

# National News

## Dukakis backs manned space station?

Democratic presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis has given his backing to a manned space station, but apparently only in an effort to skim funds from the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

Dukakis, at a news conference in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts held a few hours before President Reagan was to address the Republican National Convention on Aug. 16, declared that he would establish a cabinet-level National Aeronautics and Space Council with Lloyd Bentsen as chairman, and would make the space station the "first priority" of his space policy.

Dukakis then suggested that he would get the money for such a program by cutting back on SDI. "You can't have every weapons system in the candy store," he said.

Dukakis made a speech Aug. 18 at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

## Soviet computers back Dukakis

Soviet computers say that Michael Dukakis will beat George Bush in the U.S. presidential race, and that's fine with the Russians, says Radomir Georgevich Bogdanov, vice director of the Moscow U.S.A.-Canada Institute, in an Aug. 13 interview with Italy's *La Repubblica* daily. Bogdanov reports that a special task force on Dukakis has been created at the institute, and he boasts that it is very effective.

Asked how much his people know about Dukakis, Bogdanov replied, "I'll tell you how much we know. There is one girl working with the task force, and I called her at midnight for some information. She gave me Dukakis's complete schedule for the next day."

The task force is well-supplied with Boston phone books, including the business listings for Boston.

Asked if his people know Dukakis personally, Bogdanov said, "We know very

well the people around Dukakis, the so-called Harvard group. Through them, we arrived at our opinion of Dukakis." Bogdanov called Dukakis a "very efficient governor, very active, with a healthy economic management, and great popularity in the state of Massachusetts." Asked whether the Soviets thought Dukakis knew anything about foreign policy, Bogdanov replied, "Was Reagan at first an expert, or Carter? Every President must first of all have a good secretary of state and a good national security adviser. The President must add to this realism, a sense of reason, and good political instincts."

Bogdanov said that it was unnecessary to send people to Washington or Boston to build up contacts with the Dukakis circles. Why should we? he asked rhetorically, noting, "The Americans come here anyway. Three Americans per day visit our institute."

## Free needles plan provokes opposition

A rally of 150 people in St. Mark's Church in New York City's Harlem area was organized by Harlem Hospital employees Aug. 15 to protest a city plan to distribute free needles to drug addicts, ostensibly to slow down the spread of AIDS.

Manhattan Borough President David Dinkins condemned the proposed needle giveaway program. "Every day last month, 21 additional men, women, and children were diagnosed with full-blown AIDS in this city," Dinkins told the rally. The number of AIDS cases in Manhattan since the counting began in 1979 exceeded 7,000 as of July 31. One in 50 women giving birth in Manhattan carries the virus.

Estimates are that, in fact, 1 in 10 New Yorkers is infected with the virus, or 500,000 people.

Congressman Charles Rangel from the Harlem district blasted City Health Commissioner Stephen Joseph and told him not to come into his 16th C.D. giving out free clean needles to IV-drug addicts. "My district is ravaged by drug abuse and drug-related crime. As you know, I strongly object to the concept of giving drug addicts clean needles, including your department's pro-

posed pilot needle exchange program, as a means of trying to prevent the transmission of the AIDS virus."

## Coretta Scott King at GOP convention

Coretta Scott King, the wife of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., and Benjamin Hooks, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), both attended the Republican National Convention in New Orleans.

Mrs. King said that she did so in order to show herself to be "nonpartisan." She had also attended the Democratic Convention in Atlanta.

Hooks stated that key Republicans had played a significant role during the period of the civil rights movement, and expressed the hope that they would play such a role in the future.

The keynote speech in New Orleans by New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, although quite bombastic, stressed the issue of racial equality, quoting Abraham Lincoln a number of times.

## Catholic magazine moots election boycott

*Restoration*, a Catholic magazine published by Trinity Communications of Wanaque, New Jersey and Manassas, Virginia has called the Dukakis-Bush race the "evil of two lessers," and hinted at a possible election boycott.

The magazine said that Catholic voters "find themselves facing a Hobson's choice between two 'manager types' who haven't either the moral gumption or the political vision to lead their respective parties, much less the country, out of the wilderness."

Although the article says that it is still too early to commit to such a strategy, Catholics "might consider going to the polls on Election Day for congressional and state and local races only, and leaving the presidential line blank."

## Hadley blasts county Democratic officials

Donald Hadley, the Democratic Party's nominee for Congress in Pennsylvania's 5th C.D.,

Party Chairman Larry Yatch, calling on Yatch and the State Executive Committee to expel the members of the Montgomery County Democratic Party Executive Committee from their party posts.

Hadley cites as a "gross violation of the Democratic Party's rules" the recent resolution adopted by the County Executive urging Democratic voters to reject his candidacy simply because of his affiliation with Lyndon LaRouche. Hadley calls the resolution "an affront and outrageous insult to the Democratic electorate of the 5th C.D."

On Aug. 16, the *Lansdale Reporter* quoted county chairman William "Buck" Scott endorsing Hadley's Republican opponent.

The article continues, "Hadley said . . . he wasn't surprised by the party's condemnation. 'It's consistent with what they've been doing all along—nothing,' he said. 'They have no platform and no issues. Now they say they reject Lyndon LaRouche. That means they reject stopping drugs and helping farmers in the Midwest. Frankly, I don't want their support anymore. I can do better without it.'"

The Democratic Party rules state explicitly, "No person shall be eligible to serve as a member or officer of any Democratic Committee . . . who . . . by voice, vote, financial support or otherwise has, within two years, supported a candidate in a general election or special election opposed to the duly nominated candidate of the Democratic Party in that election.

Hadley easily defeated an incumbent opponent in the Democratic primary, with 53% of the vote.

The actions of the Montgomery County Democrats are in marked contrast to those of neighboring Chester County, which makes up the bulk of the 5th C.D. Hadley accepted the invitation of the Chester County Democratic Committee to address its monthly meeting, and was introduced by Committee chairman John Lord.

## Teamster leader opposes Dukakis

William J. McCarthy, the new president of the Teamsters union, may not follow the line of the AFL-CIO, which plans to endorse Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis at its meeting in Washington on Aug. 25, the *Boston Herald* reported on Aug. 17.

McCarthy has in the past backed conservative candidates, including former Gov. Ed King, who defeated Dukakis in the 1978 Massachusetts gubernatorial race. After the recent death of Teamsters President Jackie Presser, McCarthy won the election to replace him, over pro-Dukakis interim president Weldon Mathis.

The *Herald* quoted a local Teamsters friend of McCarthy, "McCarthy can't stand Dukakis. I bet you 10 to 1 he'll go for Bush. He still thinks like a local guy . . . and he doesn't like liberals too much." Teamsters spokesman Duke Zeller told the *Herald* that no decision has been made so far.

## GAO says arms expert violated U.S. security

The General Accounting Office has issued a report charging an employee of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), Kathleen Strang, with committing "serious violations involving the handling of classified information," according to a report in the *Washington Times* Aug. 19.

The report was made available only to ACDA and a few members of Congress.

Strang is a nuclear non-proliferation expert. She was suspended from ACDA for six months without pay last year, for leaving top-secret intelligence documents, including cryptographic materials and documents received from agents, outside secure areas.

Current and former ACDA officials are the subject of an FBI obstruction of justice investigation related to the Strang case, according to the *Times*.

● **PRESIDENT REAGAN** has sent a letter to Mikhail Gorbachov asserting again that the Krasnoyarsk phased-array radar violates the ABM treaty. Reagan recently rejected a Pentagon proposal to declare the radar a "material breach" of the treaty, which would have effectively repudiated U. S. legal obligations under the ABM accord. A formal U.S.-Soviet revision of the treaty is to begin Aug. 24.

● **A SKELETON STAFF** of six employees with no formal medical training is responsible for investigating and preventing the spread of more than 5,000 cases of infection by dangerous diseases in Chicago's Department of Health.

● **PAMELA CHURCHILL** Harriman, widow of the late Averell Harriman, would undoubtedly be made ambassador to London under a Dukakis presidency, reports the London *Sunday Telegraph*, identifying her as the single most important force in the Democratic Party, and one-time mistress of, at least, Frank Sinatra, Elie de Rothschild, Ali Khan, and Gianni Agnelli. The paper ran a photo of Mrs. Harriman holding hands with Raisa Gorbachova.

● **LAROCHE ENEMY** Edward Bennett Williams, a prominent Washington attorney, died at 68 on Aug. 14. Williams used his "insider" position to run dirty tricks against Lyndon LaRouche's political movement. Among the clients of his law firm were Sen. Joe McCarthy, Henry Kissinger, Robert Vesco, the Swiss government, the CIA, and the *Washington Post*.

● **JDL FUNDER** William Ross was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of aiding and abetting the sending of a letter bomb in 1980. A wealthy, Los Angeles-based real estate broker, Ross is accused of having commissioned the 1980 murder of computer company owner Brenda Crouthmamel, retary instead.