

# National News

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## Cuomo urged to declare AIDS emergency

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo has been urged by the New York State Department of Health to declare the AIDS epidemic a full-scale state of emergency.

A 120-page report prepared by the State Health Department and reported in the Dec. 21 *New York Times*, urges that reluctant out-of-city local communities be ordered to house and care for New York City AIDS patients, and that such facilities be immune from lawsuits.

The report suggests that Hart Island in the Bronx and several East River islands be considered potential treatment centers. And the report also calls for increased use of voluntary but confidential testing, and intensified services for parolees, probationers, and state and local inmates.

In the Health Department's odd perspective, New York City is projected to have exactly 90,503 AIDS cases by 1994, with AIDS patients occupying 4,300 hospital beds, compared with 1,800 now, meaning that one of every seven surgical-medical hospital beds is occupied by an AIDS patient. Another 1,400 to 2,200 patients will need care in nursing homes, and yet another 15,000 patients will need home care. Expanded treatment for 7,000 drug addicts is also urged by the report.

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## CIA says START will be harder to verify

The CIA has informed the Joint Chiefs of Staff that verifying a strategic arms reduction treaty will be more difficult than previously anticipated.

Lawrence Gershwin, the CIA's top intelligence analyst for strategic weapons, outlined in a 600-page report, according to the Dec. 20 *Washington Times*, three main problem areas. These difficulties are verifi-

cation of the elimination of mobile Soviet cruise missiles, and determining how many nuclear warheads are contained in each Soviet missile.

Director of Central Intelligence William Webster said in a speech the week of Dec. 13 that verifying the elimination of Soviet missiles under a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty would require intelligence gathering at more than 2,500 weapons locations throughout the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, U.S. spy satellite photos have revealed two new Soviet radar installations, one in Sevastopol in the Crimea and one in Eastern Siberia, according to columnists Evans and Novak Dec. 20, which will widen Soviet defenses against U.S. missiles to nearly 90% of Soviet territory.

"Gorbachov has promised military leaders full speed ahead on missile defense as a trade-off for the reduced conventional defense he outlined in his Dec. 7 U.N. speech," the columnists claim. They also note that such development of Soviet defense further complicates decisions on the make-up and deployment of the U.S. land-based strategic force.

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## Bush fills out cabinet appointments

President-elect George Bush announced nine nominations during December for his cabinet or major federal agencies, leaving only the Department of Energy without a nominee.

On Dec. 22, Bush announced the nomination of Dr. Lewis W. Sullivan to head the Department of Health and Human Services, despite the concerns of pro-life groups. Sullivan stated that he opposes abortion in all cases except pregnancy resulting from rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in danger.

Bush also announced the nomination of former congressman and Undersecretary of State Ed Derwinski to head the new cabinet level Department of Veterans' Affairs; former U.S. Attorney Samuel K. Skinner to

head the Department of Transportation; Rep. Manuel Lujan (R-N.M.) to head the Interior Department; and William Reilly, chairman of the World Wildlife Fund, to head the Environmental Protection Agency.

On Dec. 19, Bush nominated Rep. Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and earlier in December, John Tower to head the Department of Defense, and Clayton Yeutter to head the Department of Agriculture. Bush later named Elizabeth Dole to be Secretary of Labor.

Bush also announced on Dec. 28 the appointment of CIA Deputy Director Robert Gates to be his Deputy Assistant for National Security, serving under Brent Scowcroft.

Representative Lujan, at the announcement press conference, stated in response to questions that the idea of bringing water from Alaska or Canada to supply the nation's water needs "would be interesting to look at."

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## NASA looking at four Moon-Mars plans

NASA, the nation's space agency, announced at a Dec. 19 press conference that it is officially considering four Moon-Mars mission scenarios as possible long-term goals for the space program.

John Aaron, acting head of the Office of Exploration in Washington, stated that for any of these goals to be possible in the 21st century, it will require "modest investments in the 1990s" to "preserve this nation's capability to act in the first decade of the new century."

Aaron reported that the Office of Exploration is looking at the possibilities of a manned mission to the Mars moon Phobos in 2003, or a quick-trip manned mission to Mars in 2007, or a lunar base in 2005, with a subsequent Mars outpost in 2015 using that lunar base as a launching pad and home base. "We are not calling for a crash program," Aaron explained, but said that investments are needed to "build the ships" to explore and settle the Solar System.

NASA is under pressure to present a pro-

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gram to get to Mars as quickly as possible, because the Russians are trying to get there quickly. But the lunar proposal, including the mining of helium-3 fusion fuel on the Moon, is also getting serious consideration.

However, *Aviation Week* recently reported that the \$14 billion NASA budget for fiscal year 1990 which has been approved by the OMB is \$1 billion less than NASA requested. The space agency is expected to appeal that cut to the White House.

Christmas Eve 1988 marked the 20th anniversary of Apollo 8, when astronauts Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and William Anders orbited the Moon less than 70 miles from its surface, becoming the first men to have left the gravitational envelope of the Earth.

### Establishment faction blasts 'Détente II'

A task force led by Richard Pipes at the U.S. Global Strategy Council, associated with former CIA Deputy Director Ray Cline, has published a new study entitled, "Gorbachov's Challenger: Détente II," which levels a broadside against the idea that Gorbachov somehow represents the "good Communists" which the U.S. must support against his factional opponents.

"The central problem the task force addresses is a readiness on the part of many Americas to embrace Gorbachov's enticing new line about Soviet 'reforms' and the wonders of a new age of détente, peace, and cordiality."

"We believe the Kremlin leaders have four objectives," the report states. "First, they are attempting to foster a less threatening image of themselves in order to gain unwarranted Western cuts in defense spending.

"Second, the Soviets hope to parlay this less threatening image into the acquisition of massive American-taxpayer subsidized cash loans and the loosening of controls on the transfer of military related or dual-use technologies.

"Third, the Soviets are fervently at-

tempting to stop the Strategic Defense Initiative, while they rapidly expand their efforts to develop a countrywide ballistic missile defense (or 'Red Shield') in direct violation of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

"And fourth, the Soviets want to protect the territorial gains they achieved in the 1970s. Thus, they have spent billions in the 1980s to defeat anti-Communist freedom fighters."

The study recommends against major trade credits to the Soviet Union, which they point out might amount to \$70 billion over 10 years, until they comply with the Helsinki Accords and all arms control agreements. The study warns that "many in the Reagan administration favor a real 'partnership' with the Soviet Union and want to assist it in attaining economic superpower status."

### Fuqua: Procurement rules threaten defense

Don Fuqua, former congressman, who was chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee, and currently president of the Aerospace Industries Association, said current procurement procedures, the subject of the coming "Pentagate indictments," are threatening the nation's defenses.

In a Dec. 18 interview in the *Washington Post*, Fuqua said that Congress should not be making new rules on procurement, but instead repealing "the ill-conceived reforms of recent years that collectively threaten the defense industry's financial health and the strength of the defense industry base." He said that the cost of 22,000 contracting specialists and an equal number of auditors is likely far greater for the taxpayers than the money saved in fraud prevention.

Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), the incoming chairman of the House Committee on Government Operations which has responsibility for procurement practices, said on the same day, that he wants to add a social agenda to procurement practices and steer DoD contracts to economically depressed areas, and to foster greater minority contractor opportunities.

● **L. FLETCHER PROUTY**, the former CIA official and author of *The Secret Team*, said that President Reagan is the target of the prosecutions of Lt. Col. Oliver North and Adm. John Poindexter, in a letter to the *New York Times* Dec. 23. "The prosecutor is going to have to make it abundantly clear for whom they were working and from whom they took their orders, regardless of where they sat and appeared to work."

● **FORD Motor Company** will spend \$2.5 billion in the "black community" over the next five years, and will give Jesse Jackson's PUSH organization veto power over how the money is spent.

● **PENTAGATE** indictments are still months away, according to the *Washington Post's* Caryle Murphy. Alexandria, Virginia U.S. Attorney Henry Hudson is cited, stating defensively, "It's never been my contention that the first indictment will represent the strongest case."

● **A U.S. ARMY** spokesman has defended Lt. Col. Michael Aquino, after hundreds of protests over his appearance on Geraldo Rivera's TV show, dressed in satanic clerical garb. "Lt. Col. Aquino is protected by the U.S. Constitution," stated Lt. Col. Greg Rixon. "He serves admirably in his unit in St. Louis. I've known about him for two years. By all accounts, he is an exemplary officer."

● **PRESIDENT REAGAN** told TV interviewer David Brinkley Dec. 22, "There have been times in this office when I wondered how you could do the job if you hadn't been an actor." He also said of the homeless, "They make it their own choice for living out there," and of mentally ill turned out onto the streets, "They walked away from those institutions—they wanted freedom."