

National News

U.S., Soviet propaganda chiefs to meet

U.S. Information Agency head Charles Z. Wick and Soviet propaganda czar Aleksandr Yakovlev will meet in the near future to discuss "ways to end anti-U.S. disinformation."

Wick reported that he and Yakovlev would also discuss: 1) the possibility of establishing a "videolink" to provide "genuine media reciprocity"; 2) continuing the tradition of New Year's Day addresses by U.S. and Russian leaders; 3) setting up a "right of reply" by either side regarding positions or public statements of the other side; 4) semi-annual interviews of Reagan and Gorbachov by journalists from the other country; 5) placing print or broadcast features "chosen by the sending side" into the media of the other country.

PANIC indictments called 'red herring'

A spokesman for the Prevent AIDS Now Initiative Committee in California (PAN-IC), sponsor of the November 1986 ballot initiative, Proposition 64, mandating public health measures against the disease, issued a statement on Jan. 21, attacking recent indictments of initiative supporters, on charges of violating petitioning rules.

"After an 18-month 'investigation,' accompanied by massive publicity and Cecil B. DeMille-style 'guns drawn' police raids on the campaign offices for Proposition 64 . . . Los Angeles District Attorney Ira Reiner's office has finally issued three flimsy indictments of individuals.

"The real purpose of yesterday's [Jan. 21] indictments is to divert public attention away from the horrifying reality of a disease which over the coming years will kill more Americans than World War II, in the early phase of the epidemic alone. The initiative's opponents wish to focus the voter's attention

on something trivial instead. It's a perfect example of what's known as the 'red herring' principle.

"The 'investigation' into alleged petitioning irregularities in the qualification effort for Proposition 64 had remained in a state of 'suspended animation' for over 18 months, until approximately last October, when it became clear that a new 'AIDS initiative,' almost identical to Proposition 64, would qualify for the June 1988 ballot. At that point, massive political pressure was brought to bear on L.A. County D.A. Ira Reiner, by opponents of the AIDS initiative measure, to bring indictments in the case.

"The strategy of opponents of the AIDS initiative has consistently been one of lying to the public regarding both the extent and danger of AIDS, and regarding the content of the initiative measure itself. The opponents of the initiative wish to contain the growing public outrage at the mishandling of AIDS by government and health officials, through an orchestrated cover-up. Current state and federal AIDS policy is the worst case of incompetence in public health matters during this century. The incompetence of officials is, however, not only a matter of stupidity. It is systematic; it is a result of policy; the policy of both Washington and Sacramento, that funds shall not be spent on AIDS, and that any information which might lead people to conclude that more funds should be spent, shall be suppressed."

Kahane demands pardon of Pollard

Sounding the theme of his current U.S. tour, Rabbi Meir Kahane, the U.S.-born founder of the Jewish Defense League, has published a defense of KGB/Mossad agent Jonathan Jay Pollard, imprisoned for life in the United States after his and his wife's 1985 capture. Kahane wrote in Brooklyn's *Jewish Press* Jan. 21, under the title, "The Pollard Stain."

Urging that letters to be sent to the U.S. attorney general demanding a pardon, Kahane declared Pollard's imprisonment "an

outrage whose anti-Semitism stinks into the heavens. But the work of the Gentile cannot begin to compare to what was wrought against the Pollards by Jews whom they trusted.

"It was the very same Israel for whom the Pollards did what they did . . . [which] guided them, encouraged them, urged them on—that turned them away from the embassy doors as they fled for sanctuary from federal agents."

Pollard, as a civilian employee of the Office of Naval Intelligence, stole U.S. military secrets for an Israeli Mossad unit, but comprising information solely of use to the Soviet Union. In a court paper recommending the life sentence, U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova strongly implied that Pollard was in fact a "false flag" agent of the KGB. *EIR* has documented Kahane's own ties to this same "false flag" section of the Mossad.

Hart FEC violations still not rectified

The Federal Election Commission rushed approval of \$100,000 in matching funds to Gary Hart's 1988 presidential campaign, despite the fact that FEC files show Hart has failed to account for nearly \$60,000 in "apparently excessive and possibly illegal contributions" in 1984, the *Washington Post* reported Jan. 15.

A *Post* computer analysis of FEC records for Hart's 1984 race disclosed \$59,745 in excessive contributions from 74 individuals that have not been refunded or otherwise cleared from the books. In addition, FEC files show that Hart's campaign received \$30,000 through sale and leaseback transactions that are generally prohibited by federal election law, involving two California fundraisers, the morning after Hart's second-place finish in the Iowa caucuses in 1984.

The records also raise questions about the Hart campaign's explanation of California video producer Stuart Karl's underwriting of thousands of dollars in campaign expenses in July 1984. Karl's name came up

in connection with Hart's 1988 presidential bid on Jan. 20, when it was revealed that he was paying a top Hart campaign "volunteer" \$3,000 a month, in violation of FEC regulations.

DOE thinks Russians lead in RF weapons

Russia leads the United States in the technology required to make compact, mobile radio frequency weapons, according to a report commissioned by the Department of Energy to be released in March, a reliable source reports.

"They've put a lot of work into making the power sources small and lightweight," the source reported. "Yes, absolutely, you can drive around or fly around with one of these things. We haven't done any of this. They have built up a capability in portability in all the backup technology. We haven't done anything like this."

Radio frequency weapons can be employed at a variety of "tunings" to stun, disorient, madden, or kill enemy personnel and scramble or destroy electronic equipment such as communications systems. Their deployment just prior to general war in the hands of Soviet special forces, followed by such systems' deployment at the strategic level, is believed to be a principal of the current Soviet Order of Battle.

The U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative Organization (SDIO) sponsored a conference on high power microwave technology in mid-January in Los Angeles, and the proceedings confirmed the source report. "Every talk began with some reference to a Soviet paper. Then the U.S. scientist would proceed to report on how his lab had produced or come close to producing the power level and pulse length reported in the Soviet paper."

U.S.S.R. labs are now regularly producing pulses of microwaves with peak powers of hundreds of millions of watts as often as 100 times per second. U.S. labs' devices can only produce a single megawatt power pulse at a time.

The Department of Energy study did not

consider the possibility of hand-held radio frequency anti-personnel weapons, according to the source. "The panel considered two military uses of high power microwaves: radar and weapons to knock out electronics."

Court tells journalist: Hand over notebooks!

In a decision issued Jan. 22, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit ruled that no Fifth Amendment privilege governs notebooks and diaries maintained by a reporter. Their production can be compelled and their contents used by the government in a criminal trial against the reporter, and also against his wife.

The decision, against Jeffrey Steinberg, currently a co-defendant in the case *U.S.A. v. The LaRouche Campaign, et al.*, follows a radical interpretation of the Fifth Amendment in place in the First Circuit.

LaRouche, Steinberg, and others are on trial for conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with charges of credit card fraud during LaRouche's 1984 presidential campaign. The case stems from the government's October 1986 Grenada-style 400-man police raid on the small town of Leesburg, Virginia, where LaRouche and many of his associates are based.

The Court found Steinberg's notebooks to be records of a "regularly conducted activity." It stated that since there was no compulsion to create the notebooks in the first instance, the Fifth Amendment did not apply. The Fifth Amendment prohibits compelled testimony against oneself.

The First Circuit interpretation of the law says that a defendant can be compelled to testify against himself if the testimony involves prior statements or writings which were voluntarily created prior to criminal indictment.

Since the Fifth Amendment does not apply to the notebooks, use of the notebooks can also be made against Michele Steinberg, Steinberg's wife and a defendant in the case. Thus, the centuries old spousal privilege also does not apply.

● **A SCANDAL** "is about to erupt for George Bush," claims the British magazine *Private Eye*, under the title, "Bush whacked." Bush's son, George, Jr., owns a company called Spectrum 7, which was caught up in a Texas-Oklahoma oil leasing fraud. When an indictment was issued against one Kelly Fish, subpoenas were issued "all over the place—except in the direction of George Bush, Jr. The message was clear and well understood." Through Bush's intervention, his son's involvement was overlooked.

● **PAT ROBERTSON**, the evangelical TV huckster who would be President, offered Lt. Col. Oliver North a job with a six-figure salary immediately after North lost his National Security Council position, *TV Guide* reports. Colonel North kept Robertson briefed on the situation throughout the "Irangate" affair's unfolding.

● **GEN. BERNARD ROGERS** has signed on to Bob Dole's presidential campaign. The former Supreme Commander of NATO will join the Dole campaign's Steering Committee for Defense and Policy. Rogers resigned in June 1987, implicitly over his opposition to the "zero option" treaty signed by President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachov the following December.

● **THE COAST GUARD** will cut back its drug interdiction efforts by 55%, closing 30 installations, thanks to the fiscal insanity reigning in the White House and on Capitol Hill. "We've got a \$30 million problem," Coast Guard commandant Adm. Paul Yost told a congressional hearing Jan. 26. At least 1,055 uniformed Coast Guard personnel are scheduled to be discharged by the end of 1988, with unspecified additional layoffs to follow.