the Laborers' International Union of North America.

● **BOTH HOUSES** of Congress voted on Oct. 6 to ban importation of Iranian products into the United States. "If rumors are to be believed, there continues to be opposition to this import embargo in some parts of the administration, especially in the State Department," said Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kan.). "So it is doubly important that the Congress go on record overwhelmingly in favor of an embargo and present the question to the administration in a fashion that it cannot be ducked."

● **REP. JACK KEMP** (R-N.Y.) came around belatedly to part of the LaRouche program on AIDS, by introducing legislation Oct. 5 that would provide federal funding for limited mandatory AIDS testing at the state level. The bill would fund mandatory testing programs for marriage license applicants, prisoners, patients at sexually transmitted disease clinics and family planning clinics, donors of blood, semen, and organs, and hospital patients ages 15 to 50.

● **BESS MYERSON**, the former Miss America widely credited with winning Ed Koch the New York mayoralty in 1980, was indicted Oct. 7 on charges that she illegally influenced a state judge to reduce alimony for her lover, "Andy" Capasso.

● **GAYS AND LESBIANS** planned a mass protest in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 8-13, including a group wedding of hundreds of couples of the same sex.